

## A NOTE FROM MRS HEFFER

This week, with our very special visitor, gold medallist, Julian Golley at our school, we have continued to focus on ASPIRATION:

“Our Aspirations  
are our Possibilities”

-Robert Browning

**JULIAN GOLLEY INSPIRES!** – On Tuesday, this week the children took part in a morning of exercising under the guidance of the Commonwealth Gold Medallist, Julian Golley. The morning ended with Mr Golley doing an inspirational speech to the whole school, answering challenging question from an eager audience and finally, doing a triple jump over our 6 sports councillors! A day to remember! Photos and videos of the day will soon be published on our website. Watch this space!

**WORLD BOOK DAY CHANGE OF DATE!** – Due to some unforeseen clashes with events, we have had to move the date for our **WORLD BOOK DAY to March 10<sup>th</sup>**. This will give the staff and children more time to dig out those WOW factor costumes of their favourite book character.

As well as dressing up, the librarians are busy organising an afternoon of storytelling. We are planning to invite governors and parents/grandparents into school to read aloud their favourite children’s stories between 2pm – 3pm. If you are interested in joining in with this fun activity please leave your name with Miss Braddon at reception. *Jo Cameron*

**NEW ASSESSMENT AND STANDARDS INFORMATION EVENING** - On Tuesday evening this week the staff presented to parents information on the new assessment without levels and the new more challenging standards. A big thank you to Mrs Lea, Mrs Pallot, Miss Shaile, Mr Anderson and Mr Teasdale for giving their time to provide parents with a greater insight into the many changes in education at this time. This meeting was planned to help parents gain a clearer understanding of the information on progress and attainment that will be shared at parental consultation meetings next week. It was clearly well received by the parents who attended. If you were not able to attend, the teachers will be happy to issue you with the information booklets on changes to assessment and standards when you attend your child’s Spring term parental consultation meeting next week. Please could we remind you to ensure you have signed up for these meetings if you have not already done so as this is an opportunity to gain valuable information on how your child is progressing in school.

**A BUSY FEW WEEKS OF GOVERNOR SPRING TERM VISITS** – Over the last few weeks, our school governors have been busy visiting classrooms to see teaching, talking to children, looking at the new marking procedures in books, seeing evidence of appropriate use funding, such as Pupil Premium and observing playtimes and assemblies. In particular, all governors commented on the excellent behaviour of the children throughout the school. We are very proud of our pupils. Following these visits the governors provide the school with feedback reports on their observations and progress towards the School

Improvement Plan Objectives. We continue to be well supported by our governing body and value the skills they bring that aid the continuous improvement of the school. Many thanks to all involved.

**THE EDUCATIONAL WELFARE OFFICER WILL BE CHECKING ATTENDANCE** – Next week, the Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) will be meeting with the Headteacher to discuss the attendance of pupils. These meetings are held once a term where the school needs to provide reasons for why a pupil's attendance may have fallen below 95%. Where pupils have dropped to a percentage that is below 90% this does begin to raise concerns and in some cases the EWO will recommend that this is either discussed with the parent or a letter is sent home to highlight the fact that poor attendance can affect the progress a child makes. In an attempt to ensure all parents are well informed of their child's current level of attendance, your child's class teacher will now be issuing all parents with a letter each term, showing this information about their child. We hope the grid below will help to provide you with a valuable insight into how a percentage attendance is translated into the number of school days missed across an academic year.

100% attendance	No sessions missed.
95% attendance	This equates to 9 ½ days (two weeks) missed per year.
90% attendance	Equivalent of 19 days missed per year (four weeks).
85% attendance	This equates to 28 ½ days missed per year (six weeks).

**STAND ASIDE TORVILL AND DEAN!** – At the end of last half term, the whole school trip to Eden enabled pupils and staff to show off their skills on the ice rink and indeed, what a great day it was for all! The children also had the opportunity to visit the biomes and eat lunch amongst the trees in this beautiful setting. Today the children and staff were shown video footage of the day's events including a rather uncertain looking Mr Teasdale on skates. Don't miss an opportunity to see these video clips which are now on our school website. We think Mr Teasdale may prefer the rugby pitch to the skating rink! A big thank you to FOPS for their generous contribution towards this outing. A wonderful day was had by all with many fond memories made that will last for some time.

**Pasty Lunch:** Thank you to everyone that ordered a St Piran's Day pasty lunch for 7<sup>th</sup> March. Mrs Reeves has now placed the order, and we just need to remind parents of children that did not order a pasty to bring a packed lunch on 7<sup>th</sup> March as there will be no other lunch available. Thank you.

**Lost Property:** The following items are un-named and in the lost property box. Any items not collected by the end of day on 4<sup>th</sup> March will be sent for recycling. Thank you.

Sweatshirt	x4
Cardigans	x3
Polo shirts	x3
PE t-shirts	x2
Coats	x2
PE shorts	x2

**Archery with Go-Active:** Starts after school today. All children that returned a form by the end of the day yesterday (Thursday) were allocated a place.

**Gardening:** Mrs Waters has handed out letters re Gardening club to those children that have expressed an interest. The club starts next Wednesday and children will be notified if they have a place at the club on Tuesday.

## **Celebration Assembly:**

The following children all received a certificate, medal or badge in assembly today:

**Silver:** for reaching 100 points: Dylan Barker, Shannon Hennessey, Courtney Saayman, Max Marsden, Sol Guimaraes, Noah Farrell.

**Gold:** for reaching 150 points: Jamie McCallum, Phoebe O'Neill, Oliver Searle, Jessica Rowe, Ross McKnight, Sophie Holt, Ellen King, Lily Roe, Lottie Richards, Liberty Dingle, Joe Barber, Theo Michell, Tom Woodrow, Harry Murphy, Matilda Grose, Zoe Willcocks, Charlie Long, Arthur Long

**Medal:** for reaching 200 points: Evie Dark, Violet Perkins, Barney Dunnett, Jonty Bailey, Miles Cameron, Megan Ashton, Amelie Grose, Zane Aslam, Charlotte Best, Eddie Legge, Taro Symons, Kiera Peters.

**Badge:** for reaching 250 points: Daniel Matthews, Genevieve Pinnick, Ollie Parkes, Morgan Willey, Chloe Saayman, Jack Matthews.

**Random Act of Kindness Nomination:** This week Jack Barker was nominated for providing another child with a spoon when he could see that another child could not find one at his lunch table. Well done Jack helping someone in need.

Very well done to you all.