

FEBRUARY 2021

# BHS HOUSE TEAM NEWSLETTER



*Spring Half Term 1*



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**WELCOME TO OUR  
NEW CONISTER  
HOUSE MANAGER**

## **MEET THE TEAM**

*Hello from your House Managers*

Hello to our wonderful Ballakermeen family. It has been an eventful start to 2021 for the majority of us, and we couldn't be happier to be back in school with our pupils.

Please enjoy our spring term newsletter and see what events and stories we have in store for you all.



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# Message from Mr Redmayne

*Dear Students,*

*I hope you, your friends and your families are well!*

*We are living in very interesting times and I'm very proud of how you've all risen to the challenge. The only constant in life is change and every generation faces difficulties. I remember that for my generation it was the shadow of nuclear war and the threat of AIDS. There's no doubt that Covid will change the way we live for many years to come.*

*If we all work together we will prevail. Be grateful for what you do have even if that doesn't seem much at times. Find strength and support in your family and friends and above all be kind to whoever you meet because you never know what someone else is dealing with in their life.*

*Be the light, not the darkness.*

*I hope that our school is a place where you want to come to learn, play, meet and grow. You are never alone; here you belong to your tutor group, your house, your year, your school and the Manx community wherever you are and wherever you're from.*

*I went into teaching because I believed in the future and I still do.*

*The future is you.*

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# INTRODUCING

Miss Court

Hi everyone! Thank you for such a warm welcome, I am so excited to be Conister's new house manager!



Since returning to school in the last 2 weeks I have been overwhelmed by your kindness and support. I am so pleased to announce that Conister are now leading the way in terms of charitable donations and have earned the most epraise points of all the 5 houses in the last week of term. Congratulations! Your efforts in class are paying off. Our BHS learner values are really showing!

So far as a house we have raised over £1250 for our chosen global charity, Action Aid. Once we return to school after half term I am excited to get together and think of some ideas to raise funds for our local charities too.

Working with such motivated and inspirational young people really is a privilege to me, I cant wait to hear from you all after half term. If you have any questions or ideas for Conister House whilst we are off, please find me on Gmail or comment on our google classroom! I am so proud to be your House Manager.

Stay safe and stay kind, Miss Court x

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# House News

## Free Fuel!



Watch this space, as soon the House Teams and the Eco-Committee are joining forces to create clean and sustainable fuel - for free. Paper bricks make use of the school's vast amount of paper recycling and allow us to create bricks for burning, rather than by buying logs. Why cut down more trees when we can make use of the resources we already have?

## Recycling at its best!

Another new eco initiative to be introduced is eco brick flower beds. Our pupils are wonderful at keeping themselves hydrated, but this often comes with increased numbers of plastic bottles around the school. Our mission is to take these bottles and create a beautiful flower bed in our grounds where we can plant our tutor groups' sunflowers. Once created, each bottle can weigh up to 175g, by being filled with wrappers. Now that's a lot of waste being put to good use, rather than going to landfill!



# Red v Blue



## HAS LOCKDOWN MADE OUR PUPILS KINDER?

We certainly think so!

On the 1st January 2021, Miss Court and Miss Wynne decided we would try out the Manx New Year's dip for the very first time. For some reason (unbeknownst to us!), we then said that we would continue dipping on the first of every month for the rest of the year. Not only that, we decided to get competitive with it and bring it to the school yard. So, once we returned to school from lockdown we were ready to begin.

But how could we turn it to a competition? Simple really. We asked our amazing pupils to sponsor us via epraise points to see which house could raise the most money. The way in which you have all responded has blown us away, raising £2000 in 4 days. To say we were overwhelmed would be an understatement. We are honestly so proud of the selfless, generous and kind young adults you are proving yourselves to be and the way in which you have got on board with our crazy antics.



Keep making us proud!

# HILLARY'S LOCK-DOWN DESIGN COMPETITIONS...

Over lock-down, Hillary House pupils were given the opportunity to participate in a couple of design competitions:

1. Design a jumper for a penguin.  
Australia's oldest man (109 years old!) helped to save penguins injured after a massive oil spill by knitting woolly jumpers for them. The jumpers stopped the injured penguins from trying to peck at and swallow the toxic oil sludge that stuck to them during the spill.
2. Design your own happy newspaper.  
We all needed to read and spread some positivity during lock-down.

There were two winners for each competition - have a look at their amazing work!

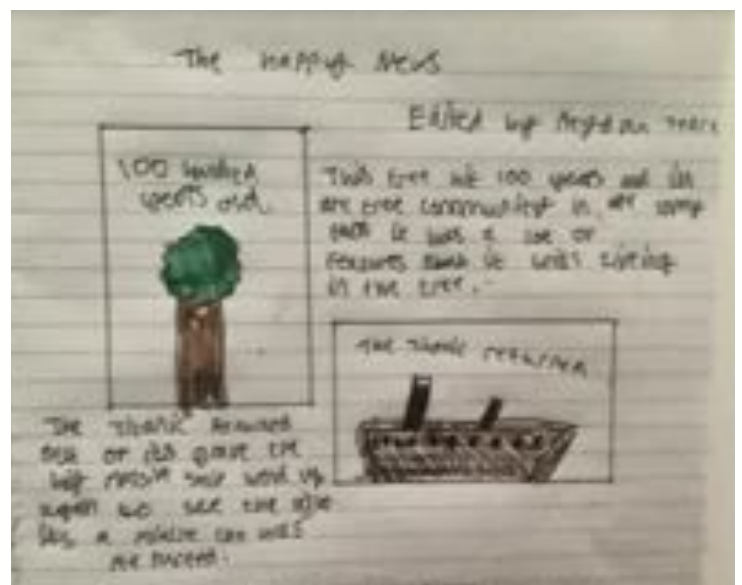


Isla, year 7



Isla, year 7

Eleanor, year 11



Aeydan, year 7

Mr Maylin's Message:

I would like to say how proud I am of all Patrick House students for their efforts and resilience during Lockdown! Patrick House smashed the other houses out of the ball park and earned the most e-praise points for the month of January! Keep up the amazing work and let's hammer home the remaining time between now and Summer! Keep up those high standards!



House Leaderboard	
5 <sup>th</sup> Conister	4574
4 <sup>th</sup> Hillary	4982
3 <sup>rd</sup> Langness	5523
2 <sup>nd</sup> Maughold	6264
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Patrick</b>	<b>7000</b>

Great Work = Points

WORLD LEADER BY ANIMOTO

Daniel, Jennifer, Riley, Ruby and Matthew from Miss Bevan's Year 7 tutor group took the initiative to design and create a hamper for Patrick House charity 'Mank Decaf'. They raffled this hamper off selling tickets for £1. They managed to raise £55 for the charity! Well done folks and keep up the amazing work and attitude!



Patrick House were the very first house to reach the £500 donation target through students donating their e-praise points! Patrick House students can be proud of themselves for being the kindest and most respectful! We are well over £700 raised just through e-praise points donations!



# LANGNESS HOUSE

Lockdown showed how resilient and hardworking young people can be. However, we are so glad to be back... Langness House is looking forward to the future and the prospect of working together for a common goal.

Just before lockdown, Langness students turned up to the Bowl on a bitterly cold night to help collect donations for BallaBoots. So far, Ballaboos has collected over 300 football boots that will be sent to West Africa in the coming months..A BIG thank you for helping and to anyone that has donated.

## International Development Grant

Thanks to a number of Langness students Ballaboos have applied for an International Development Grant worth £50000 from the IOM government. Students brilliantly wrote letters highlighting how BallaBoots would help raise awareness of international issues with young people.

## House Games League is Back

Last Year Langness were the worthy winners of the House Games League. Players competed in various table sports to win prizes for their house. This year it is back with newer games and prize points up for grabs.





# COMING UP

**Calling all potential Prefects  
and House Champions!  
Applications for next year's  
positions open from the 22nd  
February and will run until 15th  
March.**



**Please see your House Google  
Classroom page for details on  
how to apply.**

## **Classroom Codes**

**C = hgqy75g**

**H = qewoj4n**

**L = cir3q7o**

**M = swdehzy**

**P = q6w3swo**

