



May 2019 Bulletin

Dear Parents,

It seems an age since I last wrote to you. In fact it was the end of the last term. Once again I feel like I have so much to write about, so I will try to brief. Keeping in touch with you is something that I spend a lot of time thinking about. It is particularly challenging with two schools and two lots of parents. It is also made challenging for all of us by the demands of work and other commitments which mean that parents aren't always able to attend school functions, events or more routine encounters with the teachers. To this end I have decided to give Twitter a try! It's a quick and easy way for me to send out some news and to let you know what is happening here at school. If you have Twitter on your phone or computer, you can follow us @HopeCommunitySc .

If you are already familiar with our Twitter account, you might have seen plenty of photos of P6 and P7 last week at their respective school trips. While the weather wasn't terrific, it failed to dampen spirits as the children threw themselves into all sorts of outdoor pursuits. By all accounts they represented us beautifully. My sincere gratitude goes to Mrs Simpson and Miss Coltherd for leading these trips.

On Friday last week, those pupils who were not lucky enough to attend these trips got their own morning out to the Fossil and Heritage Centre in Burray. Here we learned all about the history of the area, both prehistoric and much more recent. Our huge thanks go to the staff and volunteers at the Fossil and Heritage Centre for giving us a free trip!

Earlier this month I had one of the most enjoyable days at work I can remember! The whole school took a long walk all around our beautiful village and beyond in the glorious sunshine. If you remember back to last term, our key theme was pride and belonging. What a perfect opportunity to reinforce to the children what a special place this is to belong to!

P1/2 have also been getting out and about this term. Every Thursday they have been visiting the residents at the Marengo Centre and engaging in some intergenerational activities. They children have loved hearing stories about growing up in the Hope in days gone by and comparing toys and activities. They have also shared games and plenty of conversation.

The Nursery have recently been running PEEP sessions on a Monday morning. These are great opportunities to find out about various aspects of early childhood development. I believe there is one more session next Monday, so please come along if you're at all curious. They are not only informative, but a great chance to spend some time in our fantastic Nursery.

You will have just received an end of year summary about your child's progress and attainment. These have changed slightly from previous years. The report now indicates the **level achieved** in Numeracy and Literacy rather than the next level that your child is

working within. Progress within the next level will be reported by teachers in the comments section which will report on progress and next steps. So for example where Level achieved is **1st level**, the comments section will indicate how well your child is working within the **2nd level**. This approach is in line with national guidance with emphasis on the teachers' judgement on how well children are progressing through their Broad General Education.

If you do have any questions about your child's summary, please either raise them at the upcoming Parents' Evening or get in touch with us directly.

Cheers!

Steve Arnold

Dates for Your Diary

5th June	Parents' Evening
7th June	Hobbies Begin
17th & 18th June	Transition Days
21st June	Transition Sports
24th June	Sports Day
27th June	Library Van
3rd July	Leavers' Assembly
5th July	Final Day of Term



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P7 in Lagganlia!



P1/2 visit the Marengo Centre