



LOIRSTON SCHOOL

A Happy New Year to all in the Cove Community from all here at Loirston. We are all back to work, a fresh start and the beginning of another new year!

We have started back with a great deal of enthusiasm for the work that we will carry out this term. Already we have been meeting with our pupils in the Eco committee and Pupil council to take forward a number of developments in the school.

It is important that all schools have clear guidelines on

behaviour in order for us to encourage our pupils to achieve their potential whilst fulfilling the capacities described in Curriculum for Excellence as Successful learners, Effective Contributors, Confident Individuals and Responsible Citizens.

In line with this our Pupil council have been working to improve our Behaviour policy and reward scheme in the school. As a result next week we will be launching a new initiative that will include all pupils being allocated to a House and they will gain points for their house by showing they can follow the Golden Rules that are in place. The house names are all linked to the cove area and are Souterhead, Bunstane, Red Rocks, Burnbanks, Black Cove and BroadCraigs. Our pupil council will also be choosing rewards for the house that gains the most points. The school will also be continuing our reward system of Golden time which is free time at an activity of their choosing as a reward for hard work and good behaviour. Our Pupils have reorganised the activities for this term and look forward to starting next week.

Our Eco Committee are also starting this year with an enthusiastic approach to looking after our environment both inside and outside the school. They are developing an Anti litter campaign for both inside the school and our playground. They are also

looking at ways of conserving supplies through turning lights off and computers off when they are not in use. As the term goes on they will be sharing more of their ideas to make our school Eco-friendly whilst encouraging all our pupils to be responsible citizens

This term our Pupil Council will also be working on encouraging pupils to make Healthy Choices. They will be running a Tuck shop each day. Mr Constable is currently meeting with the Pupil council about this and we hope to have it up and running soon.

Staff are also working hard with other schools in our Associated School Group to develop our work in maths in line with curriculum for Excellence and we hope to get together to produce some clear assessment guides during our in service in February.

Our Primary Seven pupils have also been showing our parents and friends in the community how much they have learnt around a theme of Australia. They shared their learning with pupils, parents and the community on Friday afternoon which was very well attended. The transformed their classroom into a scene from the Great Barrier Reef and held tours, conducted quizzes and had lots of other activities to share their learning with others. A huge amount of effort and work was put in by Mrs Mclean and her class.