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February News

Dear Parents/Carers

As I write this it is a beautiful, crisp, frosty February morning and I'm struck by how stunning the school building looks. What has impressed me even more is how stunning some of the learning of our children has been. Just a few examples...

We have seen Primary 4/5 learning a huge amount about the eagle reintroduction scheme here in Scottish Borders, finding out about our native birds of prey and the conservation around this – we are now an 'Eagle School'!

In the Early Years Primary 1 delivered a terrific assembly sharing their learning about numeracy, literacy and the emotions through song, actions, and words. Well done to every single one of them. Primary 2 and 2/3 are busy exploring the local area, getting out of the school building to learn more about the history and buildings here in Kelso. Working in partnership with local experts has really opened their thinking up to how the town has changed over the years.

Primary 7 Young Leaders have been doing an amazing job of supporting our young learners in the playground, providing structured games and activities to keep the children active and engaged over play time. Big thanks to them. P7 also supported P1 to plant hundreds of spring bulbs in front of the school

Our splendid Primary 5's in Mrs Davenport & Mrs King's class did a brilliant job of planning and delivering the 'Snowdrop Café' event. Their teamwork in logistics, finance, baking, shopping and organisation were real examples of life-skills learning in action. Well done to the whole class.

Staff have also been busy in the last month. We have worked with colleagues from other local schools to plan high-quality assessments that bring together a range of learning. These help us make sure the learning is really sinking in with our children and that they can use what they have learned with confidence.

We have been developing our approach to planning and tracking attainment which helps us make the best use of time and focus on the things that really matter such as providing exciting, interesting and fun learning in all our classes.

We are currently working with the children to gather their views about life in school, allowing us to work to improve anything we can for the children so that they all feel safe, nurtured, included and can achieve their very best. We'll be looking for parent thoughts and ideas in the coming weeks!

Special Awards

The following young people have been sent to Mr Lindsay or Mrs Gibson for all the right reasons:

Murron Allan (P2) – for brilliant work on doubling numbers. All her answers were perfect!

Antonia Nicod-Rogerson (P7) – for supporting and caring for a younger child after a fall. Thank you.

Robyn McNulty (P2) – for a brilliant castle talk and a super model. It was excellent.

To **all the children in P3/4** who contributed to the 'Cash for Kids' Bake sale before Christmas – they have received a lovely letter of thanks from Radio Borders. Brilliant!

Rory Fleming (P3/4) – for always being ready to learn and focussed on his work. Well done Rory!

Faizan Adnan, Jacob Scott, Rory Fleming & Callum Baxter (P3/4) – for tackling super-challenges in maths with great success. Well done boys!

Lewis Herriot (P1C) – Demonstrated excellent early reading skills – well done Lewis!

Evan Cessford, Lexi Scott & Fearne Brotherston (P7) – for great work in translating Scots language.

Lucca Starkey (P5) – for a brilliant improvement in handwriting. Keep practising Lucca.

Cerys Payne (P5) – for excellent problem solving skills in preparing for the class café event.

Peyton Halliday (P6) – for a brilliant persuasive letter, convincing Mr Lindsay of the importance of 'Fair Trade' T-shirts at school.

Jack Wright & Kenny Keddie (P7) for leading an initiative to raise awareness of coronavirus and help promote good hygiene – they were assisted by Antonia Nicod-Rogerson, Ross Dagg, Dylan Marriott, Gregor Hislop, Callum Graham, Matty Fleming & Ben Smail.

Parking, Drop-off and Collection

We recognise that parking continues to be a challenge around the school. We appreciate everyone parking carefully and considerately, making use of the drop-off area and avoiding the busy school car park as we keep trying to ensure the roads are safe for everyone at Broomlands. Just a reminder that parking within 10 metres of a junction is an offence, and where possible, please avoid driveways and dropped kerb crossing points. PC Tait-Logan will be supporting us at times in the coming weeks to help keep our children safe as they come and go to school. Thank you for your support.

In-Service Days and Holidays

A reminder that the school and nursery (except for pupils who have chosen the 50 week pattern) are closed on Friday 14th February and will reopen on Thursday 20th February. We hope you all have an enjoyable half term.

Yours faithfully

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