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"When you believe in yourself, anything is possible."

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"No school can work well for children if parents and teachers do not act in partnership on behalf of the children's best interests."



CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our second Curriculum newsletter. The purpose of this is to keep you updated with curricular developments that have been or will be happening at our school. As you will now read, it has certainly been busy at Hazlehead.

DEVELOPING THE YOUNG WORKFORCE

P5 have been focusing on an enterprise context this term. With some valuable input on business skills from our partners, Anderson Anderson Brown, the pupils worked incredibly hard in teams to create their own business. The groups created products to sell to the school population on consecutive Thursdays which ranged from sweet treats to a variety of craft items. After paying back their initial start-up loan to our Parent Council, raised an incredible £539.55 and have chosen to gift this money to Friends of Hazlehead. The key skills the pupils identified that helped them to be successful were being able to work as a team and to be able to count well.

THE POWER OF LETTER WRITING

As we all know, the art of letter writing seems to be waning in favour of quicker methods of communication, such as texts and emails. Mr. Crowther recently completed a block on letter writing and one of the contexts he used was for the P7 pupils to write to someone who inspires them and who they would like to invite to our school's Achievement Assembly at the end of this month.



Meredith was delighted to receive a reply from Dame Katherine Grainger! Unfortunately, she is unable to attend our Achievement Assembly but instead came to the school with Sir Ian Wood for a visit! They went on a tour of the school and then visited the P6-P7 pupils for a question and answer session. The pupils learned how much hard work and dedication is needed to be successful.

Another P7 pupil received a reply from the recipient of his letter. This famous Scot has accepted an invite to our Achievement Assembly so watch this space for further details.

THE BRUCE CAIRNS' DEVELOPMENT

In collaboration with Friends of Hazlehead, we have been working on developing the Bruce Cairns at Hazlehead Park to help make it a key feature for visitors. P6 pupils have been working with Sheena Blackhall (author) and Gabi Reith (illustrator) to create poems and illustrations for the 9 cairns that are situated near the café in Hazlehead Park. The poems and illustrations are about Robert the Bruce.

Informational plaques with the poems and illustrations will be placed with the cairns later on this year. This is a fantastic project for the pupils to be involved in, given its relevance, and it's amazing that this will serve as a legacy.

INTERDISCIPLINARY LEARNING FOCUS

We have spent considerable time since the beginning of the year reviewing and reshaping the curriculum we deliver. We want to ensure that what we offer is relevant and reflects the uniqueness of our school. As part of the review process, we have discussed the contexts we plan for Interdisciplinary Learning across the school.

After much discussion, we have decided to reshape and realign our contexts so that there is a whole school theme focus for each one. The advantages of this is that it:

- raises the profile of specific subject areas
- pupils can see how learning looks in these subject areas across the school
- there are more opportunities for meaningful collaboration across year groups
- best value and highest quality resources can be ordered/booked to enhance the learning
- standing calendar events are naturally incorporated into the IDL focus due to when they are planned during the year, e.g. Our Literacy World: World Book Day, Our Historical World: Burns Ceilidh

CONTEXTS FOR LEARNING 2018/19

The following IDL projects for classes in the new session are:

Our Scientific World	Our Business World	Our Historical World	Our Literacy World	Our Global World
Nursery Trees	Nursery Our Show	Nursery Me & My Family	Nursery Traditional Tales & Nursery Rhymes	Nursery Our Nursery
P1 The Sea	P1 The Post Office	P1 Our Homes (heritage)	P1 Our Valuable Friends	P1 Our Hazlehead
P2 Little Explorers	P2 Dragon's Den	P2 Castles Time Machine	P2 Bookworm Superworm	P2 Aberdeens Around the World
P3 Grow Your Own	P3 Show Business	P3 Wallace & Bruce	P3 Charlie & the Chocolate Factory	P3 Green Scotland
P4 Rainforests	P4 Hazlehead Inc.	P4 Mary Queen of Scots	P4 Linked to our School Values	P4 Weather Around the World
P5 The Blue Planet	P5 Enterprise Create your own business to help others	P5 The Jacobites	P5 Kaspar, Prince of Cats	P5 Scotland's Position in Europe
P6 Geology Rocks!	P6 Aberdeen Futures	P6 Scotland's Greatest Accomplishments	P6 Wonder	P6 Minature Earth
P6/7 Geology Rocks!	P6/7 TBC	P6/7 TBC	P6/7 TBC	P6/7 TBC
P7 Famous Scientists	P7 Engineering Enterprise Upcycling	P7 WW1/WW2	P7 Holes	P7 Skills for Life

WHOLE SCHOOL CHALLENGES 2018/19

In conjunction with the revised contexts, we will be issuing pupils with whole school challenges periodically throughout the year to coincide with the themed worlds. This is building on the huge success of the whole school challenges completed this year by pupils, 'Wonderful Aberdeen' and 'Trash to Treasure'. These open ended challenges allow pupils to showcase their best in a chosen style, be it 'say', 'write', 'make' or 'do'. We will ensure that opportunities are also provided for open afternoons for parents to come and see the amazing and varied work that our pupils can produce.

PARTNERSHIP WORKING 2018/19

We recently had an informal meeting for parents on 'How Parents can Enrich & Support the Delivery of our Curriculum' which was attended by a small number. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss how we can work in partnership to develop the skills that are essential for life, learning and work.

Following this meeting, a questionnaire was sent home to all parents to survey the range of jobs/interests that our parents are involved in. We are delighted to see so many returns coming back to school. If you have agreed to be contacted should a natural link arise to what is being delivered in the classroom over the forthcoming year, we will be in touch! We are completely flexible and will work around you.

I hope you can see how exciting our next session is shaping up and we look forward to working with you closely over the forthcoming year to create very rich, engaging and inspiring learning experiences for your children.

Kind regards

Barbara Jones 😊