15 November 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you to communicate some school updates.

Tomorrow, we say "goodbye" to Mr Struan Gardner who has been our Depute Head Teacher for over 14 years. Mr Gardner is leaving us to take up a Depute Head Teacher post at Inverurie Academy. Following interview, the successful candidate for the position is Mr Matt Skellern who is currently Acting Depute Head Teacher at The Gordon Schools, Huntly. I will confirm his start date in due course.

We have been focusing this last week on the wearing of school uniform which has really improved over the last few months, and we will continue to focus on this as part of our ongoing recovery, renewal and improvement.

Next week, week commencing 21/11/22, we welcome Education Scotland visitors into school as part of our whole school inspection. Thank you to all parents/carers, pupils and wider stakeholders who completed the HMIE surveys to give feedback. We look forward to welcoming visitors into school next week as part of the focus groups who will be speaking to the Inspection Team.

Tomorrow, Wednesday 16 November, is a 'Dress as You Please' day to fundraise for BBC Children in Need. Pupils taking part are asked to donate £1.

Thursday 17 and Friday 18 November will be In Service days, so school is closed to pupils. During Thursday and Friday staff are participating in school staff training, whole authority training, and working in departments on our school improvement priorities of:

- Self-Evaluation
- Learning, Teaching and Assessment
- Wellbeing

Finally, I am delighted to inform you that we have achieved our Green Flag and Fair Trade 'Fair Achiever' awards in the last few weeks. A huge amount of work has gone in to achieving both awards, so well done to the Eco Group and the staff who supported them.

Yours sincerely,

Angela M. Wotherspoon
Head Teacher