

## P7 - High School Transition

Due to the ongoing Covid 19 restrictions, P7 transition will be a little different at the moment. Normally we would have visited the High School for our first workshop by now, but this year Newbattle have taken the opportunity to create virtual visits. Invites have been sent to all of the P7 children to join the transition Google Classroom. A virtual tour of the school is available for all, and Modern Languages have been the first to share a bit about themselves. We will be looking at this in class but please encourage your child to share this classroom with you at home.

## Home-School Communication

As always, if you have any concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

You can contact me through the Class Seesaw account or by telephoning the school office and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

If I have any concerns or if I am particularly impressed with your child's attitude to school and learning I will get in contact with you.

## Dates for your diary

Book Week Scotland: Monday 16th — Friday 20th November 2020  
Parent/Carer Consultations: Monday 16th and Monday 23rd November 2020

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# Primary P6/7 Newsletter November 2020

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## P6/7 First Term Reflection

We have had a fantastic first term back in school. We are adapting to a new school 'normal', making sure we do our best to keep ourselves and each other safe.



We have enjoyed being back with our old friends, and building new friendships within the class.

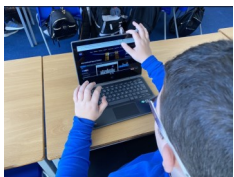
During our first term we focussed on Health and Wellbeing; learning more about our feelings and emotions and developing strategies to support us through difficult times. As we reflected on the past few months, we realised how resilient we were to get through them.

Resilience will continue to play a big part in our learning journey as we continue to be faced with the challenges ahead.

We thoroughly enjoyed our first class novel, *Holes* by Louie Sachter, exploring the key themes of friendship, race, choice, justice and judgement. We had some fantastic whole class discussions, made links to current events such as Black Lives Matter and demonstrated our creativity through our art.



We have made great progress using the chromebooks to support and enhance our learning in class. We are becoming more familiar with Google Classroom and the skills we require to use it effectively. Having access to technology has allowed us to become more independent in directing our own learning. We are beginning to use the chromebooks to carry out our own research, allowing us to widen our knowledge and understanding of a topic and present our findings in a way which suits us best. As well as Google Classroom, we continue to use Seesaw within class and to share from home.



STEM activities have played a massive part in our learning this term. We have been able to develop our collaborative and decision making skills. We have directed our own learning within science, asking questions about experiments we carry out with Mr McGaff helps us plan our own next steps.



We rounded off Term 1 with a trip back in time as we went 'Back to the 80's!' The children had a wonderful week. We carried out our own 80's research projects and presented them to the class. We created our own art in the many styles famous during that period, listened to music from back in the day and learned a little bit of signalong to share with everyone.



What a busy term we have had! I would like to thank you all for your support and encouragement during our first term together.

## This term in P6/7

We will be continuing to work hard within Numeracy, Maths and Literacy. In Numeracy we will be focusing on the 5 domains every week which include number sequences and place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, equations and algebra, fractions, percentages and decimals.

In Maths we will be continuing to develop our knowledge of time.

In Literacy we will continue with a skills based approach to reading and comprehension which will take place 4 times a week.



We have recently started our first topic, WWI. There is an air of excitement as we prepare to present our first virtual assembly focusing on Remembrance Day. Our second class novel, *War Horse*, will support our learning about WW1.

## Homework

While we understand that family life can be hectic we do appreciate your efforts to complete the homework tasks. All homework is intended to reinforce learning that has taken place in class. Homework tasks will now be posted on Seesaw. Our Homework for the term will be posted in a grid format. Some tasks will be issued on a weekly basis to consolidate Literacy and Numeracy learning, while others will have a longer time scale and will encourage children to get creative through topic based projects.

If you feel you need any advice or support in order to help your child with their homework, please let me know.