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Parent / Carer Newsletter Session 2021 – 2022 Issue 8

Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope you and your family enjoyed some time together over the October break.

Hello Yellow Day / Foodbank appeal

#HelloYellow

Thank you to all families who supported the #HelloYellow event, on the last day of term, supporting positive mental health.

On the day, our young people were made aware of the excellent support services available at Harris Academy, should they require some additional support.

I am pleased to share that we have raised an amazing **£549.03** for Young Minds Charity!

On the last day of term, we also collected a tremendous amount of tinned goods for the Foodbank. Please see a copy of the letter, noted at the end of this letter, thanking our school community for our support.

Digital Schools Awards (DSA)

Following our recent validation visit by Jen McKay we have been successful in our application to become an accredited Digital School.



DIGITAL SCHOOLS AWARDS SCOTLAND

A huge well done to our amazing staff and young people on achieving this award #TogetherWeAreHarris. Special thanks to the members of staff and young people who took part in the validation event.

School extension

You may have read that Dundee City Council have agreed to an extension to our building which will result in an increase in the school roll to 1500 young people. This will allow our current catchment (including Invergowrie PS) to remain unchanged.

As soon as I have more specific details, I will update you. No timeline has been shared with me at this time.

Late coming

Since beginning our focus on pupil late coming at the end of last term, we have seen a sharp decrease in the number of young people arriving to school late, which is of clear benefit to our young peoples' progress.

If, for any valid reason, your young person may be late to school, please contact the relevant House Head or Guidance Teacher.

I would like to thank you for your support with this improvement area.

P7 – S1 Transition

Over the course of next week, Mr Stewart will visit our Cluster Primary Schools in lieu of the fact that we cannot hold a P7 Open Evening yet, due to COVID.

The dates are:

- Invergowrie PS – Monday 1st November 9.15am
- Blackness PS - Tuesday 2nd November 1.30pm
- Victoria Park PS – Tuesday 2nd November 2.15pm
- Tayview PS – Thursday 4th November 10.45am
- Ancrum Road PS - Thursday 4th November 11.30am
- Camperdown PS – Friday 5th November 2pm

Kind regards,



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Dear the staff and students of Harris Academy,

On behalf of Dundee Foodbank, I would like to express our sincere gratitude for your incredibly generous donation which totalled 450kg. This will help us supply approximately 50 people with a nutritionally based three-day emergency food parcel.

Dundee Foodbank is committed to providing emergency food relief to individuals, couples and families experiencing hardship throughout the city of Dundee and its surrounding area. In 2020, we were able to assist over 14,200 people with a non-perishable food provision and we are currently feeding over 200 persons per week.

We are anticipating a very busy winter period with the cut to Universal Credit and the rising costs of fuel, food, and energy. Your donations are vital to ensure we can keep up with what will likely be significant demand over the next few months.

We are incredibly grateful to the continued support we have received from Harris Academy over the years. Thank you for all you have done for us.

Ken Linton
Manager, Dundee Foodbank