Headteacher Newsletter Friday 17 July 2020

Dear Families,

I hope you are all enjoying the summer holiday so far and taking the opportunity to relax together after a very challenging term. Although the weather has been changeable, on the whole we have been very lucky and long may that continue.

As planned, it is important that we can keep in touch over the summer and we have already seen significant changes to the freedoms we can enjoy as we move through the planned phases to come out of lockdown. As our local businesses re-open and we welcome visitors to Highland Perthshire, we inevitably think about the immediate and long-term future. Mr Swinney, Deputy First Minister, is due to make his announcement at the end of this month and I will make sure that detailed information about what this means for Pitlochry High School is out to you as soon as practicable after that. There has been further guidance today about social distancing in schools in August and this is available on the Scottish Government website. We will use this information in conjunction with the Scottish Government's recommendations and guidance at the end of this month, to finalise our plans for returning to school. We know how important returning to school is, but we are equally aware of the anxieties surrounding this, so please always rest assured that at all times the safety of children and adults will be our first priority.

On another local issue, Mrs Sherriffs, our School Librarian, is the Chair on the Surgery Users Group and would like me to draw your attention to the following information which originally came from Karen Rankin, Engagement Officer, Healthcare Improvement Scotland.

Public engagement on the **Near Me** video consulting service (https://www.nearme.scot/) is currently taking place and we've been asked to raise awareness of this and share the survey link with our colleagues in health and social care and also local communities. The survey is open between Monday 29 June and **Friday 24 July 2020**. Link to public survey www.nearme.scot/views. I hope you find this information useful.

Given the extraordinary experience that we have been through as a community, Pitlochry Festival Theatre would like to capture this moment in time and are offering you the opportunity to create two extraordinary pictures and/or pieces of dramatic writing responding to the themes below. If you are interested in taking part, please see the information on the next page.

I will be in contact with you again at the beginning of August.

Please take care and enjoy your holiday.

Elaine Liney

Pitlochry Festival Theatre

1. **Life in Lockdown**
    - It could show what you've learnt to enjoy about lockdown and what you want to continue doing when lockdown ends.
    - It could show you sharing a new skill you've learnt.
    - It could show us what you want to encourage others to carry on doing when we leave lockdown.
2. **Life After Lockdown**
    - It could be what you're looking forward to doing when we can all meet up again.
    - It could be showing how much hope you have for the future.
    - It could show us what you want to encourage others to do when we leave lockdown.

Here's what to do:

- Create an image, picture or collage to show what these ideas mean to you
- Write a small dramatic piece of dialogue for each of your images
- No more than 30 words for each picture.

Your work will then be made into a mini-online piece looking forward to when we can all be together again.

Window Images

We'd love to fill the windows of our theatre building with your artwork. They will be enlarged and displayed in the windows to share your hopes for your future and the Theatre's future! **You can send this through the post to**:
By post: Window to our Future, Pitlochry Festival Theatre, Pitlochry, PH16 5DR
By email: engagement@pitlochryfestivaltheatre.com