Headteacher's Newsletter Friday 11 June 2021

Dear Families

I don't know where the week has gone and it's Friday already. We were lucky this week and the weather held out for both of our planned outdoor events. On Wednesday, the P1-3 sports afternoon was a great success, with staff and pupils thoroughly enjoying themselves. Scotty the Squirrel, our school mascot, made another guest appearance and enjoyed dancing along to the music. My grateful thanks to Mrs Leck and all the staff who helped to make that event possible. On Thursday we said goodbye to our S4. It was a super afternoon, with lunch, a short film about their time at Pitlochry, a mini Prize Giving and celebratory cakes. A big thank you to all the other staff who made that event possible. It was a lovely way to end their time with us and we wish them every success and happiness now and in the future.

It is the time for new beginnings in school and this afternoon, each Primary class met with their new teachers and the new school timetable starts on Monday.

P7 have enjoyed a particularly hectic final term completing their assessments and reviewing their years in Primary. They have reached beyond the stars with their Space projects and are preparing for the final exploration of Planet X, analysing samples from a mysterious planet. Everyone has applied for jobs in their Mars Mission and they now have astronauts, engineers, technicians, sports trainers, designers and scientists preparing Pitlochry Space Agency's Mission to Mars! Children, parents and staff have been sending in some lovely ideas for our P7 Yearbook which we will have finished by our last week. It has been a chance to look at old pictures and remember lots of happy times from Nursery to P7. They are hoping the planned "P7 Activity Week" next week will be a chance for a real celebration with lots of adventures and fun planned, from picnics to tennis, art and science workshops and lots of outdoor games and perhaps a few surprises along the way. The children have excelled themselves in this, at times, challenging year. We are confident that the knowledge and skills they have worked on will ensure everyone will do well as they move in to Secondary. Well done everyone in Primary 7.

News from The Den at Heartland Kids' Club –

*Our **Summer Holiday Club** operates on weekdays from 8am to 6pm from Monday 28th June to Friday 16th July 2021 for children starting P1 in August to 14 years.*
We have availability on the following days - available on a first come first served basis:
***Summer Holiday Club:** Tuesday 29th June , Thursday 1st July, Friday 2nd July and Monday 5th July.*
***In-Service Days:** Half day Thursday 24th June, Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th August.*
Kids will enjoy outdoor play, crafts, activities, den building, woodland walks, fun days… all helping to develop social skills, problem solving abilities, improve self-esteem, and nurture their emotional well-being.
Breakfast Club & After School Club
Normal service resumes on Wednesday 18th August. Book now to avoid the rush!
Available Monday to Friday from 8am to 9am, our Breakfast Club offers a safe environment for your kids to enjoy a healthy breakfast and play before their school day starts. Charged at £3 per child.*
After School Club runs Monday to Friday from 3.30pm to 5pm charged at £6 per child or until 6pm charged at £10* per child, where your kids can enjoy a healthy snack and safe play… we love the great outdoors!*

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To make a booking for our holiday club or regular clubs, or to find out more, get in touch by emailing bookings@thedenatheartland.com. You can visit our website at www.thedenatheartland.com, find us on Facebook at 'The Den at Heartland Kids Club' or Instagram at 'theden_atheartland'.
*The Den operates in line with Pitlochry High School Primary and follows all the latest Covid-19 guidelines. *Discounts available for siblings. Annual registration fee applies. Scottish Charity Number: SC049188*

Primary reports are out today, so please check in your child's bag for this. S4 parents will also be getting an up-to-date tracking report next week with their child's provisional grades subject to PKC moderation.

Have a lovely weekend.

Take care

Elaine Liney