



January 2019 Bulletin

I'm not sure I've had many more memorable Januaries before this year. I can honestly say that I have thoroughly enjoyed my first month as Head Teacher at St Margaret's Hope Community School. If the children have been coming home and telling you anything about our assemblies so far (I'm sure they've had more exciting things to talk about) they may have mentioned the word pride. Even these early stages, one thing has stood out about this school, this village and this island; an enormous sense of pride. You as a community are rightfully proud of where you live and we could do worse than to pass this feeling of belonging onto your children. Indeed, I am already feeling extremely proud to be here in my current position.

I've been attempting to reinforce this message with the children and explain that this school belongs to them. I want them to recognise and appreciate what a special place it is with the hope that this will boost their sense of pride in being a Hope child. I also think that a clean and tidy work environment is more conducive to concentration and application. Therefore, we are currently undergoing somewhat of a campaign to tidy our school and make all our wonderful learning spaces like new again!

I've been trying to get outside every morning to speak to the children before school and make a concerted effort to get to know them all. Names are tricky, and I'm still learning, so I'd like to thank you all, children included, for your patience with me. I am getting better, and Fraser in P7 is going to test me shortly. I'll let you know how it goes! If you do see me out in the mornings or afternoons, please say hello.

As I write this bulletin, I am currently nervously preparing for my role in the Burns Supper! It promises to be a terrific event and my family and I are truly looking forward to meeting more of the community there. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my colleagues who have pulled this event together. It's been their initiative from the start and they have worked above and beyond the call of duty.

Lastly, could I please ask you all to ensure that the gates are closed after you use them in the mornings or the afternoons. This helps us to maintain a safe and secure play area for the children during the course of the day.

I hope you've had a brilliant beginning to the year and I look forward to working with you through all that lies ahead.

Kind Regards

Steve Arnold



The new waterproofs being put to good use in the Nursery. Thank you to our parent council and those involved with the bake sale for raising funds.



Dates for your diary

February 1 st -	Burns Supper
February 14 th -	In-service day; school closed
February 15 th -18 th -	Mid Term Break
February 20 th -	Big bird watch
March 7 th -	World Book Day

Fun in the snow!



P1/2 – Retelling the 3 Little Pigs with finger puppets and measuring our height.



Some of the P4/5 class have been learning how to spin. We were spinning wool to dye it. After we had spun enough, April and I looked into how to dye it. You could dye it with vegetables like: onions, carrots and avocado skin. I am looking forward to that!
Libby

Last week we learned about the body. We learned where the body parts went and what they did. We also had a 3D jigsaw of the body. I went pale when I heard it because all my blood went out of my head. I felt dizzy!
Jamie

In art we are drawing the tree of life. We are decorating the background with the four seasons. We are going to turn them into bags. I liked drawing the tree of life.
Brooke