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Primary 7 Newsletter

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Message from Mr Johanson

P7 are working so hard to be the best they can be this term. I appreciate all their hard work and dedication. Our time left together in P7 at Mayfield Primary School is becoming less and less. Therefore, it is so important we re-double our efforts to get ready for high school, developing key literacy and numeracy skills. As always, I am very grateful for all the support from families and carers as we work together to maximise the learning opportunities in P7.

Reflections on January to the February Break

For it only being 5 weeks, P7 packed in lots of brilliant learning! Our learning theme for the first week back was 'Dream Big'. This included an extended focus on target setting and self-esteem. To link in to Burns Day we had a brilliant week of learning linked to Scottish Myths and Legends! I hope all the P7s remember what a Selkie and a Ghillie Dhu is! I have loved teaching twisted fairy tales to the P7s linked to our whole school Big Writing programme. We created our own 'true' version of Hansel and Gretel using Neil Gaiman's picture book version as inspiration — this was a hit in P7!

PE/HWB with Mr Peacock [changes to timetable]

Mr Peacock will teach P7 on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon for PE and HWB. If guidelines are changed and the P7s can get changed for PE this will be communicated to the P7s. At present, I am happy for learners to come dressed for PE on Monday and Wednesday.

Outdoor Learning

As the weather gradually improves, outdoor learning opportunities will be extended across the curriculum. To support with this I would appreciate if the P7s came to school with appropriate clothing for outdoor learning.

Numeracy & Maths

Our Numeracy and Maths areas of learning are as follows:

- Number Structure (Monday) - fractions as decimal numbers
- Maths (Tuesday) - building 3D shapes
- Addition and Subtraction (Friday) - visualising +/- of decimal numbers using concrete materials
- Multiplication and Division (Tuesday) - factors, multiples and primes and \times/\div decimal numbers by 10, 100 and 1000
- Algebraic Thinking (Wednesday) - applying algebraic thinking to fractions and percentages
- Fractions, Decimals and Percentages (Thursday) - simplifying fractions and improper fractions

IDL: Biodiversity and Interdependence

I am really looking forward to having a biology sciences / social studies IDL topic this term. I will be working hard to give the P7s as much ownership over learning. Some of the themes we will look into include:

- ecosystems and habitats
- the theory of evolution
- inheritance

We will be using the novel 'Darwin's Dragons' to support with literacy learning across the curriculum..



Best Boy and Best Girl 2022

We are delighted to share with you, Mayfield Primary School's Best Boy and Best Girl for 2022. After a very close vote, we would like to congratulate Dylan and Brooke on their achievement and look forward to seeing them proudly representing the school in the community at the Gala Day.

Easter Holidays

The Easter holidays begin at the end of the day on Friday 8th April. Pupils resume on Monday 25th April.

Transition

The transition to high school and coping with change is becoming an increasingly important theme in our classroom. Newbattle High School have created a Mayfield Primary School Transition Classroom on Google Classroom. It has some brilliant resources including the school day, an S1 timetable and familiarising yourself with the school building. We are using this to address the P7's questions and concerns. The P7s can access this at home using their Google login details (the same details they use to access the chromebooks in school). Please consider if it would be beneficial to take some time to look at the Transition Classroom with your child. With restrictions lifting at the end of the month, we are increasingly optimistic about whole class visits to Newbattle High School in June.

1-1 Device Deployment

There is great excitement in P7 at the moment as our chromebooks arrive in school. The children have started to build experience of using the devices to support and enhance their learning.

Having 1:1 devices will not only be an exciting opportunity but a great tool to support our learning journey. If you haven't already done so, please take the time to complete the deployment permission form which has been sent via email and text from the School Office. Click the link within the message to read more about 1:1 devices and complete the form.