



# COLLACE PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Headteacher's Newsletter – June 23

Dear pupils, parents/carers and friends of Collace,

We are at the end of the 2022-23 school year and what a year it has been. Please enjoy our final newsletter for this school session. Take the time to read through it and as always, if you have any queries or concerns, please get in touch via our school office 01250 871420 or [collace@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:collace@pkc.gov.uk).

### Plant Sale

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May we held our first Plant Sale since before the pandemic at Kinrossie Village hall. It was a huge success, and I am sure that local gardens are looking fabulous with the additional of our plants!

Thank you to all who supported this event. The school raised £635 which will go in our School Fund and the CSA raised £115 at their teas and coffees table.



### Sports Day

We were blessed with fabulous sunshine for Sports Day this year. The children took part in a variety of different team races and great fun was had by all. The winning team will be announced at Prize Giving on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June.

Thank you to all our families who came on the day, especially those brave enough to join in our races! Mr Leese is in training to ensure he beats Mr. Drew next year! 😊



### County Sports

Some of our primary 6 and 7 pupils took part in the Perth Academy Cluster Sport Qualifiers recently. Well done to Archie, Flynn, Nathan B and Lev for representing our school and good luck to Flynn who has progressed to the finals in the long jump.

### **Health Week**

Mrs Ives and the Pupil Council organised a whole school Health Week during the week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> May. This was a fabulous event with the children getting to experience a range of different Health and Wellbeing activities such as Pilates, football coaching, mindfulness, scavenger hunts and gymnastics. Thank you to all those who supported this learning experience for our pupils.



### **End of Term Service**

Our End of Term Service/ Prize Giving will take place in Kinrossie Village Hall on the last day of term, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June. We invite all families and members of our community to join us in celebrating another fantastic year at Collace Primary School. You are welcome into the hall from 10:45 and the service will begin at 11am sharp. Please note that children will be dismissed at 12 noon from the village hall to start their summer holidays!

### **BBQ Lunch**



We thoroughly enjoyed our BBQ lunch provided by Tayside Contracts recently. The sun was shining, and it was a fantastic experience for all!

### **Dunsinane Hill Walk**

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June we enjoyed a whole school walk up Dunsinane Hill. The weather was kind to us, and trip was enjoyed by all. The words '*this is amazing*' was heard numerous times throughout the outing and hopefully it is a trip to be repeated in the future!



### **P7 Transition Days**

Our primary 7 pupils spent two days at Perth Academy recently. They enjoyed their experience there and are looking forward to starting properly after the summer. The rest of our pupils got to spend time in their new classes and our new primary one pupils were able to join us.

### Willowgate

Last week our P7 pupils joined with P7s from Balbeggie and Guildtown to spend the day at Willowgate. It was an action-packed day full of a variety of different activities and the sun was shining. Thank you to Mrs Hally who drove the minibus and Mrs Hamilton who accompanied the children.



### Knitting Club

Over the last few years, the Collace School Knitting Club has been busy making squares to then turn into knee blankets. This year, the project has been completed with the help and support of members of our local community. We made 15 blankets that were donated to Catmoor Care Home. The members of the knitting club were able to hand deliver these on the 7<sup>th</sup> June. They also sang some songs and chatted with the delighted residents.

Thank you and well done to everyone involved in our knitting club!



### Class News

#### P1-3

In Primary 1-3 we have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the potato project this year! We learned about the growing process of the plant and how it travels from field to fork. We all took an active part in caring for the potatoes and ensuring they were watered every day. We were all so surprised how large the plants grew. Once they were ready, we harvested the potatoes carefully and loved seeing and comparing all the different sizes. Using our maths skills, we estimated how many potatoes were in the tubs then counted them. There were 117 new potatoes! We again estimated their weight and then measured it on the scales. They weighed a whopping 1899g! This has all been entered into the competition and hopefully we shall hear soon how we have done! The avid writers of P1-3 have also written wonderful imaginative stories about potatoes, and they have been entered into the writing competition. Well done P1-3 on all of your hard work this term!



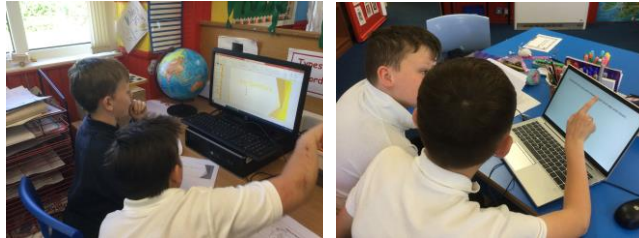
#### P4-5

This term in our cross-curricular topic, P4-7 have been comparing Scotland with another country in the world. As part of this dual country study, the children produced and presented a PowerPoint. The children paired-up and the most experienced of the pairing taught the less experienced how to create and animate pages in the app.

When finished, each of the children reviewed their partner's performance – how well their partner did as the 'teacher' and how well the other did as the 'learner'.

The P4-7 have also thoroughly enjoyed lots of physical activity. Included in these activities was a whole school walk up Dunsinane Hill. The experience benefitted both the children's physical and mental health. It was a wonderful opportunity to appreciate the local natural environment and landscape, as well as to be in one another's relaxed company. So much so, some of the children were heard to say, "this is the best school trip ever!"

The children have also benefitted from their weekly swimming sessions at Perth Leisure Pool this term. Mr Drew has been delighted to witness the children's progress as the term has progressed.



### **And Finally...**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, pupils, parents and wider community of Collace for the warm welcome I have had this year. It has been a privilege to be your Acting Head Teacher and I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Collace. I wish you all the best for the future.

As always, thank you for the support you show our school.

Yours faithfully

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