

## People Directorate

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Dear Parents and Carers

What a surreal week this has been for us all. I hope that all our families are well and staying safe at home. Some staff have been in school this week in order to be there for children of critical key workers. The Hub provision across South Ayrshire is now up and running and so after lunch distribution today, I will also be heading home to work from there. I would just like to take a moment to thank ALL staff in school for their flexibility and creativity during this week, and I know they are already planning for the weeks ahead. We were all moved by the support for NHS workers last night, and have been equally moved by the messages of support coming into school from our families and the community!

In terms of home learning, please do not panic at the thought of not getting through loads and loads of tasks. As I have already said, apart from overloading on TV and gaming, everything else is a learning opportunity so ensure you are getting the balance right and you aren't stressing over completing everything.

I plan to provide a Friday round up at the end of each week just to let you know we are still here and also to let you know what the staff have been up to apart from working from home each day...they are very keen to let you hear about the new skills they have been developing when not in school too.

So, here is a very brief run down of our wonderful staff...it may not be all of them today, but over the coming weeks we will ensure to include everyone:

- Mrs Green has been all over Sumdog....she can't wait to take on challenges with P7 soon, and watch out as she has been working on SI maths with her daughter!! Oh, and building a roller-coaster... she will tell you more about that I am sure!
- Mrs Wilcox has been having a great time with Ellie the Elephant ...they give us an update every day on Twitter so check that out if you can!
- Mrs Campbell is a fan of eating out, but this week she has been creating some wonderful new meals for her and her husband. Maybe she will write her own recipe book? Who knows!
- Mrs Moseley has been out in the garden but has also started to knit, something she had been planning to do for ages!
- Mrs Burns has given her grass the first cut of the year and is trying to read and run every day...but not necessarily at the same time!
- Mrs Cairn has been trying to get out for fresh air with her young daughters every day and they have been enjoying the fact that neighbours are putting teddies in their windows so it has been like Going on a Bear Hunt!
- Miss Dickie has been in school a little bit and has also been reading a new novel she hopes to work on with her class later. She has been limiting her screen time and walking her dog instead, as well as playing Bop It...she keeps beating her high scores!
- Miss Marr has been baking and making houses using lego! She also attempted the toilet roll challenge with her son...he won!
- Mrs Duncan was in school for a little bit too, but at home she has been working on her new laptop and trying to type using more than one finger! She has also been reading lots too!
- Mrs Wallace has been in school for some of the time, perfecting her serve at tennis! At home, she has perfectly organised kitchen cupboards and has been cooking up a storm.
- Miss McFarlane has been in school this week too, and has discovered muscles she didn't

know she had through making indoor assault courses. She has also completed a 1000 piece jigsaw at home!

- Mrs Davidson has already eaten her 3 weeks supply of sweeties so is a wee bit worried about that – she has decided to use a hula hoop to work off the calories!
- Miss Cowie has been in school a bit too. At home, she and her dog Rocco have been getting a daily walk done, and she has also been attempting the Ayr Academy daily PE challenges.
- Mrs Baird has been in school a lot this week, and like me, she enjoyed the lovely treats that the kitchen staff made us! She is heading for her garden today to plant onions and peas.
- Miss Thomson has been in school a little where she loved playing Jenga and dodge ball, but at home she is forcing herself to go out running to keep fit!

Over in the EYC,

- Miss Cairnie has been brushing up on her French skills
- Mrs Brown has been building 3D shapes with Magformers
- Mrs Imrie has been looking after her niece and nephew as their mum is a nurse...they have been baking!
- Mrs Simpson has been using Facetime a lot to keep in touch with family
- Mrs Kotze has discovered that her 12 year old son is a better cook than she is!
- Mrs Glendinning has been celebrating a special birthday in her house as her daughter turned 13.
- Mrs MacDonald has been baking raisin and oat cookies and looking for signs of Spring

Miss Shimmons and I have been in school every day but we will also be working from home from next week. We will keep you posted as to what we are doing other than working next week!

The one thing that we ALL have in common is that we are really, really missing the children! The staff have therefore suggested that we pass on their work email addresses to families in order that they can send a message to, or receive a message from the children. This is only something to do if you want to, do obligation at all. Staff will check emails at least twice a day so don't panic if you don't get a reply straight away.

For any queries or generic comments, please continue to use the Groupcall service and the Coylton mail box for emails. Miss Shimmons and I are checking these regularly each day. Continue to check out the website and Twitter for ideas and updates, and thanks go to the Parent Council for updating their Facebook page for us too!

Don't forget, the clocks go forward by one hour on Saturday evening meaning we are truly in Spring, and hopefully will see you all very soon!

Mrs D x

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