Headteacher's Newsletter Friday 21 May 2021

Dear Families

It's hard to believe that we are at the end of another week already. Work and learning at school continue at pace throughout from Nursery to S4. Despite the current challenges, we are looking to the future and have been continuing with lots of planting from vegetables to trees. There are raised beds going into the top field and Nursery garden and we are very grateful for all the kind donations we have had this week, including plants from the Biodynamic Garden at Camserney, the Aberfeldy timebank and many local people. We have been donated tomato plants, cabbage, lettuce, tubers for Jerusalem artichokes, pineapple lily and much more. I feel there may be an enterprise project to come from this in the future! The people of Highland Perthshire are so supportive of our young people and their learning plans. Thank you.

S1 pupils and Mr Wrightson from the Science Department have been working with Mrs Sherriffs and Mrs Radford from the LRC at the start of their forensics project. Following a break-in at the library our sleuths, armed with magnifying glasses, attended the crime scene. Fingerprints were taken and the suspects identified! The pupils used Forensics books to do some further research into the history of fingerprinting. We think we may have discovered the next Sherlock Holmes or Miss Marple!!

S1 have also been learning outside for two days this week as part of their John Muir Award. They are just starting the award at Discovery Level and were Discovering, Exploring, Conserving and Sharing their knowledge about nature in Black Spout woods and it was a great success. The pupils and staff enjoyed their time and I have put some pictures and quotes from the pupils below.

Thank you to all the staff involved, who have re-imaged these trips and events through the lens of our current restrictions and made it possible for such valuable and exciting learning experiences for our young people to continue.

Many thanks to all who contributed to the recent ragbag collection as we raised £49.20. All the money raised goes into the school fund which supports pupil activities during the year.

Here is the weekly news from The Den

Summer at The Den at Heartland Kids' Club

We are busy planning our Summer Holiday Club at The Den. You can book spaces now - don't delay, spaces are limited!
Our Holiday Club runs on weekdays from 8am to 6pm. We are restricted to the following intake to keep us in line with Scottish Government guidance:
From 12noon on Thursday 24th, all day on Friday 25th June, Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th August: children from Pitlochry school only.
From Monday 28th June to Friday 16th July 2021: all children starting P1 in August to 14 years from within Perth and Kinross are welcome.
Our daily charge is £30.00 per child, with sibling discount available. Children must be registered with The Den, small fee applies.
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 wellbeing.
To make a booking or to find out more, just 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'.

Recruitment - Manager/Lead Practitioner at The Den

Sadly our wonderful Manager Paula is moving on to a new challenge, leaving us mid-June, and we wish her all the very best. Paula's departure opens up an employment opportunity for a Manager/Lead Practitioner at The Den. If you are interested and you would like more details on this exciting role, please email our team at thedenrecruitment@gmail.com Closing date for applications is Friday 28th May 2021. As always, thank you for supporting The Den.

Have a lovely weekend and keep safe.

Take care

Elaine Liney

"A brilliant day because of the fresh air."

"….. we saw 2 red squirrels and learnt lots about everything around us."

"I enjoyed the nature treasure hunt and river Kung Fu."