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Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

This is such a difficult and challenging period for all families and I hope this finds you coping as well as can be expected. It is very important to manage each and every day in the best possible way for you and your family. All of our class teachers are providing educational materials on Seesaw to support learning but we understand there is a huge responsibility on the adults at home to support this. Please continue to find the balance that suits your family circumstances and don't hesitate to contact us should you require further support.



First Minister Announcement

The First Minister has announced Remote Learning for pupils will continue until the Middle of February at the earliest and this position will be reviewed on Tuesday 2nd February.

Digital Inclusion Support



I-pad Roll Out

We conducted a Digital Inclusion Survey in October to help identify families that had no or limited access to digital devices or the internet. We received a large number of responses and Glasgow City Council provided 33 i-pads and Mi-Fi dongles for us to distribute. We have contacted all families and these devices have now been sent home to support pupils with access to remote learning. These devices have been allocated to individual pupils specifically.

We have been informed that there is additional funding being made available for further devices (Chrome Books). Please contact the school directly to be considered for any digital devices that are made available. **The deadline for noting interest is Thursday 28 January.**



Primary 1 to Primary 6 School I-pads

We have been allocated 95 school i-pads for pupils from Primary 1 to Primary 6 to use and these have been delivered today. This is part of the accelerated Digital Roll out that Glasgow Education Services has overseen this Session. These i-pads are for general school use and will be shared across all stages P1-P6 so that pupils can engage in digital learning more effectively in class.

We have been informed that these devices can be loaned out to pupils to support access to remote learning during the period of Lockdown. If your child would benefit from one of these devices please contact the school directly and further information will follow.

Vodafone Mobile Broadband SIM cards



We applied for and have now received approximately 50 Mobile Broadband SIM cards that will provide the user with 30GB of Data for 90 days from the day you activate the card.

These will fit all types of Tablets, Dongles and Wi-Fi devices and come with instructions and access to a dedicated helpline to support you.

If you would like one of these cards please contact the school directly. They are available now.

Remote Learning Update



We have had a very positive response from many families who are accessing Seesaw to support their child's learning. I understand that this is not straight forward for all families and would urge anyone who is struggling to support their child's learning to please contact us directly so we can offer help.

We have had more than 10,000 posts and interactions per week since we started using Seesaw on the 11th January.

*** All staff will provide a recorded message at the beginning and end of the week for their pupils via Seesaw, this will take the form of a short recorded video or audio message.**

Class Teachers are working very hard to develop their own digital learning skills and in particular their understanding of how to use the tools available through Seesaw to deliver quality learning opportunities for their pupils. Please be assured that we are constantly evaluating our remote learning strategy and we would welcome any feedback that can help to improve our practice. If you would like to offer feedback or you require some additional assistance please don't hesitate to contact a member of our Senior Leadership Team.

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E-Books (Collins)



We have purchased online access to our Big Cat reading scheme and are ready to make this available across the school. We will be starting with our Primary 1 and Primary 2 pupils first and parents and carers will be receiving further information later this week. We will then make the necessary details available for all other classes moving from Primary 3 through to Primary 7.

February Weekend Holiday Dates



Please see the February Weekend holiday dates below. Class teachers will not upload activities for pupils on those days and they will not be available via Seesaw. We would encourage all families to take a break from remote learning during this period too.

Friday 5 February – Holiday

Monday 8 February – Holiday

Tuesday 9 February – Holiday

Wednesday 10 February – In-Service Day – Holiday for all pupils with All Staff engaging in Remote Online Training.

These are very difficult times and the job you are all doing supporting your children's learning is hugely challenging, we know this and we are here to help.

The level of engagement in learning activities through Seesaw has been wonderful to see and our class teachers are enjoying the on-going connection with their pupils. I have outlined earlier the additional capacity we now have to be able to support your child's online learning, please do not hesitate to contact us if you could benefit from the resources we now have available.

Thank you for everything you are doing to support your child's learning.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Robson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the letter 'n'.

Andrew Robson
Head Teacher