TERM 2 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to what is sure to be a very busy term 2. We have a lot of wonderful opportunities planned for our young people.

Our House system is now up and running and has been very motivating for our pupils. They have enjoyed being awarded tokens to gather points for their House. After a competitive interview process, we have also appointed our House Captains, Cove Club Leaders and Sports Ambassadors within P7. We are excited to see what they bring to the role.

P5 and 6 pupils have very much enjoyed taking part in the 'Our Coast' project in collaboration with the Barony Centre. As part of this project, the children visited the beach to identify geological features and the impact time has had on our seaside landscape. Following this, this week they are engaging in a Film School, filming and editing their discussions about the project.

Our Primary 6 pupils are also looking forward to their trip to the Titanic Exhibition in Glasgow, which links with their recent topic.

After a stormy ferry ride, our P7G class are now settled and enjoying their experience at Arran Outdoor Education Centre. So far they have been on a night walk and taken part in abseiling and orienteering activities. The centre have praised their willingness to challenge themselves- we are delighted to see them demonstrating our school values over in Arran. P7R are excited for their turn next week.

Our partners at the Nectar Network, alongside parental volunteers, have worked tirelessly over the October break to create the foundations of our new Wildflower Meadow. Follow-up work has begun this week with some of our P3 and 4 pupils beginning to plant bulbs and disperse seeds to create our meadow. We look forward to seeing their hard work pay off in the spring. We have now harvested our vegetable crop and the children will be working together to make soup from their harvest.

We also have some lovely staff news to share - both Miss Todd and Mrs Roper are expecting and so we will have two tiny new members of our team this academic year. We will organise staffing around this in due course.

Unfortunately this term, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Bannister from our school office - we wish her all the very best for her forthcoming retirement. We also bid farewell to Mrs Angela Reid, albeit temporarily. Mrs Reid has secured a secondment opportunity with the Professional Learning Academy until August 2025 and so she will be leaving us at the end of October. She will be replaced with Mrs Natalie Bone, our newly appointed Principal Teacher, who will work alongside her fellow Principal Teacher, Mrs Lauren Grant in P6R. Miss Ryrie, our new DHT, will also join us in November. We are delighted to now have consistent staffing and a full Senior Leadership Team in place moving forward.

As always, we are here to answer any questions or queries you may have.

Kind Regards,

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