Headteacher's Newsletter Friday 25 September 2020

Dear families,

It is hard to believe that we are already within a week of the October holidays. We have managed to do so much in a relatively short space of time, and I am immensely proud of the way our school community has pulled together, putting the needs of our young people at the centre.

As ever, learning continues at a pace with Nursery, P1 and P3 planning and learning outdoors, P2 organising their planters and ordering bulbs, P4 gardening and thinking about their next steps for creating a manageable, but wildlife friendly area outside their classroom windows. P5 have been using their research skills to investigate what life was like for the Vikings. They have been finding out what Viking homes were like, what food and drink the Vikings had, what clothes were worn and what the Vikings believed in. The class has used this information to make a wall display of a Viking village. In Maths the class have been working towards improving speed and accuracy in calculating sums mentally. They have also been practising telling the time. In Secondary, S4 Health and Food technology pupils were learning about the functions of fat, flour and sugar. They made butter, bread and jam to experience the properties of these ingredients in action. S2 have also made their facemasks and it's great to see them being worn around the school building. It's so much more ecologically friendly to wear washable face coverings, so well done S2.

Please remember to look out for Primary settling in and S3 & S4 reports

We do have some Lost Property at school and although we have had a small number of enquiries and managed to reconnect some young people to their clothing, there remains a significant amount. In Primary, we have lost property boxes and will encourage all young people to check and in Secondary, we will also encourage our young people to reclaim their items. It would also be helpful if you let us know if there is something you have lost. Unclaimed items will be recycled at the end of October.

Can I please remind you to let the school office know if you are keeping your child / children off school if a member of your family is being tested for Covid and also to let the school know if you are traveling abroad during the October holidays.

In general, things have really improved but we do still have people bringing their dogs into the school playground so please accept a wee reminder about this and be aware of others.

On Thursday, we sent you the link to PKC survey home learning survey. Please take time to complete this survey as it is a great opportunity for us to get feedback from the whole parent body. We supported families in a range of ways during this period and would welcome knowing what went well and what we could improve on. Thank you in advance for completing this.

Have a lovely weekend.

Elaine Liney