The HIVE
at Dalkeith High School

September 2022 Newsletter

We would like to say a big welcome to our new first year pupils, we are excited to get to know you better!

Welcome back to our returning pupils. It's been great to have you back and to hear all about your summer break.

STAFFING UPDATE

Currently working in The Hive are:

Mrs Sutherland – Monday to Friday
Mr McConnachie – Monday to Thursday
Miss Munro – Monday to Friday
Mrs Henderson – Monday to Thursday
Mr Peden – Monday to Friday

We are privileged to have Miss Howie, a teacher from the English department, who also comes to work with us for 4 periods each week.

We have managed to secure Mrs Baxter on a supply basis on a Thursday and Friday until we can appoint a full time learning assistant. We will keep you posted on this situation.

THIS TERM

This term our topics are going to be the Romans and Oceans of the World.

We will be learning about the Romans and finding out why they wanted to invade and occupy this country. We will also be comparing aspects of Roman life with aspects of our own lives in Scotland today, such as houses, food, clothing, toys and games.

We will be learning how many Oceans there are in the world, about the different layers of the ocean and exploring different animals and plants that live in the different layers. I am sure we will also produce some wonderful pieces of art as we progress through our topic.

We will be working on developing our communication skills through our weekly Lego Club lessons as well as developing our social skills by playing games together and during sensory and social play sessions.

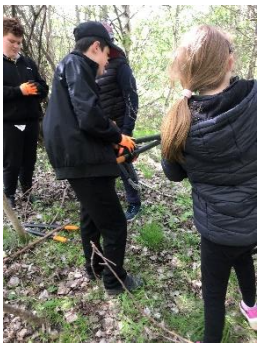
NEWS FROM LAST TERM

Summer term was a very busy term and here are a selection of photos. We cut down deadwood to create animal habitats with the Countryside Rangers.

We were back in the kitchen for the first time since lockdown making a selection of sweet and savoury treats, it was great to be back!

As part of our topic we had a visit from the SPCA. We pretended to be Rangers in the school garden and learned how to help sick or injured Scottish wildlife.

We worked hard in the CDT workshop and made wooden jigsaws and hedgehog pencil holders in connection with our Scottish wildlife topic.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September holiday – school closed Friday 16th and Monday 19th September

October holiday – school closed from Monday 17th to Friday 21st October 2022

Staff Inservice Monday 24th October 2022

Pupils return Tuesday 25th October 2022

Christmas holiday – school closed from Wednesday 21st December 2022 to Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Staff Inservice Wednesday 4th January 2023

Pupils return Thursday 5th January 2023

INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION PLANS

We plan to have IEPs run as following this year:

Term 1 targets - October to December

Term 2 targets - January to April

Term 3 targets - May to September

We will send home copies of our suggested targets and offer you the opportunity to discuss these further with the key teacher for your child. We are no longer under the same Covid restrictions, so we are able to meet in person again. However, we will also continue to offer phone or virtual online meetings as it has become clear that these are much easier for some parents/guardians.

COMMUNICATION

As you aware, Seesaw is not currently accessible and we are looking to reintroduce paper diaries in the interim while Midlothian looks into the issue. Please feel free to phone the school on 0131 654 4701 or email staff if you prefer that way to communicate.

If your message is urgent please phone the school office as staff may not be able to access emails during the teaching day.

As you are also aware, we will continue to use Twitter as another way of sharing the wonderful learning experiences we have in The Hive. If you can, please check us out @TheHiveDHS