



School Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer/Student,

Our week was a little disjointed with the holiday Monday and the Inservice on Thursday, but a great deal has been going on in the school this week. The Inservice Day allowed our full staff team to work together in reviewing how we are developing as a school: a large number of our teachers shared the professional learning they have been undertaking this year; we also took time to review our initial self-evaluation data from the year; and, we continue our discussions to explore our school's Vales, Vision and Aims for the future. It was a privilege to be able to listen to colleagues' work on developing the school's approach to such initiatives as Nurture, Self-Evaluation, Literacy Across the Curriculum, Assessment, Faith Development, GIRFEC, Digital Learning & Teaching and Children's Rights. Our team and the impact their professional learning is having on our young people is great testimony to their commitment to our pupils and our community.

Please find below a number of news items from our short week.

As ever, if you have any queries or concerns, please contact your Principal Teacher of Pupil Support, or if you have a general enquiry you can use our general enquiry mailbox: enquiries-at-taylor@northlan.org.uk.

Yours faithfully,
Paul McWatt

DEAF AWARENESS WEEK



Taylor High School would like to thank Lanarkshire Deaf Club for all of their time and resources that they provided the young people in our Personal Development Class this year. Lanarkshire Deaf Club provides Deaf Awareness training and British Sign Language training to local businesses, other voluntary organisations, schools, and individuals. The club continue to raise awareness of the Deaf community and provide a place where the Deaf community can meet and interact with their peers.

Lanarkshire Deaf Club have a strong tradition of delivering British Sign Language Level 1 course in Taylor High to the S6 Personal Development Class. All the pupils work hard at learning BSL and really seem to enjoy the course, which is demonstrated in the high participation levels from Taylor High School's young people.

The deaf community are always in need of Interpreters, and, if you would like to train for this job please contact Lanarkshire Deaf Club at lanarkshdeafclub@btconnect.com



THS CSI WEEK—so WHODUNNIT???



Our S1 pupils threw themselves into their CSI roles this week. It was great to see our young people having such fun as they explored the clues and consider the scientific evidence. Here are some pictures and quotes from our young people as they explored the evidence and tried to come up with an idea of what happened:



"Are they really dead people?"

"That's amazing!"

"They must have taken that white powder, smashed their head through the window and died!"

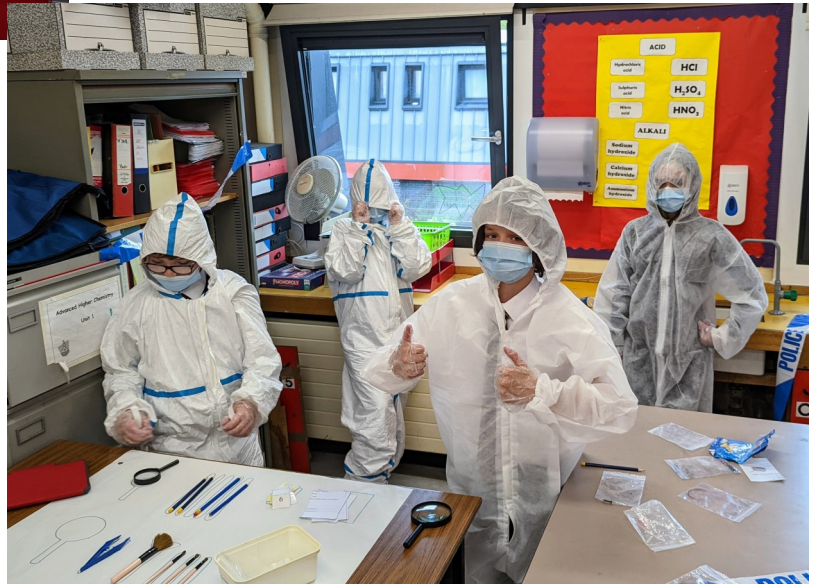
"Could there be poison in the package of crisps?"

"Should we give them CPR?"

"This was so much fun, I loved it!"

"Can we do it again tomorrow? Is there going to be another crime?"

"I think Joker Savage did it." (That was before we even looked at the evidence!)



INCREDIBLE EGGS!!!!

Our Science Department welcomed our newest recruits to Taylor this week. Our pupils, who have been nurturing our eggs as they awaited our hatchlings' arrival, finally had the chance to meet our new chicks during the week. Many thanks to 'Choice Fire' for supporting and sponsoring this learning activity.





Mental Health Awareness Week

9-15 May 2022—loneliness

Next week is Mental Health Awareness Week. All our parents, carers and families are asked to think of all our young people who may be affected by Mental Health. Below is a simple prayer for each day that every member of our community can offer for our young people.

MONDAY - Philippians 4:6

Heavenly Father, I know that we mustn't worry about anything and instead we must pray about everything. I pray that this word resonates in the hearts of Your young people during mental awareness week. I pray that those who feel like giving up, or those who feel overwhelmed do not let go of You. I pray that they tell You of their needs and thank You for Your answers because You hear them; may they know that they are not alone. Thank You Lord, Amen.

TUESDAY - Psalms 23:1

Father God, I look to You. I pray that our young people do not become overwhelmed or isolated. Give Your young people vision to see things as You do. Your word says that You are the Shepherd and with You we will lack nothing. You lead us all to lie down in green pastures! Father, in You we are guaranteed rest and peace! I pray that during this mental awareness week, Your young people are aware of your love and presence that can come to them through friends and family, Amen.

WEDNESDAY - Philippians 4:8

Father God, I pray for the minds of your people particularly in this mental awareness week. Your word instructs us to proper thinking, commanding us to fill our thoughts with all that is true, noble, all that is just and pure, all that is lovable and gracious; whatever is excellent and admirable. I pray for strength and trust among Your young people to protect them against negative thinking, and pray that they always experience Your love and care. Amen.

THURSDAY - Psalm 46:10

God of Peace, in this mental awareness week, I pray that Your young people may be blessed with the gift of peace and stillness so that they may know and experience your presence. Despite what we may think or feel, You are still our God and nothing can change that. Whether we are rich, poor, happy, sad, employed or unemployed You are our God. I pray that Your young people can put their trust in knowing that You are the Unshakable Rock. Thank You Lord, Amen.

FRIDAY - 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Heavenly Father, during this mental health awareness week, I pray for those who have suffered mentally. I pray that You help the current perspective of their mind and give them strength so that they can focus on the gifts and blessings You have bestowed on their lives and in the world. I pray that You are the focus of their minds not only this week but for the rest of their lives, Amen.