

### Term 3 Week 3

The weather has really been against us last week and this week has also been a bit concerning. I hope everyone is managing to stay safe. Thank you for your understanding during school closures. It is a very difficult decision to make which starts very early in the morning with the other cluster headteachers. We check the roads, social media and ask locals to find out what the conditions are like before making a decision. Closing the school is the very last thing we want to do but the safety of our families and staff are high priority.

Thank you also for your understanding as I take up the interim role of HT at Auchenblae. The interview process is underway to appoint their new HT, and I will keep you updated should anything change or take longer than planned.

### Staffing

As I made you aware last week Mrs Dickson in the kitchen is leaving after 18 years of service. We have been informed that the kitchen will become a servery with the meals being transported from Laurencekirk. Children with allergies will continue to be supported. An advert is in place from catering services for a new catering assistant and I will keep you updated when the role is filled.

## **Marykirk Update**

**Week Beginning**

**22/01/24**

**Ready    Respectful    Aspiring**

### Burns Poetry

Judging will take place tomorrow for the Scottish poetry competition. Some of our new friends from the intergenerational café have agreed to come and help with the judging.

I am happy to see so many people taking part. Winners will find out on Friday at assembly, and they will be asked to perform at the Taste of Scotland event. Tickets for this are still for sale and orders need to be in by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January at the very latest.

### School clubs

Dodgeball will take place on a Monday.

Play leaders will be running a games session Thursday lunchtimes.

Choir will take place on a Wednesday lunchtime.

### A big thank you.

We have taken delivery of 2 brand new mini combi ovens and 5 individual cooking hobs for our children. They were very kindly donated by Sainsburys through our lovely ex parent Greg Stewart.

This equipment will support the children to learn basic life skills when baking or cooking.

Thank you from all of us!