

Providence Newsletter

"to educate and nurture each child, both in character and intellect, to the glory of God"

Urgent need for pupils

As we progress towards the end of another year we, at Providence Christian School, have, as ever, much to be thankful for. Over the last year or so, we have been made more acutely aware of how precious the Christian School is as a light in the midst of a dark world. Little did we understand the depths to which state education would plummet under secular influences, and it greatly saddens us how great the threat is to our young people locally and nationally. Yet, we should not be surprised that it is such.

The Christian desire to fulfil the Lord's command to raise our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord stands as much today as it did when it was spoken of the Lord, and we continue duty bound to follow this command, not only because it is commanded, but because it is for their good, temporally as well as spiritually.

Yet, again not surprisingly, we find ourselves in a position that we have not experienced over the 20 years that the school has been in existence. Sometimes we experienced a shortage of finance, sometimes a struggle to obtain staff and assistants, sometimes the struggle for suitable accommodation.....now our greatest concern is the lack of use of the school. Between now and the end of the school year, in June, our pupil count will reduce to us only having 5 children from 3 families looking to begin the autumn term, with no interest being shown from any other quarters. On this basis we need your prayers more than ever.



The situation raises a myriad of questions. How does the Church of God react to this? Are we happy, as Christ's ambassadors on earth, to continue to support the advance of secular and sometimes questionable education in our midst? Are we content to have our children in environments where transgenderism, climate activism and human rights are the gods of the day, and the Lord Jesus Christ is acknowledged only in December and used as a curse word the rest of the time? It is a question for us all.

If the case arises that we cannot continue, and we pray that will not be the case, it will lie at the door of the Christian community to explain how so. We encourage you to pray for us and to pray fervently. Not only for the School, its teachers and its families, but for our islands, our nation and our children.

We thank you for your continued support over these many years and we hope by God's intervention to continue for many more.

We wish you and your families every blessing at this time.



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Pray

For new pupils



Come to

our AGM on
Monday 10th
Jan at 7:30pm



Pray

for families who
seek to raise
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From the Headteacher

The children are making excellent progress. Our 'points' system is working well, providing a good level of motivation for the children. All children have achieved 100 points and their bronze stars, with a number also achieving silver stars.

We have reinstated the short, early walk on a Monday after worship, going to feed the ducks and cooking regularly, on pupil requests.



Learning the memory verse at the conclusion of worship time as a school is proving effective, with even the youngest pupils able to remember all or part of it. Working on a Psalm for a week has also been helpful reinforcement for the children. Staff have been pleased with the children's responses.

The school have enjoyed many visits. We went on a visit to Melbost during September to look at the geography of the beach and to examine the life in the rock pools. The children enjoyed the opportunity to explore the environment and were able to ask questions and to make good observations. We also had a visitor to school from the RSPB who gave the children a 'hands on' session related to birds, ocean life and the



impact of plastic on the marine environment. The children visited the harbour to look at different types of boats and what they are used for, and the lighthouse at Arnish to appreciate the role it plays in helping ships navigate safely and the technology/history behind it. We have been ice-skating to Scaladale and part of our winter term fun.



We continue to be well supported by local ministers for our beginning and end of term Assemblies. We are very grateful to the support of ministers (current and retired) in leading our worship regularly.

The children worked collaboratively to produce a scene from a book called 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' which Oaks are studying. Oaks were responsible for building the model lighthouse, cottage, lighting circuit, pulley system and Acorns for creating the background. Pupils were assigned different tasks depending on their age and ability. This was a satisfying project and something the children were very motivated about. We plan to take part in further collaborative tasks during the year.

Mrs Amanda Murray has now begun teaching Gaelic on a Tuesday morning. The children are responding very well to her input and we are thankful for the encouragement of having her on our team. We pray for the Lord's blessing on the year ahead in the lives of staff, pupils and families.

