Headteacher's Newsletter Friday 7 May 2021

Dear Families

It has been quite a week weatherwise and we have had all four seasons at times. It is hard to believe that we are in Spring, but it hasn't put our young people off at all and they have continued to learn, play and socialise together outside regardless of the weather. Fingers crossed for a more settled weekend and some warmer, drier weather to come.

HPLP (The Highland Perthshire Learning Partnership) is already offering a Foundation Apprenticeship Course at Pitlochry HS each Friday for school pupils and they have a new course to offer our local community. It is called Future Ready and I have attached a leaflet for you to read more about it.

I have also attached a letter for Secondary parents from Perth and Kinross Council outlining the rationale for the exceptional closure days for SQA purposes. As a school we have identified a range of learning that will benefit our young people and will be providing work for S1-3 focused on two aspects, Literacy and Health and Wellbeing, on those days. S4 will revise. More details to follow.

Since our return to school, our Secondary pupils have not been allowed to go into Pitlochry town centre at lunchtimes. Our S4 pupils are keen to have an opportunity to do this once a week and we are proposing to let them leave school for lunch next Friday 14 May. They understand how important it is for them to follow the rules in place for our whole community, in order to keep themselves and others safe. If you would prefer your child not to leave school, please speak to them about this and let us know your wishes. I will let you know how they get on.

News from The Den - ***The Den at Heartland Kids' Club*** *offers Breakfast Club and After School Club for children P1 to 14 years. Covid-19 restrictions are in place and we are operating at a reduced capacity with set bubbles. We have two separate bubbles for our children: one for lower primary and one for upper primary. The children will be with one member of staff in their set bubble, and we will try to keep this consistent depending on our staff rota.*
With the bubbles in place, we wish to inform parents/carers that on certain days/sessions, some children may be alone in their bubble, this may be due to child absences, or that no children in their bubble category are booked in.
All adults must continue to wear a face covering when dropping off and collecting children. Staff will welcome your child at the door for Breakfast Club and we will bring your child to you when you arrive to collect from the After School sessions.
Bookings are essential. Please email bookings@thedenatheartland.com Check out our website for more details www.thedenatheartland.com

The Den Seeks Depute Manager / Practitioner
We're looking to recruit an enthusiastic & committed Depute Manager / Practitioner (job share) to help run this vital service for our community. This is a great opportunity to be part of our team, providing a much-needed service for families of children in P1 to 14 years. If you are interested & would like more information, we would love to hear from you! Please email thedenrecruitment@gmail.com for job descriptions & an application form. Closing date for applications is ***midnight Friday 7 May 2021****.*

Please remember about our school RagBag collection and bring any items you have into school by Thursday 13 May at 9am. It's a good excuse to have a clear out at home and know that everything will be recycled for you.

Have a lovely weekend

Elaine Liney