

# Parent Newsletter

**Wednesday 1st February 2023**

## A note from our Depute



without causing burn out and extended periods of inactivity, while being mindful of the children & young people who have a long commute each day.

This will be raised as an agenda item at next month's parents forum.

## Time table Change Consultation

Over this academic year and working with the National Autistic Society we have been listening to the voice of the children and young people regarding their timetables. The feedback that we have been getting is that they love the thirty minute learning time for lessons and the soft starts in the mornings. What they have said is that they do not like double lessons for 1 hour and that breaks and lunch times are too long. What the staff had been witnessing has been a drop off in engagement in the last thirty minutes of each day.

After consultation with the children & young people, SLT and the teaching staff, we needed to look at a day that did not have too many individual learning sessions to reduce transitions between classes. The current model is below; this is something the children, young people and staff feel will provide the best balance to engage and stimulate learning

		1	2	Break	3	4	Lunch Time	5	7	8
	9.00-9.15	9.15-9.45	9.45-10.30	10.30-11.00	11.00-11.45	11.45-12.30	12.30-13.00	13.00-13.45	13.45-14.30	14.30-15.00
Monday	Key Time			Assembly /Pupil council						
Tuesday	Key time									
Wednesday	Key timeE									
Thursday	Key time									
Friday	Key time			Lerner of the week				Citizenship		

## Student Council Update



Students meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 11:00am in the Health & Wellbeing Hub to discuss new ideas and developments. Hope to see you at the next meeting on the 7th February.

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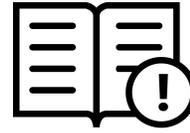
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## PSI Update - Robert Davidson



The team continues to work across the organisation in supporting children, young people and families.



## Physical Education Update - Roz Rattary



It's that time of year again when staff and students have been competing in the Indoor Kurling Competition. Well done to Felix, Tesla and Adam who have made it through to the semi-finals.



This indoor game is a little different from ice curling as it involves stones that have roller bearings at the bottom to enable them to glide on a hard floor.

### Interesting Fact

The indoor Kurling Stone only weighs 1.30kg- compared to the ice curling stone that weighs 19.1 kg (44 lbs) and the bottom of the ice stone is concave so that only the outside ring, called the running band, is in contact with the ice.

In the early history of ice curling, the playing stones were simply flat-bottomed stones from rivers or fields, which lacked a handle and were of inconsistent size, shape, and smoothness. Some early stones had holes for a finger and the thumb, a bit like ten-pin bowling balls. Unlike today, the thrower had little control over the 'curl' or velocity and relied more on luck (a bit like the staff team) than on precision, skill, and strategy. The sport was often played on frozen rivers although purpose-built ponds were later created in many Scottish towns.

If you would like to find out more information about Indoor Kurling, please click on the link below:

<https://kurling.com/collections/new-age-kurling>

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## New Campus Manager - Adam Moffat



Hello everyone, I am Adam Moffat, I am the new Campus Manager at Dunkeld Campus. I am responsible for overseeing the residential services and staff team. I have a number of years experience in supporting neurodiverse children & young people in residential settings.

When I first came to visit the campus prior to my interview I was blown away by the location but also the drive and dedication of all the people I met. I am really excited to now be part of that.

I attended the Winter Celebration and it was fantastic to see the children & young people and hear about all the positive outcomes.

I love the outdoors and am never happier than when in the splendid isolation of nature or spending time with my family up a hill.

## Care Team Update - Callum McKenzie



The care team said goodbye to our manager David Phillip who has moved on to pastures new. All the best!

The team are very much looking forward to working with Adam, our new Campus Manager.

Our young people celebrated Christmas with our team and Santa was very good to them all. It has been a magical time of the year with snow and ice everywhere and we are lucky to have such beautiful scenery at Culbrae.

We would also like to share that Lewis, one of our young people, has transitioned into The Lodge to continue his independent living skills and to develop his budget knowledge with the prospect of living in his own flat in the near future.

We look forward to the months ahead and can't wait to see what's in store.

## Parents Forum (online)



Our next online Parents Forum is due to take place on Wednesday 22nd March at 6.30pm. We look forward to welcoming you to the meeting. The link for this meeting will be sent out to you nearer the time; if you have any issues accessing this, please contact our Admin Team on the following email address:

[all\\_dunkeld\\_admin@moorehouse.org.uk](mailto:all_dunkeld_admin@moorehouse.org.uk)

## Important Message for ALL Families

If you have not yet returned the Mid Term Questionnaire please do so by Monday 6th February - if you have any questions then please contact our Admin Team on the following email: [all\\_dunkeld\\_admin@moorehouse.org.uk](mailto:all_dunkeld_admin@moorehouse.org.uk)

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## School Dress Code



As you all know, we have our school dress code, which consists of a light blue polo shirt/round neck t-shirt, a navy blue hoodie/jumper and a navy blue waterproof jacket. Should you wish to order any more items on top of what the school have supplied, you can visit the link here for the Border Embroiders website:

[www.border-embroideries.co.uk/](http://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/)

(quote the product code of the item that you wish to purchase (as below) and advise that the item is to have the **Moore House Academy Dunkeld Logo** on it.)

Polo Shirt (product code 539)

round neck T-Shirt (product code 111805)

Hoodie/jumper (product code JH001)

waterproof jacket (product code 218262)

## Fundraising for The Jane Moore Trust Kilt Walk 2023



Who would be interested in doing the 2023 Kiltwalk? Please let us know

There is one in Dundee on 20 August or there is one in Edinburgh 17 September:

<https://www.thekiltwalk.co.uk/events/dundee>

OR

<https://www.thekiltwalk.co.uk/events/edinburgh>

This would be to raise funds for our The Jane Moore Trust.

We would be keen to hear of other fundraising suggestions - please get in touch with our Admin Team, [all\\_dunkeld\\_admin@moorehouse.org.uk](mailto:all_dunkeld_admin@moorehouse.org.uk)

One suggestion we have had is to have a Ceilidh for all families, partners and friends. We would need a wee group to plan and organise this - please contact our Admin team if you are willing to assist with this.

## Relaunch of our Newsletter

As from next month our Newsletter will be known as **The Jane Moore Trust Newsletter**

## Watch this Space!

For more exciting developments with the Jane Moore Trust website

## Dates to remember:

Wednesday 15th February is a school In Service Day.

Thursday 16th & Friday 17th February are Mid Term Holidays

Warm regards

Tracey Ford-McNicol  
Head of Education

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