

28th September 2020



Arran High School

NOTE FROM MRS FOSTER

Hi Everyone,

Despite the growing numbers reported for positive cases of Covid 19 and the threat of greater restrictions, the focus in school is firmly on learning, teaching and health and wellbeing. This is crucial, especially as the SQA have still to confirm arrangements for this sessions qualifications. I did warn senior pupils at the start of term that there was a chance that examinations would be disrupted and it is important for both learners and parents to understand that evidence will play a vital role in estimated grades. That means that everybody needs to be committing to classwork and homework now; parents can keep abreast of homework set through ShowMyHomework app.

Many of our pupils have been given the opportunity to work with AOEC in a range of outdoor pursuits. This is helping to supplement the restricted opportunities available in PE due to Covid 19. Activities ranged from abseiling, climbing wall and team-building exercises. It makes me realise how fortunate we are to live on an island where these resources are readily available and I would like to thank AOEC for their involvement.

Hoping you all have a happy and safe weekend.

NOTE FROM MRS DICK

Over the last couple of weeks the number of young people coming to see us regarding concerns has increased and I thought I would take the time to explain how we respond to these. At the end of this newsletter you will see a flow chart that explains what happens when a concern is raised and some of the actions we might take. The pupil support meetings are where the relevant staff meet to discuss the approach we are taking with a variety of students and if additional referrals need to be made, or other advice sought. The purpose being to ensure all areas of the school are working together and a co-ordinated plan is in place and these meet fortnightly. Every half term there is also the full Pupil Support Group Meeting which includes our external partners i.e. social work, school nurse etc. and that is where we discuss students who have multi agency involvement or where, despite our current interventions, progress has not been made as we would like. The purpose being so we have a co-ordinated plan of action across multi agencies on the island to ensure we are working together and utilising the expertise available. Usually these meetings will talk about 2 or 3 specific students. Additionally we have Team Around the Child (TAC) meetings - following on from faculty PSG meetings we may choose to call a TAC meeting which means we create a Wellbeing Assessment and Action Plan with the child, parents and others working with the child together that we then agree to put in place to support them in school and a date for review. One of the decisions we might make at the faculty PSG is to send to TAC in the first instance. Additionally, before it goes to the full PSG we will always have held a TAC and usually have sought advice from appropriate bodies such as CAMHS and the educational psychologist (ours is Xanthe Wylie). I hope this will help answer some of the questions that come up periodically about how we decide what support to offer as a school.

As ever, any questions, queries or to learn more, then please be in contact.

Arran High School Buffs

Last week, Arran High School took delivery of 400 'buffs' emblazoned with the school logo. Buffs are a great way in providing sustainable face coverings, are easy to wash and quick to dry and help to reduce the waste and littering created by disposable face masks.

As the rules on wearing face coverings on school transport and in school have tightened, having a buff around the neck means all pupils will have ready access to a face covering, helping to keep them and the community safe.

This venture was organised by Graham Chappell of Arran Graphics and generously crowd-funded by the following Arran businesses: Arran Graphics, James of Arran Chocolate Shop, The Arran Cheese Shop, Arran Dairies, Arran Active and the Brodick Co-op. The support of the community in keeping our young people safe in these challenging times is very much appreciated.

To date, each pupil and member of staff has been provided with one free buff and there remain over 100 for purchase at the cost of £5 through Parent Pay.



'A' Achievements

Last week we celebrated the achievements of the pupils that gained 5 A's at Higher and N5 with some wonderful helium balloons kindly supplied by Lisa's Balloons



S1 Team Building

Many thanks to the Arran Outdoor Centre for running the team building for our S1s over three days last week. Looking forward to seeing how the class dynamics may change over the next few weeks with the recognition of new strengths among their classmates.



Outdoor PE Lessons

Particularly on sunny days like this we are really privileged to be where we are in the world.

This is our S4's playing tennis by the beach with the support of @arranhighpe and @ArranCoast.... Look carefully and you may spot our Acting Head Teacher, Mrs Foster, having a shot too!!!!



Annual Golf Competition - First Ministers Cup 2020

Monday saw our Annual Golf Championship at Lamlash Golf Club for the First Ministers Cup. It was great to see so many young people playing. Over 20 pupils took part this year from S1-S6. We couldn't have asked for better weather too.

We are so grateful to Lamlash Golf Club for providing the yummy pizza for all of our pupils who took part.

Thank you to Lauren Gilbert, Active Schools Co-ordinator for helping to organize this event and keep the tradition going.



Our Prize Winners from the day were **FIRST PLACE- K McNicol**, **SECOND PLACE-T Gilmore**, **THIRD PLACE-R Currie**



Fundraising for The Octopus Centre

Congratulations to I Monteith, L Young, A Adams, F Dybalski, K Easton, R Jackson, M Nicholl and H Beeton for raising £100 for the Octopus Centre!

The Wider Achievement 'Skills for Success' group organised a pop-up shop, selling 'I love Arran' stones and decorative heart garlands in order to raise the funds.



New Pupil !!!!! Enjoying PE

We had a new "pupil" join the PE department this week to play football on the Astro Turf with Miss McGhee ... it caused much hilarity !! as it kept moving the markers



ARCAS

This week we sent a cheque for some fundraising we did last session to support ARCAS. They very kindly posted a thank you to the school on social media.



ArCaS Arran Cancer Support Trust

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Thank you very much pupils of Arran High! Through the 'Wider Achievements Cafe' a total of £392.82 was raised last academic year for ArCaS.

Well done and great to have funds coming in as we continue to support and care for our island community.



Arran High School Award Ceremony

Prizes will be presented to pupils at a short Award Ceremony in school on Wednesday 30th September. Unfortunately due to COVID regulations, we are unable to invite parents and guests to this event but photos will be taken.

We are only able to present awards this year at the ceremony to current pupils. Ex-pupils that are receiving an award will be notified and certificates posted to them. We also have a number of awards for Attainment and Effort & Achievement. These will be presented prior to the end of term.

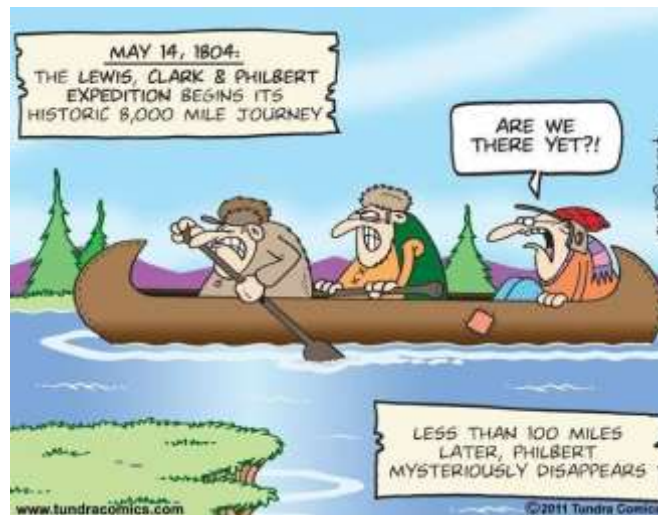
John S Scott Award for Dux ~ Medal	Naomi Provan
Margaret Wright Award for Attainment in S4	Milo Godwin
JD MacKinnon ~ entering Further Education or Apprenticeship	Ian McAdam, Darren Hewie, Gregor Crichton, James Currie, Alexander Macbeth, Liam Bremner & Jack Crisp
Arran Society of Glasgow Endeavour Award	S1 – Jemma Totty
	S2 – Hamish Campbell
	S3 – Andrew Bunting
	S4 – Callum Haddow
	S5 – John McNeish
	S6 – Hannah McCartney
Andrew J Johnson Award for Attainment in S2 Mathematics	Beth McCarthy
Andrew J Johnson Award for Attainment in S5 Mathematics	Naomi Provan
A R Humphreys Award for Attainment in S5 English	Naomi Provan
Arran Dairies Hospitality Trophy for Attainment in Home Economics	Freya Campbell
Brian Miller Trophy for Attainment in S5/6 Social Subjects	Joseph Gosman
Buchanan Prize for Essay Writing in S4 English	Cerys Herapath
Charles Russell Trophy for Attainment in Technical Education	Gregor Morrison
Heather Gough Trophy for Speech & Drama	Harry Gilmore
Ian Watt Trophy for Attainment in S5/6 Science	Naomi Provan
Lamlash Millennium Cup for Citizenship	Nicol Weir
Nicola McConnell Trophy for Contribution to the Music Department	Finlay Elliott
Golf Champion ~ First Minister's Trophy	Kyle McNicol
Active Schools – Leadership	Sarah Costley-Wood
Active Schools – Community	Charlotte McKillop
Active Schools – Participant	Stanley Hale

Summer 2022 Expedition

We are looking for initial expressions of interest for the Summer 2022 Expedition.

Expressions of Interest close on the 30th September. It is open to current S3 and S4 pupils and the form can be found in TEAMS.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKRkaHYvxFO5EggAZuYgZ9fxUMEdNOFpJVkJMUUhQVkJQyREIxSEpYWTRNRi4u>



Lost Property

This jacket has been left somewhere within the school four weeks ago and despite attempts to find it has not been found. Here is a photograph of the jacket.



Please contact the school office if your child knows if they might have seen it in the building.

We also have a huge amount of lost property which we have had prior to lockdown. We have bagged up the majority of it to go to either ARCAS or the Rag Bag.

Please could you ensure that all clothing is marked with a name so that we can return lost items to pupils.



For students in S5 and S6 we would like to encourage them to take on a Future Learn course either in their own or in wider achievement time. The advantages of doing so is when applying for a job, college or university that there is then evidence of some prior knowledge of the subject they wish to study or job they wish to do. It demonstrates some research but also gives the student an opportunity to do a trial and learn some more about their choice before committing themselves on an application. All courses are free, however many have enhanced features which can be accessed with a voucher code. We have codes that have been funded by the Parent Council and are available from Mrs Dick. <https://www.futurelearn.com/>

North Ayrshire Sports Academy (NASA)

The newly appointed North Ayrshire Sports Academy pupils for 2020/21 are as follows:

C Pickles
C Mckillop
A Sabra
S Gaber Hammednor
E Stevenson Smyth

They will be involved in the programme to become responsible, confident leaders providing more opportunities to our young people on Arran. This programme allows them to gain valuable life skills allowing them to better themselves and their CV.

It is an excellent course to be involved in and the Active Schools Coordinator Lauren can't wait to work with them and begin their Leadership Journey.

Back to School Blether

The Back to School Blether is an opportunity for children and young people aged 8-17, from across Scotland, to join Education Scotland, @GayleGorman and @stephenhepell to share their experiences since returning to school buildings

<https://professionallearning.education.gov.scot/learn/events/2020/october/back-to-school-blether/>

Bike to School week

Bike to School Week is a week-long event across the UK to showcase the many benefits of cycling to school. It takes place from 28 September to 2 October 2020. Please use the link below to sign up for a free guide to cycling, walking & scooting to school

<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/sign-up-to-receive-your-free-family-guide/>

There is also a competition for one lucky winner to win a bike from Halfords

<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/our-blog/projects/2019/uk-wide/bike-to-school-week-family-competition/>

Safer Schools App

See below information for a session on implementation guidance sessions for the new Safer Schools App. The internet has a lot to offer us all, however when children and young people are using this space it is important educators, parents and carers do all they can to keep them safe.

The free Safer Schools App can be loaded to your phone (it is available in 3 different modes – staff, parents/carers and pupil versions) and contains all the information and advice you would need to safely use social media, gaming and internet.

In addition, there are push notifications when a situation arises on any social media platform. Schools can use the push notifications to alert parents to any concerns around internet use or any other communications.

SAFER SCHOOLS
Educate | Empower | Protect
Your Entire School Community

North Ayrshire
Virtual Launch

Your school's digital safeguarding,
communication and training toolkit

- ★ Discover the benefits of our award-winning App
- ★ Two dates available!
- ★ Attendance is free!

2020 LAUNCH DATES! 🇬🇧
30th September
& 8th October

Safer Schools Partnership in Scotland is a partnership
between Zurich Municipal and Ineqe Safeguarding Group

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SAFEGUARDING GROUP

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Get involved & register

Our Safer Schools - North Ayrshire Virtual Launches are geared towards showcasing our FREE award-winning 'Safer Schools App' and the benefits to schools who have their full programme of insurance with Zurich Municipal.

In these exclusive online events, delegates will discover more about our Safer Schools partnership, that includes a FREE Innovative App, training and resources designed by 'Ineqe Safeguarding Group' in partnership with Zurich Municipal.

Ineqe Safeguarding Group was founded by our CEO, Jim Dentley OBE, the founder and former Head of OGDG.

Our Safer Schools App has been designed to combat contemporary issues that young people, educators and parents are facing online/offline, providing a platform for reform and general safeguarding techniques. We understand the importance of keeping children and young people safer. Providing solutions to the various issues facing parents, carers and those responsible for educating and empowering our adults of tomorrow.

Whether you're concerned in relation to Social Media, Gaming, Bullying, Sexting, Mental Health or would like to attain CPD Accreditation, it is all covered extensively.

Programme Overview

Discover the Safer Schools App (40 minutes)

In these sessions you will discover the benefits of our award-winning Safer Schools App. We will provide you with an overview of the key features, functions and safeguarding content of your Safer Schools App which will help educate, empower and protect your entire school community.

Learning Webinars (30 minutes)

In these sessions you will discover guidelines on how to launch the App with your school community. Based on our Safer Schools Launch Plan this session will empower you and your school to start strong and build momentum to achieve a successful Safer Schools launch.

App Masterclass (40 minutes)

These optional sessions will provide you with a live App walkthrough covering the basics of logging in to your new school App, making notes, locating content, courses and setting up School Groups – a safeguarding first approach to communication.

Discover your Safer Schools App (40 minutes)

App Masterclass (40 minutes)

Learning Webinars (30 minutes)

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30th September
& 8th October

Time: 4pm - 6pm
(Each session will last for two hours with a break of 15 minutes)

Price: FREE*

[Click here to confirm your attendance](#)

Contact Eilich James if you need more information:
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Please note all sessions will be delivered and recorded on Microsoft Teams

For more information...
Call us on 028 9600 5177
Chat to us on safer@schools.ieqg.co.uk
Email us on oursafer@schools@ineqg.com

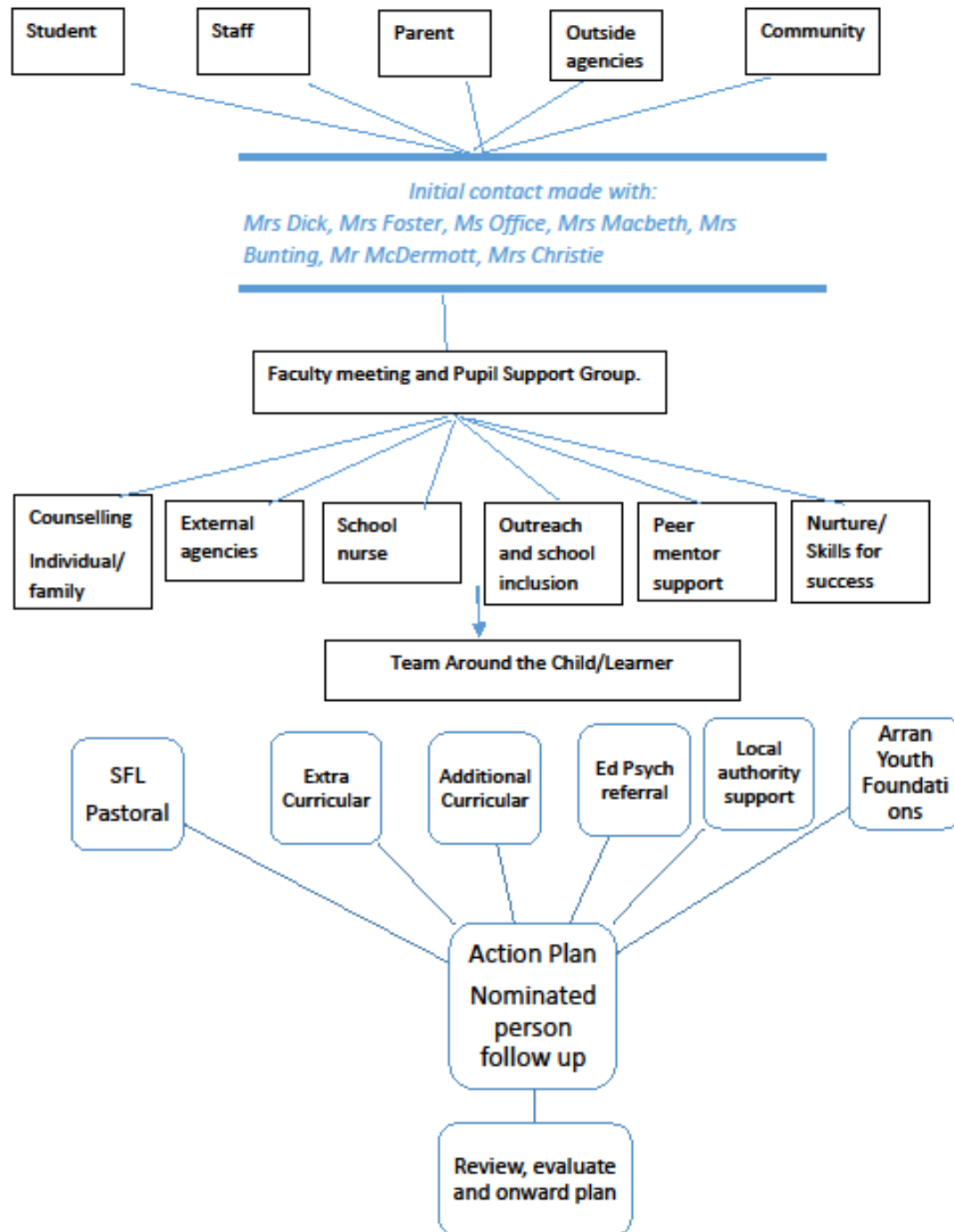
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Have you received an attendance letter?

This week the attendance letters went out for those students whose attendance drops below 90% for the previous 4 week period. These letters are statutory and **we are obliged to send out** to highlight to parents that attendance has dropped, and also to ensure they are aware that their child has not been attending. Often there is a very good reason for non-attendance and one bout of flu and a 10 day absence will trigger a letter been sent. If you know we know why there was an absence then please just accept that the letters come automatically. If you are unsure, please just pick up the phone and call us to talk it through. The letters are not designed to upset, but to inform, and are the set letters sent out in all schools in North Ayrshire.

Supporting Health and Wellbeing at Arran High



Staged Interventions:

1. Adapted and differentiated in school support
i.e. school inclusion, hearing, visual
2. Educational support from within the local authority
3. External support including CAMHS, Speech, health.
4. LAC (care experienced)

Hive Mind

Has anyone joined us recently from Edinburgh/Lothians? Or know someone working in schools or the NHS Education/Education Psychologists over there? We are interested in a LIAM project that has been running in Edinburgh which provides an in school programme to support children with low mood and anxiety, and also runs trainings for parents. Mrs Dick has attended a presentation by the clinical lead on it and would now like to hear from anyone who may have done the programme as a child or parent.

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/56d4490107eaa0756af084ea/t/5b75940b032be430ebb435b0/1534432275857/LIAM+Jane+Owens.pdf>

Please get in touch with Mrs Dick if you know anything, or if you would like the school to run the programme.



Every year group in school has a Microsoft Team and we are working hard to encourage all young people, as we have since before lockdown, to access their teams. It is where we put year group notifications and direct them to events of interest and many other things. We are now encouraging everyone to download the app on their phones so that they can also get notifications when a reminder is posted or new homework uploaded. The logo looks like the one here and if you could encourage your child to download the app and set it up it would be appreciated.



Macmillan Cancer Fundraiser - Friday 25th September

Today we held a "Wear Green for Cancer Day" in aid of Macmillan Cancer.

Many thanks to all the pupils that made a donation.

We have raised a spectacular amount of £315.66 for this charity