

HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT TO THE PARENT COUNCIL

Tuesday 26 January 2021

Staffing

Mrs Cuthbert, Principal Teacher of Design and Technology, left at Christmas to take up a new post. Miss Cooper, currently Principal Teacher of Curricular Support at Stewarton Academy, was appointed in December and will take up post on 8 March. Miss Anderson is currently acting PT Design and Technology.

Christmas Events

December was a bit different this year but we still managed some Christmas Cheer. We had our Christmas lunch on 9 December with Christmas music, hats and very festively dressed catering staff. S1 had their Christmas lunch during period 4 with a few S6 buddies to help. The Charities Committee organised a 'Wear something Festive' day for Whiteley's Retreat on Friday 11 December. They raised £854 which included the sale of masks made by Mrs Macdonald, our library assistant. As part of our community work, we always try to do something to support children and families in need at Christmas. This year we collected lots of donations for the South Ayrshire Toy Bank. Thanks to Mrs Galloway for organising this. On the last day of term, we screened an online Pantomime ('Oh no we didn't!') and Mr Davidson led a virtual quiz which got quite competitive!

Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award

Despite the restrictions we have been under, 71 pupils in S3 have signed up for the bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award this year. In December, they started their camp craft training in small groups with Mrs McAndlish our DofE worker.

Return to Remote Learning

At the start of term, we returned to Remote Learning. This has got off to a very positive start (if you don't count Day One when Microsoft Teams didn't work!). Staff and pupils are settling well into this new way of working and there is an increase in the amount of live and interactive learning that is taking place this time. We will continue to develop our practice going forward.

Upcoming Events

28 January	Pathways and Options Evening
15-19 Feb	February Holiday