

TERM 1 NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome to the 2026-2027 academic year. We have had a great start to the term so far and the children are getting settled into their new classes already.

As you may know, Mrs Edgar, our Education Business Assistant, left us at the start of the Summer to support her relocation to the Isle of Skye. Following a competitive interview process, we are delighted to be joined by Mrs Jillian MacLeod, who will now be with us on a permanent, full-time basis. Mrs Rosemary Bardell, Pupil Support Assistant, also moved on to pastures new, and following interviews last week, we have appointed Miss Niamh Currie as her replacement. We wish all outgoing staff the very best of luck.

We have been delighted to see so many pupils looking smart in their uniforms. Some parents have asked for clarity on uniform for P.E days. Pupils are welcome to come to school wearing unbranded black skorts/shorts/jogging trousers/leggings and a red or white t-shirt or polo shirt with soft, clean shoes for indoor activities. Pupils are also welcome to wear branded sportswear for P.E, but this must be brought to school and changed into for P.E sessions only. We adhere strictly to health and safety guidelines and pupils must remove any item that may cause danger, i.e., metal buckles, jewellery etc. Pupils with piercings must remove or cover them but this should be able to be done independently by the pupil. Parents should supply appropriate coverings, such as medical tape or plasters if pupils choose to cover piercings rather than remove them. Long hair should be tied back.

For embankment sessions, pupils are encouraged to bring waterproofs and wellies where possible to ensure they are kept warm and dry, as they will be outside- even in inclement weather. Whilst we have a supply in school, we unfortunately don't have enough for all pupils so your support with this would be appreciated. Pupils are welcome to keep P.E kit, wellies and clothing for outdoor learning in school.



As always, we will be conducting spot checks on uniforms in classes and pupils will be awarded house points if wearing uniform smartly. Non-branded uniform is welcomed.

Library books will be brought home for all classes this year. Your support in ensuring they are returned to school on a weekly basis would be much appreciated.



We are delighted to welcome Irena Klimach, who will support the delivery of Woodwind instrument tuition to select P6 and 7 pupils each Wednesday. This is in addition to our weekly Strings tuition from Bob Cairns on a Tuesday and Recorder tuition from Jim Walsingham to P5 pupils on a Thursday.

Our fabulous gardening sessions will also start back again on 17th September, with classes visiting the garden weekly on a rota basis, with a focus on planting, growing and sustainability.

P5 and P6 pupils have been excited to take part in the new 'Our Bronze Age' project. This is an annual project which is run in collaboration with the West Kilbride Community Initiative and Craft Town Scotland. This year's project seeing pupils returning to the Bronze Age, working within Garrett Gardens in tribes to create arrows, make pottery, bake oatcakes and build a home with clay and willow branches.



We look forward to the busy term ahead. As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch if you need us.

Kind Regards,

Gemma Carson

Head Teacher