



2020 - A Year For The History Books!

Mr Maylin's Message: I took over as Patrick House Manager on June 1st 2020 just before we returned to school after lockdown. During my first assembly on Friday 3rd of July I laid out my intentions to take Patrick House from 5th to 1st and make us a true team and family which would be the best in the school! You have risen to the challenge I laid down and purple ties are now being recognised for being the most polite, smartly dressed and hardworking students in the school. Keep up the amazing work, acts of kindness and respect you are showing! You are doing me, the house and yourselves proud! Let's make 2021 the best for Patrick House!



Patrick House tutor groups did themselves proud this Christmas putting together almost 50 hampers for various local Manx charities. Mr Thompson's Year 9 tutor PY3 put together 7 hampers alone.

A big thank you to all students and teachers for their efforts as the charities were very grateful! This is the kindness and attitude that makes me proud to be your house manager!



Patrick House Top Merit Earners:



Year 7:

Daniel Chen (7PL5)

Year 8:

Charlotte Wilkinson (8PC9)

Year 9:

Ania Majewska (9PT5)

Year 10:

Daniel Lawrie (10PS7)

Year 11:

Ben Sinclair (11PS9)

Year 12:

Sophie Radcliffe (12PP5)

Year 13:

Freya Skillicorn (13PS2)

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 'Manx 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!



Year 10 Patrick House students Daniel and Abby were centre stage during Ballakermeen High School's Awards Day presentation at the Villa Marina. They did themselves and Patrick House proud with their reading of a poem they had written about lockdown. A superb reading that moved everyone at the Villa Marina.

Year 10 and Patrick House student Abby has been busy fundraising before the Christmas holidays. She was raising funds for Hospice and MS by making and selling light up bottles. To raise the money she took part in the Santa on a bike ride. It was her first time ever on a motorbike and she was raising funds for Rebecca House. Well done Abby!



The Head's Message to Patrick House:

Congratulations Patrick House students on your fantastic efforts. I was delighted to read this newsletter and be reminded of all the great things you are doing to support charities, not just Manx Decaf, but to all the recipients of your wonderful hampers. As Head Teacher, I have to support all Houses, but I echo what Mr Maylin has said about Patrick students being smartly dressed and very positive role models in school.



Patrick House Charity - Manx Decaf

Help us to raise £500 for Patrick House charity - Manx Decaf, the dementia café.

Target: £500.00

Donated so far: £492.00 (863 donations)

9840/10000 points

This year Patrick house has been raising money for the local charity Manx Decaf which helps dementia sufferers by putting on dementia cafes and supports carers. We have blown all other houses away with our e-praise point donations donating £492.00 out of our £500 target after just two and half months. This is £250 more than any other house. A massive thank you to all students who have donated their e-praise points! Your kindness will go a long way to helping Manx people who suffer from dementia. With PL5's £55 we are over half way to raising £1000! Between now and the 19th of March I will ask each tutor to come up with a fund raising idea to smash the £1000 mark! I look forward to seeing your fundraisers during 2021!

8PL11 (Mr Darron's) tutor Pictured.

7PK7 & 7PL5 on their very first day of school.



Mr Darron

Mr Thompson

E-Praise Point Standings as at the end of 2020:



1



87,382 points



2



83,784 points



3



83,389 points



4



81,892 points



5



79,681 points

Patrick House Pics:



Our Director of Sixth- Form Mr Karran is a Patrick House man through and through! Here are his reflections on 2020:

Hi all! As a proud member of Patrick House, I have been so proud of what you have all achieved this year. I may be biased (okay, I am) but I think Patrick students are the smartest in the whole school, and the purple stripe is clearly an indicator of excellence and ambition. Lockdown can be tough so make sure you think of your friends and try to help them through it with a kind gesture or a thoughtful text-knowing someone cares means a lot to anyone.



Goodbye 2020! Hello 2021! Let's make Patrick House the best house at Ballakermeen this year! Keep up those high standards!

