



Ms. Stark's update

Introduction

It has been brought to my attention, quite rightly, that there was not a newsletter written for March. With the school closure, due to Covid-19, three weeks into the month the newsletter went totally by the wayside! However, this may well be the final newsletter of the school year so it is important to round off and finish in a positive manner.

I have collated events and information from March in this newsletter and am also looking forward. I have my fingers crossed that we may reopen before end of the summer term – we can only hope! Please do keep engaging with the School App and emails as this is where updates will be communicated.

Meantime, I hope all our families, staff and school community remain safe and well.



P7 pupils

We have been so fortunate to have a fantastic P7 this year. The P7 pupils have been very caring and supportive towards their buddies (still hugging each other right up to March!); have taken their responsibilities to a high standard; have been excellent role models – and great fun to be with!

Understandably the pupils, staff and parents were bitterly disappointed that all the usual end of year Leavers events may not happen. However the pupils met with myself and we had a very productive discussion about what could be done instead. So instead of a residential trip to York, we may go away together in the summer holidays for an overnight to Aviemore, visiting Landmark and the Highland Wildlife Centre. The money raised for the night out would provide spending money and a meal out in the evening. We will have the Strawberries and Cream Leavers Assembly early in the new school year, on a Friday afternoon – as the High School closes early on a Friday. The Year Book is almost complete, so can be printed and issued at the Leavers Assembly.

Further information will be issued nearer the time.

Nursery – P1

Again, usual events may not take place. We are in the fortunate position that all but one pupil is currently in our nursery class, so children are used to the school setting and have visited the P1 classroom. Mrs Kilgallon will be working with the P6 pupils to arrange for the buddies to write letters to the nursery children, ready to post in the summer term. We will also ensure that there will be nursery staff in P1 at the start of the new session to support transition.

End of Term Achievements

In anticipation of schools not re-opening until August we had an end of year assembly to celebrate various achievements.

The House Shield was awarded to Forth (first time since 2008!) so hearty congratulations to all in Forth and to the House Captains, Lauren and Aiden.

The Cara Carvell Award is presented annually to the pupil who has shown great resilience and positivity throughout the year. This year it was awarded to Kristiana Fleming. Kristiana has shown great fortitude and positivity since the birth of her brother, Rowan. Rowan has remained in hospital since his birth a year ago and has undergone various operations. Kristiana loves talking about him and showing us his photos. Despite Rowan's first year not being what she expected as a big sister, Kristiana has remained upbeat. Kristiana organized a stall with various games at the Christmas Fayre and raised over £100 for the Children's Hospital. Well done Kristiana.

March Events

The annual Literacy Week took place in the first week of March and was organised by Mrs Kilgallon. The children participated in a range of events including making a River of Reading, daily reading, Bookbug with parents and a dress down/dress as a character day. The children thoroughly enjoyed the activities – thanks to Mrs Kilgallon for organising.

P2/3 had a day at Dynamic Earth to bring to life some of their learning about space. The guide was extremely impressed by their knowledge about the planets. Thanks to the parent helpers who came along too.

March Events cont...

Mrs Brown (Student teacher) completed her placement in P4/5. We enjoyed working with Mrs Brown and wish her all the best in the future.

The new school website, designed by the Pupil Council with support from Mrs Kilgallon, was launched. Please do go online and have a look. All feedback welcome. Thanks also to Lucas Morris who donated his time to make the film showing "A Day at Tinto".

The month finished early with the Covid-19 closure. All pupils were issued with learning materials for two weeks, with additional materials and websites being posted on google classrooms, the App and emails. The websites can also be found on the school website.

Further information

Staffing: If we do not return to school before the end of June, then this will mean saying good-bye virtually to Miss Kennedy and Miss Fraser. Both teachers have contributed so much to the school this session – not least with their big smiles and positivity at all times. I know the children have had wonderful learning experiences with them both. I am sure you will join with me in wishing them both well in the future.

At the time of writing this newsletter, I have no information as to staffing for next session.

Thank You

I would like to finish the newsletter by saying "thank you"

To – our pupils. They make each day special

To – our staff. For their hard work, commitment and ensuring that learning is enjoyable for the children

To – our parents/ carers. For their support and encouragement at all times but especially at the moment.