

Marr College
Parent Council Head Teacher Report
Wednesday 4th March 2020



On Friday 14th February a memorial plaque was unveiled to commemorate Charles Kerr Marr who bequeathed his wealth to the educational future of Troon residents and financed the first Marr College building. The ceremony was attended by representatives from all our stakeholders and our S6 Captains gave an account of the life of CK Marr's before S3 Captains led the unveiling. The plaque, purchased by the Marr Trust, is placed on the walls of the original building near the visitors waiting area.

Students

- G Docherty and J Maxwell attended the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Presentation on Thursday 20th February. The event was attended by a large number of students and parents. Marr continues to be the largest presenting centre for DofE in South Ayrshire and top 5 across Scotland
- Congratulations to the Senior Boys Handball team who were crowned champions at the Scottish Boys Handball tournament held at Ravenscraig
- House Assemblies took place in February, led by House Captains and the LGBT Allies group. Information was shared about how to achieve House Points and LGBT Allies gave an update on upcoming Purple Friday activities
- Rehearsals are well underway for our School Show 'High School Musical'
- The full supported study calendar is available to view on the school website and twitter pages. Please encourage your child to attend as many sessions as possible. A calendar for Easter School sessions is currently being developed
- The Dundonald Study Café started on 20th January in Dundonald Primary School with Supported Study sessions led by Marr College staff. Attendance has been mixed and all S4-S6 students residing in the Dundonald area are encouraged to attend
- The opening Assembly and Charity fair took place as part of the Young Philanthropist Initiative (YPI). The project for S3 students is delivered through RMPS and will see groups working together to secure £3000 funding from the YPI group for their chosen local charity
- P7 pupils attended a Maths Challenge and Careers Event on Thursday 20th February
- Mr Docherty attended the recent Dundonald Community Council meeting together with two student representatives. Both students will continue to attend monthly meetings. Students continue to attend monthly Troon Community Council meetings and provide a positive link between the school and our local community

Staff

- Our annual staffing plans for session 2020-21 will be submitted to South Ayrshire Council at the beginning of March. A projected increase in the school roll will see a welcome increase in staffing for next session.
- Dr Sargent (Full time permanent) and Miss Johnstone (Temporary Maternity Leave Cover) have both taken up their roles in the English department
- An national advert for a full time teacher of Design and Technology will be placed in March, together with the appointment of a PT Developing the Young Workforce (DYW)
- The Business Education department have all achieved certified Microsoft Innovative Educator (MIE) badges. Mr Simpson and Miss Wyllie are MIE Experts and continue to lead staff training workshops together with student Digi Champions. The next drop-in event for staff is Tuesday 25th February

Parent and Partner Engagement

- The annual Careers and Options information evening was a great success. Evaluations to be issued and discussion on the format will take place at the next Parent Council meeting
- Attendance at the S2 Parents' Evening was 85%
- Options interviews are underway for current S2-S5 students, led by PT Guidance teachers. Parents and carers of S3 students have been invited to attend the meeting if desired
- Our new online newsletter is published termly and available to view via Groupcall link, the school website and twitter. Miss Wyllie and a small team of S6 students continue to gather and publish school news and achievements

School Improvement Plan

- Improvement Teams continue to take forward aspects of the Improvement Plan.
- All departments have completed post-prelim attainment analysis and have met with their link SLT
- On Tuesday 11th February, all staff participated in a professional learning session on active and co-operative learning, led by Karen Dammer from Co-operative Learning Consultancy. PTs also participated in further training on lesson observations
- R Anders launched a revised approach to self-evaluation
- Two members of staff attended Level 1 Pivotal Education training and will share their learning with staff
- All staff and students have been consulted in the review of our vision, values and aims. Parent and partner questionnaires will be issued in the coming weeks

Upcoming Events

- S4 Full Report issued – Friday 28th February
- Deadline for options forms – Friday 6th March
- Ayrshire Music Festival Week – Monday 9th March
- P7 Welcome Evening – Tuesday 10th March
- S1 Tracking Reports issued – Friday 20th March
- Charity Dress Down Day – Thursday 2nd April
- In-service Day – Friday 3rd April (school closed to students)

G Docherty

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