



Parent Newsletter

Monday 28th November 2022

A note from our Head



Our wonderful school will be known as Moore House Academy, Dunkeld as from the New Year. We will be phasing out the current name and introducing MHA, Dunkeld over the coming months with new logo and signage. This is our new logo:



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My WOW Ambassador Programme.

My World of Work (My WoW) Ambassadors is a school-led programme supported by resources from Skills Development Scotland which uses peer learning to support the school community in their

understanding and use of the My World of Work careers information web service www.myworldofwork.co.uk.

Ambassadors (who can come from any year group) are not just there to support their peers but also to work with staff, parents and partners in accessing the variety of information and support within My WoW to help meet the expectations described in the Career Education Standard.

By promoting My WoW and career management skills across their whole school, Ambassadors also address the priorities within the National Improvement Framework, particularly the need to better develop young people's employability skills and improve their sustained positive destinations on leaving school.

An Ambassador is a representative or a promoter of a specified service. In this case we are considering individuals who can become representatives or advocates for our My WoW career information and advice web service.

Our ambassador will be decided at our next Pupil council.

Fundraising opportunity for £1000 for The Jane Moore Trust



Wishing our friends and supporters a Happy Christmas!
Please nominate us to win £1,000 today!



Movement for Good are awarding £120,000 to 120 charities over 12 days in December and people can nominate their chosen charity. The draw is being made daily from Dec 1st - Dec 16th.

If any staff and parents wish to nominate The Jane Moore Trust, below is the link that will take you direct to the website to make your nomination:
https://movementforgood.com/index.php?cn=SC020123&ct=education_and_skills&i=1668525599-99885.jpg&utm_source=holiday+card&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=12days2022holidaycard&utm_id=12days2022

New Art Tutor - Karin Borland



Hello, my name is Karin Borland and I am delighted to be joining Team Butterstone in the run up to Christmas. I will be running a series of 5 Citizenship Friday afternoon workshops. We will be making a big batch of lovely, handmade Christmas cards to sell as well as some other seasonal arts and crafts.

I live locally and paint landscapes which are usually inspired by walks, with my standard poodle Maeva, in the forest and along the River Tay. I teach art at Fairview School in Perth and I am really looking to working with a whole new group of children & young people.

New English Teacher - Owen Jermy



Hello, my name is Owen Jermy and I am excited to be joining Team Butterstone as an English teacher. I have just moved into the area after living in Cornwall for more than 20 years, and have worked as an Assistant Headteacher and Head of English in a number of other schools in England.

I am really looking forward to my first Scottish winter and am enjoying the prospect of working with all the children & young people in the school.

New Life Skills Instructor - Cat Hutton



At the start of this month I took up my new role as Life Skill Instructor. I am enjoying working with the Children and Young People within and outwith the classroom. Some of our Young People are working on Healthy Eating as part of their Personal Achievement award which will see them preparing and serving a Thanksgiving lunch to staff and Young People on Thursday 24th November.

The Young People in this class have been practising their dishes in Home Economics and working on decorations as part of their Art classes. This is just one example of the work we are doing in these classes. I have also been working with the Young People to get them out and about in the Community; we have visited Dunkeld Orchard, had visits to Stewart Tower Dairy and Perth. I see their confidence improve with each outing. With Christmas around the corner there are a lot of exciting classes ahead.

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Student Council Update



Students continue to meet on the first Tuesday of the month. It begins at 11:00am in the Health & Wellbeing hub and gives students a chance to explore ideas and share opinions. Hope to see you there at the next meeting on the 6th December.

PSI Update - Robert Davidson



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

Physical Education Update - Roz Rattary



Physical Education has been a very active month. The Children and Young People have been participating in Badminton, Basketball, Hockey, Pickleball, Circuits and some have experienced Boccia and Indoor Kurling for the first time.



Indoor Kurling has proved to be a popular activity, so we have decided to organise an Ice Curling trip to Dewar's in Perth.



The Curling sessions provide a great taster to the sport with an introduction to the basics and information on how the game is played. Many sessions are free and last approximately one hour. Sessions are delivered by Scottish Curling (National Governing Body for Curling in Scotland) qualified coaches. Please click the blue link for more information.

<https://www.perthcurling.com/curling-in-perth/>

Health & Wellbeing Update - Ola Gora



Same as every year, between 14-18th November our school participated in various activities to celebrate Anti-Bullying Week. This year our approach was slightly different and rather than putting too much pressure on reminding our children & young people what behaviours are unacceptable, we focused on having fun as a whole school community!

Inspired by other schools we called it Friendship Friday - and it was a fantastic opportunity for the staff, children and young people to get together whilst promoting positive and nurturing relationships with adults and strengthening bonds with their peers 👍

We had a great morning of playing Extreme Dodgeball, debating about inclusion, Bingo game with waffles and lovely little prizes, finished with

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a film session which sparked some interesting discussion around additional educational needs! As always, our children & young people were a great company and a good time was had by all! Check out the photos below! ★



has enabled us to ensure their environment is the most suitable for them to thrive.

Care Team Update - David Phillip



Recently in our houses we have welcomed some new members of the team, Conal, Dani and Jess. They have added a variety of experience and we are so glad to add them to our team.

Staff have started Duke of Edinburgh training with the look to start up our own Butterstone Duke of Edinburgh programmes in Spring 2023.

Upcoming Winter Events



Science - Pam Biccocchi



We have some new guests in science! We would like to introduce our 7 Neon Tetra fish (Garry, Barry, Larry, Harry, Mairi, Vhairi and Carrie) and 4 Catfish (Rory, John, Diesel and The Other One). They are encouraging our children & young people to become responsible citizens as they care for them.



The fish have been with us for almost three weeks now and we are delighted to report they are thriving. Initially, we had to find out which species of fish would be suitable for our tank and could live together. The young people also explored the ecosystem that our fish would need to survive and the most suitable chemical conditions required. There has been some trial and error as the water began to look a little murky but again, research

This month hasn't given us much time to recover from all the adventures of October. Christmas may still seem some distance away, but here on the Dunkeld Campus we are hard at work getting ready for December. Upcoming Events include;

Our **Winter Celebration** on the 21st December where we have the opportunity to recognise and acknowledge the fantastic, hard work being carried out by our children & young people.

Our **Winter Fayre** is also taking place on the 21st December and we hope that you can all stay on after the celebrations to explore our fayre and have the opportunity to buy some of the amazing gifts and decorations that our children & young people have been creating over the past few weeks, they have been doing a fantastic job. Our elves within the maintenance team have also been hard at work creating some beautiful wooden decorations that will be up for

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auction. Keep an eye open, you do not want to miss these!!

Afternoon Tea With Santa

This year we are hosting our very own **Afternoon Tea with Santa**, we invite the brothers & sisters of your children young people to join the children of our staff for a visit to Santa's Grotto where they will receive a gift, then an afternoon tea consisting of savoury and sweet treats, followed by an opportunity to colour in some festive drawings or to write and post their letter to Santa. **Please pre-book this activity as it is sure to be popular** (book by Friday 9 December). For the Grotto and Afternoon Tea all we ask is for a donation. We will be offering tea/coffee and shortbread/scones to the adults attending for £2.50 each, simply to cover our costs. We look forward to getting to know the brothers and sisters of our young people and hope as many as possible can attend.

Parent & Families Whatsapp Group



We would love to get your feedback on possibly setting up a Parent/families Whatsapp Group to support communication sharing. If you think this would be helpful, please email our Admin Team on butterstone_admin@moorehouse.org.uk and let them know your thoughts by **Friday the 2nd Dec.** If there is enough interest, we would love to set this up.

Warm regards

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

Tracey Ford-McNicol
Head of Education

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