



Monday 22 January 2022

Happy New Year! I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful break. It was lovely welcoming our children back into school. We have a number of new children starting with us this week. Stage newsletters outlining the learning for classes, will be issued soon.

Ritchie Collins painting

We were thrilled to be presented with a beautiful painting of the school just before term ended and are really looking forward to sharing this with you. Ritchie Collins, parent of Ria and Indah, worked with children across the school to produce tiny figures that have been added to the digital copy of the painting. This is the image that will be used on merchandise which will be available for sale to raise funds for the school. Further information on products and prices will be shared in the coming weeks. The original painting will be given pride of place in the corridor at the front of the school where it will be seen by everyone coming in through the front door. I would like to say a huge thank you to Ritchie for this incredible generosity.

Music and Instrumental Tuition

Our new brass tutor, Kelan Rooney, has now started. We are initially offering our primary seven children the opportunity to try out for brass. We have a small number of instruments at present but hope to start increasing them in the coming months. Currently we can offer six children the chance to learn trumpet or trombone. We are aiming to extend the offer to some primary six children before the end of this session.

Last term six children in primary six were selected for cello and began their weekly lessons in November. Primary five children will be given the opportunity to try out for cello in the coming weeks.

Miss Bradley has now completed a term of music lessons with primary P3a – P7a. Next week Miss Bradley will also be taking the 'b' classes from P3 – P7 on a Tuesday.

Staffing update

Mrs Katie Cormack (P1b) will be leaving on Friday 14 January to start her maternity leave. I would like to wish her all the very best.

Miss Sitaridou and Mrs Murray have both returned from maternity leave and will be sharing P1b for the remainder of the session.

Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood (RSHP)

This term we are starting to roll out a new programme to support the teaching of RSHP. This programme is available online and is widely used across Scotland. It can be found at:

<https://rshp.scot/>

I would urge you to watch the PowerPoint (on our website) which gives more information on the resource however everything we will be using is available to see online. This week I will email out information to each year group giving an outline of the topics that will be covered in classes from now until June 2022.

Covid guidance for schools

Following the change to self-isolation rules there have been a number of queries from parents. Anyone who tested positive before 6th January should be following the previous guidance and should be self-isolating for 10 days.

Anyone testing positive from 6th January can follow the new guidance.

Please can I remind you **not to send children to school with symptoms**. Anyone with symptoms should still be booking a PCR test.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you are booking a PCR for your child or if someone in your household had tested positive. We are required to keep registers for classes up to date and to inform CEC of any positive cases in school.

In school we continue to wash hands regularly, ensure there is adequate ventilation in rooms and are reducing opportunities for classes mixing indoors.

Thank you for your continued support.

Maria Gowans
Head Teacher