

# So that was September

Hello lovely parents and carers, the nights are fair drawin' in.

September has been a busy wee month as usual.

All our new lads have arrived and so we were able to run our election campaigns. A particular thanks to Aidan who was a fabulous registrar and organised all the paperwork for staff and pupils to ensure everyone was able to vote. He organised ballot papers and even helped the younger and newest pupils read their speeches.

On that, many of our older pupils have been heart meltingly beautiful to the new pupils, reading stories, escorting pupils to and from classes and supporting them at circle time, as well as being very encouraging and excellent role models.

A new council is now in session. They've been busy already and have invited local councillors to school for a tour and a chat about our school grounds which the lads feel could be greatly improved. They've designed models and have their architects' drawings to show the councillors when they arrive. They've been visiting allotments and have worked with a lady from Grounds for Learning in order to plan.

Pupils have been preparing as tour guides for the visitors from Kildonan Street. The Director of Education himself is coming to celebrate the children's achievement in getting the R.R.S.A, Level 2 award.

Last years P7 lads who did lots of the work will be joining us as V.I.P. guests.

This year, a big focus is *Global Citizenship* and our projects reflect this.

The pupils have just completed an India topic and did a show and tell for the parents and carers' of pupils from Miss Cassidy's class. The mums got to taste some Indian food the children had made and were roped into a quiz by our headie to see if they'd been listening. Mrs McIntosh's class ran an Indian take away at lunch one day which was very popular.

Over the year, we'll invite parents to our show and tell sessions so you can see what the lads are learning. We use this for assessment purposes because if our kids can informally present and teach others about what they've been learning, it's because they thoroughly know it.

Also, it's a great opportunity for us to teach children about giving constructive criticism.

Our lunchtime Scouts group have been sworn in and have been out and about to Drumpellier Park to get their explorers badge. A few lads have been learning to ride a bike with Mr Woodcock and Mr Steele, so they can get their cycling badge when it comes.

Rag baggers are continuing to collect old clothes for school funds and help the world and we've finally finished *Global Guy* - our new school member at the beginning of the month. He's fabulous.

I'll soon be writing Happy Halloween!

All the best

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