

People Directorate

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Dear Parents / Carers,

We have had a great week of activities in the lead up to World Book Day and we are really enjoying seeing all of the photos on Facebook of your children reading for the, **'Show Your Shares' Photo Competition**. Some of the entries for the Author competition have been brilliant as well and we will share these on the BLOG.

Talk for Writing - Parents Workshop

During this session all classes have been introducing, 'Talk for Writing approaches' to improve children's literacy skills in talking, listening, reading and writing. This approach is fun and extremely effective. During 'lockdown' the teachers were delivering 'Talk for Writing' lessons during live lessons and setting tasks for the children to complete at home, which has hopefully given you an insight into this. As a school we have invested a lot of time in training staff and the Literacy Development Group (Miss Grater, Mrs Thomson and Mrs Boyd) have been busy putting together information, photos, videos and activities to share with parents/carers to help you to understand what your children are talking about and how you can get involved.

"Talk for Writing is an engaging teaching framework developed by Pie Corbett, supported by Julia Strong. It is powerful because it is based on the principles of how children learn. It enables children to imitate the language they need for a particular topic orally, before reading and analysing it, and then writing their own version."
www.talk4writing.com

We would like to invite all parents/carers to join us on **Wednesday 10th March at 1.30pm** via zoom. We will send a text message for you to reply YES or NO if you wish to attend the training and thereafter we will send out the link for the meeting.

Arrangements for P4-7 returning to school

We have been very pleased to have our Early Years to P3 back for the last two weeks and we are now looking forward to welcoming back our P4-7 pupils after 8 weeks of Home Learning and school Hubs. The end is in sight for parents/carers ☺!!!!

Uniform / PE

All children are once again encouraged to wear their school uniform and keep their casual clothes for when at home. Indoor P.E. activities are still not able to resume, other than with small groups or individuals. All children will be spending time engaging in outdoor sports and physical activities, so your child's teacher will communicate with you directly on any special requirements for clothing and footwear.



