



My goodness, doesn't time fly? Who would believe we are nearly in May? I am currently phasing back into school after having been off following a sudden, family bereavement. So, I wasn't here for the return of all our P4-7 children on the 15<sup>th</sup> March but I must say it's lovely to be back and see everyone back in school again. I would like to thank all the staff for keeping everything going during my absence. They really are a marvellous bunch who never fail to go above and beyond the call of duty, I am hoping my employers don't realise that I'm not really needed after all!

We are delighted to welcome back Miss McMillan who has returned from maternity leave. She will be teaching the P1/2 class on a Monday and Tuesday as Miss Carroll has temporarily chosen to reduce her time to three days.

> I was happy to come back to school after lockdown to see all my friends again. It was sometimes hard doing school work at home because mums and dads have work to do as well. Lachlan P4



The children all returned to find fabulous new library areas in their classrooms. This was furniture which was purchased with Pupil Equity Funding in a bid to encourage some of our more reluctant readers (and our super keen readers) to spend some time each day enjoying a book.



When I saw the library furniture I said 'WOW'. I've enjoyed reading my book there, it's quite comfy.

Alula P4

It isn't just the library furniture which has had a face lift. We have also purchased new tables and chairs for each of the three classrooms and some new tray units for our middle and top classrooms. This does mean we are left with the problem of what to do with our old tables and chairs many of which are currently being stored in our shelter shed. They are a bit old and battered having been in the school for around thirty years but should anyone require any to be used in garages, greenhouses, playhouses or the likes then please get in touch.

## Student Teacher

The P3/4 class currently have a student teacher with them. Ms Archibald -Swaans joined us back at the end of February when the P1-3s returned to school and was with the class until just before the Easter Holidays. She has returned to spend a further six weeks with the class; I must say she has the loveliest class and class teacher to learn from.

> It has been really fun having Ms Archibald in the class. We did some work learning about graphs outside with her. That was really, really fun. Isla P3

## Arrangements for this term

Although restrictions are slowly beginning to lift across the country, sadly they are not going to lift sufficiently for us to be able to enjoy all that this term would usually have to offer in the usual way. Once again, parents' evenings are going to be done with a phone call again just as we did in September. A time slot will be allocated for you to have a phone call with your child's teacher to discuss progress that has been made this year. More information will come out about this in due course but we are aiming for the first week in June. We are going to have a sports day some fine day towards the end of May but unfortunately this will have to be a spectator free event as will our end of summer term assembly. We'll be sure to take lots of photographs of both events and produce a special 'news in pictures' PDF towards the end of term.



Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May-Wed 5<sup>th</sup> May 7pm-Online Parent Council Meeting June 25<sup>th</sup> -Last Day of term