

### P4-7 return

Following the most recent announcement from the Scottish Government, we are thrilled to finally, be planning for the return of our primary 4 - 7 children. Currently our primary 3 children have moved to the closed classrooms in the infant area and they will now remain there for the rest of this academic year. For the first few weeks of the P1-3 return, we were able to make our classes as small as possible to support the children's return to 'face to face' teaching and focus on literacy and numeracy. As our P4-7 children return, our plan is to continue with the three P7 classes that we had before Christmas, to ensure as much teaching support as possible is available for them in such an important year. Mrs Gray will join the P7 Live Lesson next week, to talk to the children about their return and to discuss some options for the summer term. Further information will come out to primary 7.

As with primary 1-3 we have to change the school day times for all stages. We must work with 'bubbles' of up to 30 both inside and outside. In the first week of the P1-3 return we had a positive case and due to our 'bubbles' we were able to significantly limit the number of children and families affected. The first week of the new times and gates for children entering and exiting the school was challenging but we all have the hang of it now. It will cause an inconvenience to parents and to staff, but it ensures everyone is safe, and children can attend school, so please support us in this.

Children cannot enter the playground before a teacher collects them from their assigned gate. We appreciate that this will be difficult for families with siblings but we hope that this will only be in the short term. Children who arrive in school transport will enter at 9am with an adult at their gate. Transport companies are aware of the changes.

Please arrive at the school as close to your child's time as possible. Please stay in your car until it is time for your child to line up at their gate. If you are running late for your time then please arrive after 9.10 when all 'bubbles' will be in. Call the school and someone will come out for your child.

Children from P4-7 will leave by their gates at their designated times without requiring an adult to collect. P1-3 children must be collected by an adult.

Hopefully all of these plans will soon become a distant memory as we phase back to the 'old norm'

Class	Time in	Time out	Gate
P1 A + B	9am	3pm	Nearest the school
P2 Miss Mack	9.05am	3.05pm	Bike shed gate
P2 Miss Ross	9.05am	3.05pm	Nearest the school
P3 Miss Strang/Miss Lynch	9am	3pm	Bike shed gate
P4 Mrs McCann/Mrs Bowie	8.50am	2.50pm	Nearest the school
P4/5 Miss McCrae/Mrs Bowie	8.50am	2.50pm	Bike shed gate
P5 Mrs Fleming/Miss McCrae	8.50am	2.50pm	Lane that leads to Whitletts Road
P6 Mr Mullan	8.55am	2.55pm	Nearest the school
P6 Miss Casey	8.55am	2.55pm	Bike shed gate
P7 A Miss Ross/Mrs Hunter	8.45am	2.45pm	Nearest the school
P7 B Miss Ewing/Mrs Hunter	8.45am	2.45pm	Bike shed gate
P7 C Mr Winning/Mrs Hunter	8.45am	2.45pm	Lane that leads to Whitletts Road

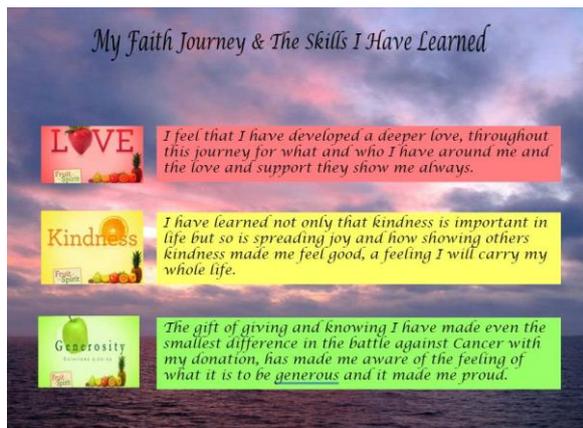
## World Book Day

For World Book Day this year we created an event called '*The Masked Reader*'. Staff created videos changing their appearance and voice whilst reading extracts from their favourite books. They also gave some clues to help pupils guess who each reader was. These videos should be available on your Teams page if you would still like to get involved in guessing who each reader is. As some of our classes are still learning virtually this was an exciting way for children to take part in some fun reading activities. Children also participated in fun activities in school and online such as reading in unusual places, designing new book covers, and making videos about their favourite books.

P1-3 will receive their World Book Day token in school. P4-7 can collect theirs when they come back to school as it is valid until Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March or a digital copy can be downloaded from Teams.

A small sample of some of our 'readers' !





## Pope Francis Faith Award

Primary 6 have made the next steps in their faith journey by planning and organising a community project based on the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. They discussed what was important to them within their community and carried out various work to benefit the community. Some donated to clothing and food banks, others did litter

picks or checked in with senior citizens in their street and across the whole stage hundreds of pounds was donated to charity from bake sales and raffles. We are so proud of the children and the love, charity and faith they have shown throughout this project, all whilst working from home!

## *Congratulations to Primary 6.*



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### What I did

- For the month of January, I decided that I would use all my pocket money and purchase food items for the local foodbank.
- I researched using the internet to look at South Ayrshire foodbank.
- I found out that that over 90% of the food distributed by foodbanks in The Trussell Trust is donated by the public
- I found out what food they needed and what they have lots on stock
- I wrote a shopping list and went to the supermarket to get the items

## HUB News

The pupils who have been attending our Hub have had a great time. Our School Assistants have done a fabulous job of supporting the children to access their online lessons and complete tasks set whilst also offering them lots of opportunities to be creative and have some fun. They all worked together to design beautiful displays related to their wellbeing and different themes the whole school were focusing on.



These are just some of the lovely RE displays which the children enjoyed making and discussing with their peers what it all meant to them.



Of course, we couldn't forget Valentine's Day - these just brought a smile to everyone's face 😊

A huge **'Thank You'** to everyone who has been involved in setting up and running our Hubs and keeping everything going so smoothly.



## P1-3 Return

It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome back our P1-3 pupils and see all their happy, smiling faces. They have all thoroughly enjoyed being back and have settled very quickly back into school routines. They have been incredibly busy already doing lots of hard work, being very creative and even managing to get outside on a number of occasions.

