

## HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT TO THE PARENT COUNCIL

Tuesday 24 November 2020

### Staffing

Mrs Anderson took up post in the Biology Department on Monday 4 November. She is replacing Miss Stevenson. Mr Gilroy has joined the PE department 3 days a week to provide additional support while PE activities are restricted during Covid. Mrs Cuthbert, Principal Teacher of Design and Technology, will be leaving us at Christmas. We wish her all the best in her new position. Her post has been advertised and will be appointed next month. We are fortunate, at present, that only one or two staff are shielding while we are under Covid Tier 4 restrictions.

### Dyslexia Awareness Week

Despite restrictions, we celebrated Dyslexia Awareness Week at the beginning of November. The Pupil Support dept led activities that promoted an understanding of dyslexia and how it is a different way of thinking and processing information. We are currently working towards our Dyslexia Inclusive Practice Award and should achieve it this session.

### Food Bank Challenge

The Charities Committee led by Mrs Galloway organised a House Challenge to generate donations for the South Ayrshire Foodbank. Morrison's shopping trolleys were stationed in the foyer and they were full to overflowing by the end of the challenge. Rozelle House were the winners!

### Children in Need Week

Many thanks to everyone for their contributions to Children in Need. £4776.23 was raised in total. Our S6 did a tremendous job this year under very difficult circumstances. They went about all the planning in a very responsible way and organised lots of Covid-safe activities to raise the funds. Our Skills Academy pupils in S2 and S3 also helped by putting their Barista skills into practice and serving hot drinks and milkshakes at interval. It was good to see our school values in practice. There was a great community feeling across the school throughout the week. Well done to our fantastic S6!

### Kyle Reads

A number of events took place last week to celebrate Book Week Scotland and promote *#KyleReads* and the English Department's *#Readwithus* initiative. Pupils in S1 to S3 enjoyed Scottish Book Trust webinars with contemporary authors and the library assistant, Mrs Macdonald organised a 'Shelfie' Quiz (guess whose book shelf).

*#Readwithus* is a virtual Book Group for pupils and parents across the Kyle Cluster. Three books have been selected that suit a P6/7 to S2/3 age group that we will read and discuss together. The aim is to spark the joy of reading across our school community and instil reading habits and routines which will support our young people to be more creative and imaginative, understand other cultures and perspectives and do even better at school, right across the curriculum.

### Other Events

- The Sport and Recreation class christened the new fitness suite this month. They were really impressed with the facilities.

- S2 Coaching Academy completed their Disability Awareness Training with our Active Schools Coordinator.
- We marked Armistice Day with a two minutes silence and School Captains, Kiera and Cara, laid a wreath in the foyer which was later taken to the Cenotaph in Wellington Square. Tilly and Rowan, both S6, played the Last Post beautifully to mark the silence. It was very poignant and moving.
- Mrs Rankin's Eco Group has been doing litter picks and have started a gardening club. This will be on hold for the next few weeks due to the new Covid restrictions.

## **Upcoming Events**

Winter Assessment Diet – Senior Phase assessments will begin in December and continue from 11 January 2021