



February 2020 Bulletin

Dear Parents,

It seems like a long time since I last wrote to you all! We've had a terrific start to the term here with plenty of exciting work happening in the classroom. It's been particularly pleasing to hear all the comments from visitors to our school on the excellent behaviour and manners displayed by our children. The new rules; Ready, Respect and Safe, seem to be taking effect. I really appreciate the effort that the bairns are putting in. It's a lovely place to be!

Earlier this term we had our Burn's Supper evening. It was an absolutely brilliant night with great food, wonderful music and some great public speaking by our P7 pupils. The kitchen staff managed to feed over 120 people and the food was magnificent. Douglas led the music programme and the band had us all up and dancing. What a great community event it was. Well done to everyone involved.

The children have been really enjoying our World of Work topic. If you've seen the display board near the entrance to the school, you will have seen all the occupations the children aspire to (there are even some teachers among them!). Over the course of the term, the children will have heard from actors, farmers, scientists, ferry operators and plenty of teachers! If you would like to come in and talk about what you do for work, please let us know. We'd love to hear from you.

Work has begun on our pond area and it's looking terrific... muddy, but terrific! The parent council were successful in securing funding to develop the area and repair the pond and the council have paid for a new secure fence around it. Beedie's were also kind enough to trim the willows and level the ground while they were here. The next step is the pond repair, installation of a dipping platform and a storage shed for the Nursery. We can't wait to start using it all!

Speaking of the Nursery, you may be aware of the significant developments ahead for all nurseries. We will become a full time Early Learning and Childcare Centre from August this year. We will soon find out what this looks like from a staffing perspective and I'll keep you updated with that information.

One of the things that our children are lucky to receive here at school is the daily tooth brushing. At some schools it is a struggle to get children to attend and to brush properly. I'm pleased to say that Darren has reported 100% attendance regularly at our school and he says the children are doing a great job. This might seem less important than other aspects of school life, but research suggests that tooth brushing in school significantly reduces dental issues in children and adolescents. My thanks to Darren for all his work.

This Friday the Parent Council have organised a Bingo night to help raise funds for Lagganlia and Hoy. This is a great initiative and the pupils have contributed by writing letters and securing some amazing raffle prizes. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Have a terrific weekend,

Steve Arnold

Dates for your diary

March 8th -

World Book Day

March 11th -

Liam McArthur Visit

March 15th -

Red Nose Day

April 5th -

Last Day of Term & Easter Egg Hunt

