

### Welcome Back!

Happy New Year from all of the staff. Term three is now underway and although not as hectic as the Christmas term we are still going to be busy bees.

This is a twelve-week term with a break in the middle for Mid-term and Inservice (see dates below)

We hope to be welcoming Mrs Simpson back next week, but I will keep you posted. Unfortunately, Mrs Miller continues to be absent, and everyone wishes her well. For the next 5 weeks we have a student teacher in the senior class. Miss McLean joined us yesterday and has fit right into the team.

Thank you again for all of the gifts that were handed in at the end of term. The staff room is now stocked up till summer.

### Burns Poetry

January sees the start of our Burns poetry competition. This is a very important part of the curriculum and focus will be given to this during reading time in class. Poems will be coming home in school bags tomorrow. We ask that you practise this with your child and encourage them to take part in our Burns competition. This year we will be asking members of the intergenerational group to come in and judge. As always there will be a winner in each primary group and then an overall winner who will have their name engraved on our beautiful Burns trophy and receive their award at prize giving.

The ability to memorise and recite poetry can support children with skills for study (memory and recall) which is necessary for secondary school.

### Uniform Reminder

Just a reminder that children should be coming to school every day with a white/blue polo shirt and a dark blue jumper. On PE days, to alleviate changing, children can wear leggings, joggers or shorts. Every other day should be school trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafores. Thank you for your support with this.

The only exception to this is our P7 group who can wear their Leavers jumpers.

### Learning Journals

Learning Journals came home in school bags at the end of term 2. Thank you to those of you have looked through this with your child and returned them with a comment. It is lovely to be able to share the children's work with you as well as the goals they are setting for themselves to improve on.

Could we ask that all journals are returned by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January.

### Taste of Scotland

Taste of Scotland is back. The senior class will be organising this event along with Mrs Magalon. It will be an evening of music, poetry, food, and a showcase of the work both classes have completed as part of their mini Scottish topic - Scottish wildlife. More detail will come out about this over the next few weeks but please save the date and look out your dancing shoes.

## **Marykirk Update**

**Week Beginning**

**08/01/2024**

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### Dates for you Diary

Scottish Poetry Judging	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
A Taste of Scotland open evening	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2024
World Book Day	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
Parent meetings	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2024
<b>Holidays-</b>	
Mid-term holiday	9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Inservice days	13 <sup>th</sup> and 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Last day of Term 3	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024

