



Newsletter

Thursday 29th December 2022

A Christmas Message from our Head and Depute Head of Education



It has been a very busy, successful term for our staff, children and young people. In the midst of our teaching and learning we have had lots of activities from our Macmillan Coffee Morning, the STV Children's Appeal, visits to the Orchard and been very busy preparing for all our festivities: Afternoon Tea with Santa, Winter Celebration and Fayre activities and finishing off with our Christmas lunch and Panto in Pitlochry!

We would like to thank you all, parents, pupils and staff for your continued support and to wish you and your loved ones a restful Christmas and a New Year of health and happiness.

Physical Education Update - Roz Rattary



In Physical Education we have started our Call Push Rescue (CPR) programme as part of the British Heart Foundation (BHF) "Every Child a Lifesaver" campaign. It was a very interesting start to our CPR training - we had to prepare and inflate our manikins first. This involved squashing all the air out of a big red bag into the mankin so it was ready for CPR.

We then had to push quite hard on the chest in order to get the mankin to click, but we all found it very tricky to get the clicky! So we practiced some more and we started to hear several clicks on the mankins. We will require some more practice sessions before we can move on to Defibrillator analysis. Well done to all the children and young people who took part.



spring to see the next stage in the process. Our young people asked some great questions and are looking forward to returning.



Science Update - Pam Bicocchi



This month saw a few of our students going on a visit to the Tay Salmon Fisheries Board Summerhill Hatchery near Almondbank. There, we were shown the efforts of the staff to conserve and improve salmon numbers in the Tay and other rivers in Perthshire. We were able to see the salmon being stripped, when the eggs are taken from the female salmon (hens) and the sperm taken from the male salmon (cocks). They are then mixed in a not very scientific washing up bowl which means that up to 95% of eggs are fertilised, as opposed to only 15% in the wild. We also got to see the hatchery where the fertilised eggs are kept until they are developed enough to put back into the rivers. The hatchery holds around 1,000,000 eggs, every one of which is counted by hand! The plan is to go back to the hatchery in the

Health & Wellbeing Update - Ola Gora



December means the end of Term 1 and in HWB classes this was an opportunity for reflection on our goals and achievements. We looked at one of the SHANARRI indicators - Achieving and discussed what does it feel, look and sound like on a day to day basis? We all face challenges at and outside of school and we try to be the best versions of ourselves. Let's remember to recognise those daily efforts and achievements - big and small. *(If it feels tricky, break it down into a single day. Scan back through your day and notice what you got done, any challenges you overcame and am the strengths you put to good use. Things don't need to have gone well in your day to feel a sense of accomplishment!)* This Christmas might just be the perfect time to sit down and acknowledge how far you have come and the ways you've grown!

Merry Christmas 🌲

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PSI Update - Robert Davidson



The PSI team would like to wish all parents, carers and young people a Merry Christmas and a Happy 2023.

Student Council Update



Merry Christmas everyone! Another year has gone by so quickly for the Student Council. Lots of decisions and discussions have happened during 2022, and we look forward to the continued involvement from students creating a school that hears the voices of those that shape it. The next Student Council meeting will be on the 10th January 2023 - see you then!

Activities Update - Cat Hutton



Christmas has definitely arrived here on the Dunkeld Campus this month. Our Children and Young People have done a fantastic job, working as a team, to bring the Health and



Wellbeing Hub alive as a Santa's Grotto. The imagination and the effort that has gone into this project has been amazing and as a result the Grotto looks amazing.

We hosted our first Afternoon Tea with Santa on Wednesday 14th December where the Grotto was enjoyed and experienced by the brothers and sisters of some of our pupils as well as some of the children/grandchildren of our staff.

Our Children and Young People have been working hard in Art Classes and Electives to create some great items for our Winter Fayre (Wednesday 21st) December, as well as in Home Economics where they have been making some delicious treats to sell.

We had a couple of Christmas Competitions going on in the school. For £1 a guess you can guess Santa's birthday to win an all singing, dancing Santa Clause, or you can guess the teddy's name to win Big Ted himself. We also have some fun quizzes that are free to enter, but a random winner will be lucky enough to win a selection box during our Winter Fayre Celebrations.



As a school we are also very excited to be attending the pantomime in Pitlochry, Wendy and Peter Pan, before which we will have been festively filled with our Christmas Lunch at Fern Cottage Restaurant all taking place on the last day of term - Thursday 22nd December.

Support For Learning Update - Karen Bell



As part of the Advent countdown we looked at different Christmas traditions from around the world. A name was drawn each day and the individual then opened up the *Door of the Day*, There they would find an information card about a tradition for that country, a small gift linked with this tradition and also the obligatory small chocolate offering.



Some of the favourites included :

Germany - Christmas Pickles

Christmas trees can be found around the world but in Germany, families have an unusual addition to their ornaments. They hide a pickle ornament somewhere within the branches of the tree, and the first child to find it gets a special present.



Iceland - The Yule lads

In the 13 days leading up to Christmas, 13 tricky troll-like characters come out to play

in Iceland. The Yule Lads visit the children across the country. For each night of Yuletide, children place their best shoes by the window and a different Yule Lad visits, leaving gifts for nice girls and boys and rotting potatoes for the naughty ones.

Clad in traditional Icelandic costume, these fellas are pretty mischievous, and their names hint at the type of trouble they like to cause: Sausage-Swiper, Doorway-Sniffer, Spoon-Licker, Pot-Scraper, Door-Slammer, Sheep-Cote Clod, Gully Gawk, Stubby, Bowl-Licker, Sky-Gobbler, Window-Peeper, Meat-Hook and Candle-Stealer.

Catalonia - Pooping Log

One of two Spanish, poo-based Christmas traditions!

Locals in Catalonia create a character out of a log, drawing a face on it and giving it a hat. It lives on the dinner table in December, 'fed' every day with fruit, nuts and sweets and kept warm with a blanket. On Christmas Eve the entire family beat the log with sticks and sing a traditional song to poop out the presents!



Education Maintenance Allowance



Please see below a message from the PKC EMA team:

Applications for part awards (starting on 01/01/2022) should be emphasised from

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students with dates of birth between 01/10/06 - 28/02/2007.

Application for students with dates of birth between 01/03/2003 - 30/09/2006 can still be put in and will be backdated to the week that we receive their application.

Please also make students aware that no application for the current year EMA can be made after 31/03/2022.

Parents Forum (online)



The next online Parents Forum is due to take place on Tuesday 31st January 2023 at 6:30pm. We look forward to welcoming you to the meeting. The link for this meeting will be sent out to you; if you have any issues accessing this, please contact our Admin Team on the following email address: butterstone_admin@moorehouse.org.uk

Ideas for Newsletter Name



We are looking to change the name for our school newsletter and would love to hear your ideas on a 'catchy' new name rather than just 'Parents Newsletter'. If you have any suggestions, we would love for you to email them into our Admin team butterstone_admin@moorehouse.org.uk by Friday 13th January 2023.

Moore House Training Academy (MHTA) News - Fiona Duncan



It has been an exciting year for Moore House Training Academy!!!

We started 2022 with our first approval visit from the Scottish Qualifications Authority and in January we were approved as a SQA Centre.

If you would like to discuss any of the qualifications on offer please do not hesitate to contact Moore House Training Academy's Training and Development Manager - Fiona Duncan fduncan@moorehouse.org.uk

Moore House Training Academy would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and all the very best for 2023.

Warm regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Tracey".

Tracey Ford-McNicol
Head of Education