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

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“Unity is strength ... when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved.”



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

STAFF NEWS

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs. O’Leary who welcomed their beautiful baby girl, Ella Rose, last Saturday. We wish Mrs. O’Leary our very warmest wishes and for providing us with lovely news and something to celebrate in these difficult times! Sadly, we say goodbye to Mrs. Feaks who will be taking up a new teaching post on a part time basis in another school. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Feaks for her hard work and dedication to the life of the school and wish her every success in the next chapter of her teaching career.

Our wonderful school chaplain, Mr. Petrie, has embraced technology and created a special end of term assembly for our pupils. It will be available for all pupils to watch on their Google Classroom today and will be placed on our school website. While this has a Christian focus, the clear message of love and taking care of one another in these extraordinary times transcends all faiths. Mr. Petrie wanted to make sure that he was still able to carry out his termly duties despite school closure. We want to say a huge thank you to Mr. Petrie for this as it really means a lot. Mr. Petrie is keen to ensure that he keeps in contact with our school community next term as he masters digital technology!

DIGITAL SCHOOLS AWARD

We were hugely delighted to receive notification this week that Hazlehead Primary School has been successful in its application to become a Digital School in Scotland. The Digital School Award is recognised by Education Scotland. Thank you to all the staff for their contribution to the application for this recognition, especially Mrs. Gordon and Ms. Beard for co-ordinating the evidence. Their closing comments are particularly fitting considering where we find ourselves at the moment! *“We are confident that Hazlehead Primary School will be a pioneer among schools where digitally enhanced teaching and learning is helping our children and young people prepare for living and working in the 21st Century.”*

END OF TERM

Finally, again, I want to take this opportunity to say how incredibly proud I am of the Hazlehead School Community for adapting to a very different life so quickly and for working collaboratively to support one another in a very new way of working. Pupils, parents and staff – we simply couldn’t do it without you as you all provide a vital role in the learning and teaching process.

While I know that this holiday will be quite unique due to the travel restrictions in place, my hope is that everyone is able to at least have a restful break with an opportunity to recharge their batteries – this applies to our pupils, staff and parents!

Teachers will not be posting learning activities over the Easter holiday period. However, I am mindful that considering the limited travel we are able to do, some families may be interested in accessing a range of online activities to keep their children entertained over the break. Please see our school website for more information.

I look forward to seeing everyone, be it virtually, on Tuesday 21st April as we begin the final term. Pupils/parents should log onto Google Classroom where staff will have set the learning for the day. We will create a weekly newsletter which will be sent via Group call as well as uploaded to our website on Fridays to reflect on the week, update you with any new information and offer any support/advice on common issues. We will continue to work in this way until we receive further guidance from the government.

Barbara Jones 😊