Pitlochry High School News

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Head Teacher's Report

Dear All,

What a quick term that was and it is hard to believe that we are at the end of October already.

At the start of term in August, we welcomed three new members of staff - Mrs Janice Sheath, Nursery ECP, Mr Andrew McAdam, PT Maths and Miss Carla Rodrigues, French teacher. They have settled in well and are all enjoying getting to know our young people and their new posts. This term, we welcome Mrs Claire Mochan to the Nursery on Thursday and Friday mornings.

As ever, there has been and continues to be a lot going on in each area of the school and rather than producing a bulletin at the end of each term, we want you to know about things as they are happening. To that end, we are thrilled with our new website and would encourage you to go on and look at it at www.pitlochryhighschool.com . The website has a language function that allows the content to be displayed in a range of languages. We also have a Twitter feed and you can follow us @Pitlochryschool. In order to help you navigate the website, the pupils have created a "How to guide", with the help of our staff and Mrs Anne MacDonald, from the Parent Council. The Parent Council have their own page, so please look there for information on events and up-coming meetings and remember that you can follow them on Facebook.

We officially launched the website at our MacMillan coffee morning on Friday 29 September 2017. Many thanks to all the staff and pupils who baked for this event. As ever, our talented young people provided the musical interludes and did a great job in welcoming people to the school and serving teas and coffees. Many thanks to all who attended, helping us to raise a substantial £351.40. Nursey added to this total, raising a further £76.50 from their MacMillan shared lunch.

It is noticeably darker at 3.30pm when school finishes and indeed, the clocks change next weekend. To that end, I would ask you all to be considerate and vigilant when collecting your children and manoeuvring your cars. The back and front of the school is very congested with cars at the beginning and end of the school day and I appreciate that many of you are in a rush, but our main concern is the safety of your children. I know this issue is a worry for many parents and staff alike and there is no easy way to fix it, but we can improve things by driving respectfully, with the children in mind at all times. Thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

I hope you have all had a restful holiday.

Kind regards

Mrs Elaine Liney
Head Teacher