



## February 2023 Newsletter

We have been very busy since coming back after Christmas and have been working hard, settling back into routines and engaging with learning across the curriculum. We are all looking forward to it getting a little bit warmer for our daily walks though!

### STAFFING UPDATE

Currently working in The Hive are:

Mrs Sutherland – Monday to Friday

Mr McConnachie – Monday to Thursday

Miss Wilson – Tuesday to Thursday

Miss Munro – Monday to Friday

Mrs Henderson – Monday to Thursday

Mr Peden – also works in the mainstream school so is not based in the Hive full time

Mrs Baselala - also works in the mainstream school so is not based in the Hive full time

We are so very lucky that Miss Wilson joined us just before Christmas. Miss Wilson teaches in the Hive Tuesday to Thursday and is expected to be with us until the end of June.

We are also very lucky to have Miss Howie who is continuing to work with us for 4 periods each week.

We are still recruiting for an additional full time learning assistant. We will keep you informed of any developments.

### THIS TERM

This term we have three topics: Transport, Myths & Legends and Mini Beasts.

In our transport topic we will be learning about different modes of transport both past and present.

We are going to look at myths and legends across the world to develop an understanding of how important these are within different cultures.

In our mini beasts topic we will be learning how to categorise mini beasts scientifically as well as learning about mini beasts both here and in warmer climates.

We are also going to be learning how to use the 'Fix It Folder'. This is a resource designed to support pupils to think about their own and others actions, as well as ways to 'feel better' if they are in the red, yellow or blue zone. We will also be revisiting the 'Zones of Regulation' to support with this.

## NEWS FROM LAST TERM

### ART

We learned about Jon Burgerman, an artist that was born in the UK and now lives in New York. We looked at lots of his artwork and recreated some of his pieces. We had lots of fun doing this as he uses humour to create his work which makes it quite funny to look at! Here are some of our pieces of work that are up on the wall in the classroom.



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## OCEANS OF THE WORLD

In our oceans of the world topic we learned about the five oceans and looked for them on the globe. We learned about the different layers in the oceans and about the weird and wonderful creatures that live in the different layers. We discovered some very strange looking sea creatures as we went deeper down to the ocean floor! We used a variety of art

techniques to create some of our own sea creatures and learned different facts about them each week. For example, did you know that an octopus has three hearts and blue blood and live in oceans all around the world?



## THE ROMANS

The students really enjoyed discovering lots of different facts about The Romans and produced some fabulous work last term.

We made these amazing Roman Standards using sticks!



Other activities that we worked hard on included our Roman Soldier Mosaics. We made these by sticking helmets onto portraits of ourselves and backed them on beautiful patterns that we had created using cut paper. We also dressed and labelled our own Roman Gladiators so that they were ready for battle. However, we probably had most fun creating sumptuous starters, marvellous mains and delectable desserts for our own Roman Menu.

These included dishes like duck stuffed with snails, goose stuffed with dormice, goat's head and brains... yuck!

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Easter holiday - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April

Please be aware there are further industrial action days identified by Unions – once dates are confirmed Dalkeith High School will be in touch using the regular channels to advise of these. Please keep an eye on your emails from the school. If anyone does not receive emails or texts directly from Dalkeith High School please contact the school office directly on 0131 654 4701.

### COMMUNICATION

We are delighted to be using Seesaw again and hope you are enjoying the daily updates. As you are aware, after the temporary suspension of Seesaw last year, the private messaging facility is no longer available. You may of course continue to comment on posts that your youngster or Hive staff make. Alternatively, you can add a note which will appear on your youngster's page using the  button.

Alternatively, feel free to continue to communicate with us via email or phone call. If your message is urgent please phone the school office as staff may not be able to access emails during the teaching day.

If you are reporting pupil absence, please continue to do so by phoning the school office on 0131 654 4701 and leaving a voicemail.

As you are aware, we use Twitter as another way of sharing the wonderful learning experiences we have in The Hive. We are planning to use this more often so if you are able and haven't already, then please follow us @TheHiveDHS