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'Forward Together In Christ; we can, we will , together

#Growth #Resilience #Community

Mission Statement: At St Mary's we are dedicated to educating our young people in an inclusive, stimulating and challenging environment preparing them for life-long learning.

Ethos & Values: We will provide this in a secure, happy and welcoming environment where Christian and Catholic values are cherished and where staff, pupils and parents work in partnership to achieve common goals.

Dates for diaries:

Tues 28th & Wed 1st March: Industrial Action Days. School Closed.

Thurs 2nd March: World Book Day—our activities will run at a later date with a pop up book shop from Waterstones on Tuesday 21st March—see request for 'parent readers' below

Mon 6th-Fri 10th March: P7 Camp

Mon 13th March: Neurodiversity Week: community event in Drummond High School—more details below

Sat 25th March: Earth Hour

Fri 31st March: Easter Holiday.

All resume Mon 17th April



World Book Day

As part of activities for World Book Day we'd love for parents to get in touch re coming to read a story with their child's class—this could be a story we provide or it may be a story parents wish to share and it could be read in a home language as well as English which would be lovely. We have so many languages spoken in our school it would be so nice to share that with our children. Just email the school office to let us know and we can arrange!

Make a note in your diary to join us at Drummond High School from 18:45-20:30 on Tuesday 14th March as part of Neurodiversity Celebration Week. Our panel of well known speakers from across politics and the entertainment industry will share their journey with you and tell you why we should all be celebrating neurodiversity in our daily lives. A link to register for the event will follow soon.



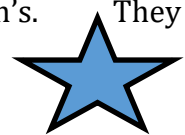
Wider Achievement

Star Writers: well done to Sophie P1a, Gemma P1b, Emma A P2a, Esme P2b, Giorgia P3a Anna P3b, Mary P4, Beau P4/5 Luca M P5, Ida P6a, Julia P6b, Ciara P7a and Ava J P7b. Star writer pencils and stickers on their way to you!

Well done to those P7s who took part in the recent cross-country event with places in the top 10 out of over 80 schools! Well done also to the Girls' Football Team who played on Saturday and we look forward soon to hearing how the boy's football team get on once they can start playing fixtures. Thanks so much to Ms McConnell and Mr Ordonez for getting this started!

Star of the Month: for, 'going over and above', showing that extra effort with others or in class, or for doing things without having to be asked, well done to; Sebastian P1a, Asa P1b, Maya P2a, Anthea P2b, Johan P3a, Miguel P3b, Grace P4, Erine P4/5, Charlie P5, Dio P6a, Hugo & Stella P6b, Shristi P7a and Fabian & Lucas P P7b. We will meet this week for a catch up and a healthy snack!

Well done to the winning house of the month for February which was St. Ninian's. They will enjoy an extra break this week.



McMillan Cup: For Outstanding Effort: this month our McMillan Cup goes to Mila and Chloe in P3a who have both donated their hair to charity. Well done to both of them!

Lent

As it's now the season of Lent children have been discussing their Lenten promises in class. Each class will also have a, SCIAF, 'wee box' with this year's funds going to support communities in Zambia. Any donations as small as 1p all helps. The pupils met in their houses on Friday to also discuss their Lenten fundraising and the activity they'd like to do as a house to raise money for a charity of their choice so more information to come.

We held a 1 min silence on Friday and our thoughts and prayers as always are with the people of Ukraine and all those affected.

Fairtrade Fortnight

It's Fairtrade Fortnight and at Mon, Thurs and Fri break times, P4 pupils are holding a fair trade stall with items for sale such as bananas, bracelets, little jewellery boxes, pencils, purses etc with prices between £1.50 - £5.





Many thanks to P6a parent Fiona for providing resources for a, 'break out room' activity for the class. Some very impressive team work and problem solving!

As you know outdoor learning is a school focus. Each Tuesday P3a go outdoors for activities across the curriculum—here are some pics in some frosty conditions but very happy faces!



Our Active school's co-ordinator, Alan Reid, is delivering a sports leadership programme to some of our P7 pupils which is really helping them with their sports master classes they are delivering too!

We are also soon welcoming former pupils from St Thomas' who are embarking on a sports leadership programme and will be working with some classes.

Mr Nico: Pupil Support Officer

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you are all well, and I wish everyone a strong path towards Easter. I am pleased to announce that the Scottish Government is launching a new campaign to help families who struggle and or feel overwhelmed by the added pressures of the economic state. The purpose of the campaign is to raise awareness within communities and furthermore offer support on the official Parent Club website. All consultations are free, confidential, and conducted by trusted advisors. If you or your partner have worries about money or employment, please do not hesitate to visit the Parent Club website. I am at your disposal if you need to inquire about anything.

Wishing you all the best as always,
George Nico.

Many thanks as always for your continued support. N. Kehoe