

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent

It is with great sorrow and sadness that I begin to pen this newsletter and like everyone else in the Edwards School family try to come to terms with the tragic and untimely death of our valued and cherished pupil Jake Rankin. The empty space, the photographs, books, pictures, his infectious smile, his warm bubbly personality are all but some of the countless poignant reminders which remain in the hearts and minds of all who shared those precious years with him.

A sincere and warm thank you to everyone in the community who have supported us through our bereavement including the members of the EA Crisis Team and Michelle Young from Ink Wing. A special thank you to the Rev Ferguson who wrapped us all together with his comfort and support at this very sad time.

Welcome to the 2021/22 academic year. May I take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to all the new families who have joined our school this year and welcome back all of those families who have previously been involved in the life of Edwards Primary School, Nursery Unit and Kidz Play. This term we are delighted to have Gareth Porter from IFA who will coach Years 5, 6 and 7, Emily Pert from Sollus School of Highland Dancing who will teach pupils in Years 4 and 6 and Avril Loughlin who will deliver the Debutots programme to our pupils in Kidz Play, Nursery, Years 1 and 2. Brass tuition with Chris Wright will continue to be part of our weekly schedule. Mrs Anne McVeigh our school counsellor will support pupils on Tuesday morning. Please contact the class teacher to access this support. Miss Foster and Mr Lowry will deliver Rugby and football lessons after school and Mrs Mckeown will teach AQE classes. Our fundraiser this term will challenge each family to use their imagination and creativity to make a Scarecrow using any resources they may have at home, or in the loft, garden, shed or garage. More details to follow. Monies raised will go towards the purchase of Google Chrome notebooks and iPads.

Dates for your diary are as follows: -

Wednesday 15th September	Year 4 Rugby lessons with Miss Foster 3.15-4.15 pm
Thursday 16th September	Year 6 Football lessons with Mr Lowry 3.15-4.15 pm
Thursday 30th September	Year 7 Progress in International Literacy Study
Wednesday 6th October	Year 2 Parents "Linguistic Phonics"
Thursday 7th October	Year 1 Parents "Jolly Phonics"
Monday 11th October	Nursery Parents "See My Word Tree Grow"
Friday 15th October	Year 1 Trip to Gortin Glen
Monday 25th October until	SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 29th October	HALF TERM
Monday 1st November	SCHOOL REOPENS

We look forward to working together in partnership with you during the 2021/22 academic year as we continue to strike a balance between safeguarding our pupils' education, wellbeing and measures to contain COVID.

With kindest regards.

PS Please refrain from parking on the double yellow lines to allow access for buses.