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I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our first Pebbles Education newsletter which will be dedicated to sharing the wonderful stories and news from our schools.

We currently have two Pebbles schools, Dunfermline and Muirkirk, which are operating using our Adapt Learning Model. The Adapt Learning Model allows for our young people to learn in ways that suit their own personal needs, abilities, skills, and interests to create a more effective education environment for those who are struggling to flourish in a traditional classroom setting.

Equine Therapy

Recently some of our young people have been attending taster sessions at Shiresmill Therapy Riding Centre. The young people have thoroughly enjoyed this experience so are now attending the centre once every two weeks. They have been learning how to take care of the horses as well as how to horse ride which is greatly developing their confidence, social and teamwork skills.

Pupil Voice Sessions

Every week our young people take part in a pupil voice session which gives them the opportunity to voice concerns, share praise, ask questions, and make requests about their learning experience. This allows for Pebbles Education to better support and enhance the young people's experiences by shaping the schools' environment, operations and offerings. At the end of each session, our young people set personal targets for the week and they have been working incredibly hard to achieve these.

Through discussions at pupil voice, we have also introduced a school points system. The young people have been working hard to follow school rules, earning them points and then prizes at point milestones. Some of our young people have already hit their first milestone of 500 points, earning them a £5 voucher of their choice.

Outdoor Education

Recently the pupils have been involved with an outdoor education programme at Lochore Meadows which has been a huge success. The young people have greatly enjoyed taking part in a range of interesting outdoor activities such as team building, mountain biking, hill walking, zip lining, and campfire building then cooking. Through taking part in these activities, our young people have been building their confidence and fitness, while learning a range of new skills in an interesting and fun environment.



Cooking and Baking Classes

As elective choices, some of our young people have been taking part in baking and cooking classes. Each week, the pupils agree on a recipe and then go on a trip to a local supermarket to buy the ingredients they need. After they have bought everything they need they return to school and work hard to follow the recipe and create a tasty dish. So far they have made, Scottish tablet, Malteser tray bake, flap jacks, blondies and sweet and sour chicken. Every creation has been delicious and thoughtfully enjoyed by the young people and staff.



School Building Updates

The staff and pupils at Dunfermline school have been working hard to update the school building and resources. This has led to the creation of a dedicated music room complete with recording equipment and a range of instruments for the young people to express and practice their musical talents.

As well as this, the fitness room has also had a make-over with lots of new equipment including a spin bike and treadmill so the young people can improve their physical and mental health by utilising this refreshed space.

Additionally, all our classrooms now have a smart TV which can be used to enhance a range of activities across the curriculum, especially with many young people nowadays engaging best with communication techniques involving technology.

Finally, work is underway on the school's very own mural. Our young people have planned out the design, sourced the materials needed and been on a trip out to buy them. This project is now well underway with the wall being sanded, a base coat of paint applied and the design sketched out. We can't wait to see how this turns out!

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