



News from Charleston

Firstly I'd like to say a very big thank you to all the staff at Charleston for their hard work and support this year. Inevitably when someone new comes along, there are changes, and staff have been encouraging and supportive of these as we strive to take the school forward. I am indebted to them all.

We held a special Primary 7 leavers' Assembly during the last week. This was led by the pupils who reminisced about their time at Charleston School, showing off their talents and skills in front of their families, invited guests, pupils and staff. There were lots of funny and happy memories as well as a few tears shed over the course of the afternoon. Mr Scott Brundrett, from NOV, one of our business partners, gave an address linking the skills pupils are learning in school with those they will need in the workplace. Hopefully they will recall some of his advice in the not too distant future! Following the presentation of The Charleston School Cup, pupils led their families for afternoon tea and home baked cakes. It was a fitting send off for Primary 7 as they move onto secondary education.

Everyone at Charleston wishes them every success in the future.

We scored with the weather for Sports Day this year. Lots of families came along to support the pupils, who enjoyed the Potted Sports activities and were competitive runners! There were many positive comments about the fact the whole school, other than nursery, took part together. The winning House at Sports this year was Fulmar. The shield was presented to the House Captain, Dean Melville, at the end of term Assembly. Congratulations to them.

The House Cup, awarded to the House which gains the most points over the year has been won by Puffin. Lewis Wilson collected the Cup at Assembly also. Well done to everyone in Puffin.

Prior to her leaving, Mrs Gray, head teacher, introduced the Robertson Trophy for Science. This was in memory of her parents as her mother was a science teacher and her father a geologist. This year this trophy has been won by Jack Sutherland because of his enthusiasm and hard work in the subject. Congratulations, Jack.

Another new award is The Charleston School Cup. This is for the pupil in Pr 7 deemed to have made the most of opportunities afforded him/her during their time at Charleston, as well as their attitude towards learning. Staff in the school will decide on the annual recipient. The first pupil to receive this reward is Chloe Craig. The staff decision was unanimous. Many congratulations to Chloe.

This year our primary 6 pupils have been involved at the community allotments where Charleston school has an allotment. Mr. Pirie takes a group of 3 pupils down weekly to tend to the allotment. The television programme, "The Beechgrove Garden", was to be filming at the Cove allotments, and as part of that, pupils from here were included. The programme will air on the 23rd July and be repeated on the 26th July on BBC 1 in the early evening. Please watch – I'm sure you will enjoy seeing familiar faces.

On a personal note, I would like to thank pupils, parents and the wider community for making me feel so welcome. My first year has flown by, and I look forward to the next. Thank you all.

From everyone at Charleston, may we wish you a lovely summer break.

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