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“When you believe in yourself, anything is possible.”

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“Keep going ... You never know how strong you are until you look back at everything you've overcome.”



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 4

Welcome back to all our staff and families. I do hope you have all had a restful Easter break and an opportunity to rest and recharge. One positive has been the warmer weather which I hope has allowed everyone to get outdoors as much as they are able to and enjoy the fresh air and sunshine. I certainly have looked forward to daily walks and have spent time really appreciating the signs of new life that Spring brings.

As you are aware from the national news, there is still no clear indication as to when the lockdown will end and indeed for when pupils will return to the school building. Until then, we will continue virtual classrooms. I have been hugely impressed with the smooth transition back into using Google Classroom for staff and learners.

Staff will continue assigning 3 pieces of learning daily, namely Literacy, Numeracy and Health & Wellbeing. As we progress through the term, we will be looking to incorporate our pre-planned cross-curricular context of 'Our Healthy World'. Further details will follow in the forthcoming week.

GOOGLE CLASSROOM & LEARNING FEEDBACK

Now that the virtual classrooms are established and both staff and pupils are embracing new class routines, there are important points to raise regarding feedback. Staff will give timely feedback as is appropriate to age and stage of pupils about the learning set. However, staff can only do this if pupils are submitting evidence of learning be it a photograph, video, slide or comment on how they got on. If a pupil only clicks 'hand in', it will just let the teacher know that child has completed the learning. Therefore, it is very difficult for a pupil's teacher to comment in the absence of any evidence. Staff are aware that some pupils have not always been able to complete all their learning daily, for a variety of reasons, submitting it the next day or at some point that week instead. Whilst it is completely understandable as we adjust once again to virtual learning, it may take longer for staff to return feedback for late submissions. It is still a learning curve for both staff and pupils so I would appreciate your patience and support with this aspect of virtual classroom life.

How to Submit Work

- Go into Google Classroom
- Click on 'classwork' to see the daily learning assigned to them
- Click on one of the assigned learning activities and click 'view assignment'
- You will find out more information about what you are learning and what your teacher wants you to
- On the right hand side of this page are 3 options – add or create, mark as done, private comment
- Click 'private comment' if you do not have evidence of the learning. The comment can be what you did, who you did it with, what you found difficult, what you enjoyed etc. This will give the teacher an idea of how the learning has gone in order to give appropriate feedback. The teacher feedback will appear under your comment on this page.
- Click 'add or create' if you have evidence to show the learning. There is a number of options to allow you to choose how you wish to do this which can be seen from the drop down menu.
- Whichever option you choose, you must finally click 'mark as done' in order for your learning to be submitted to your teacher to read over then give appropriate feedback.

VIRTUAL SCHOOLS SURVEYS

Thank you to all our families who have taken the time to complete a survey about learning using Google Classroom. This feedback will be invaluable in helping us steer our way forward to ensure that we are responding as best as we can to your views. Aberdeen City is also in the process of collating feedback from pupils, parents and staff in order to data capture the views and opinions from all stakeholders to ensure that their central planning reflects the needs of all. A Groupcall was sent out on Tuesday to all parents to inform parents with a return date of Tuesday 28th April. Staff and pupils will complete a questionnaire via Gmail.

TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHS

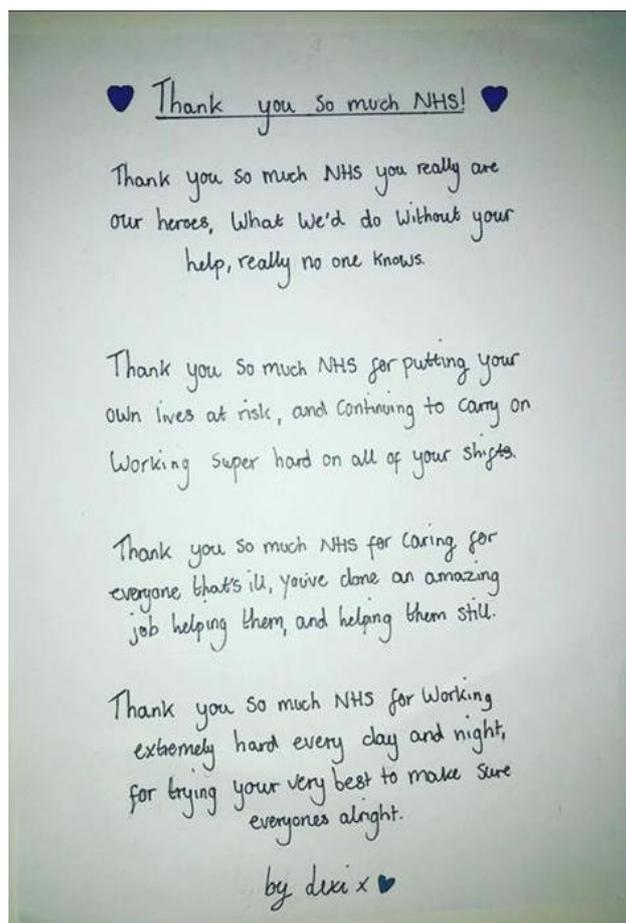
I know many of our families have ordered photographs and may be wondering when to expect them. Tempest have assured us that orders will be delivered to school once the building has reopened.

MAINTAINING NORMALITY IN THE VIRTUAL WORLD

Three of our key weekly events will stay take place. Assemblies will be uploaded by class teachers for pupils to watch on Wednesdays. Mrs. Bruce will still be organising the Golden Book with staff nominating pupils who have demonstrated specific school values in action. Presently, it is Opportunity. Incredible Work will also still be submitted to myself for Fridays for us to celebrate and share success. If you visit the following link, you'll see I have slightly changed the format as I now have a very important helper ...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xk2fVFRMlxM>

Finally, as we enter the weekend, I wanted to take the opportunity to share this outstanding piece of work from one of our pupils. It reminds us that not all superheroes wear capes.



Take care and keep safe.
Barbara Jones ☺