

Tuesday 1 October 2019



Apologies for the delay in sending a newsletter, it's been a busy few weeks in school with a lot going on.

In the past fortnight a number of our pupils have been involved in harvesting the vegetables planted towards the end of last term. They were able to pull up a whole sack worth of potatoes!

Last week some of our P6 pupils were able to use the vegetables to make soup to sell at the Lagganlia Café organised by the PSA (now known as Friends At Broughton). I'd like to say a huge thank you to Rachel Blythe (parent of Heather and Alasdair) for her organisation of these activities and for all the parent volunteers who also came in to help. The soup was really lovely and it was such a great opportunity for children to see the entire process of planting, growing, harvesting, preparing, cooking then eating the vegetables. A huge thank you also to FAB for organising and manning the Lagganlia Café on Friday. It was extremely busy and lovely to see so many families coming to have lunch together. It was also lovely to see so many of last year's primary 7s come along.

Last week our primary 7s took part in a residential trip to Lagganlia Outdoor Centre. There are some fabulous photos and videos on the website that give us a flavour of the great opportunities they had whilst they were there. They all had a fantastic time and reports from staff are that they were very enthusiastic and well behaved.

We have formed a number of working groups across the school to look at Writing, Maths, Sustainability, Health and Wellbeing and our House System. In order to ensure pupils have a voice in these developments, a number of children from our senior classes are going to be involved in these groups to work alongside staff in leading these improvements. Our Sustainability Reps have already been selected and four of them are attending an event at The Royal High Primary this Thursday with Miss Bishop. They are looking at developing links with a school in Tanzania. I'm sure you'll be hearing more about this as the year progresses. We will also keep you updated on the progress of the other groups.

This week is a **Maths Focus Week** across the school and all classes will be doing some additional maths activities. Each class has already displayed some of their maths learning in the dinner hall.

On Friday 11 October we will be having a short Harvest Assembly. We will be sending a letter home this Friday asking for small donations for the Foodbank. These can be brought to the school gym hall on the morning of Friday 11th where they'll be collected by staff from the Foodbank.

This week we have our first of three Parent Consultations sessions. There has been a fairly good response through the online booking system. The meetings this week will give you the

opportunity to hear how your child has settled in, to see some of their learning and to hear about next steps.

Refurbishment Work

We are now in the final two weeks of the Refurbishment Programme. The last classroom has been completed and there's only the storeroom in the basement to be done. Primary 2a will move back into the main building for the start of the new term.

We are delighted with the redecoration work across the school. It's made a fantastic difference to the school, especially the stairways.

Upcoming Dates

Parent Consultations – Wednesday 2 and Friday 4 October

Harvest Assembly - Friday 11 October

End of Term – Friday 11 October

Staff Resume for in-service days Monday 21 October and Tuesday 22 October

Pupils Resume – Wednesday 23 October

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