Message from Head Teacher, Adrian Sugden
Welcome back to all our students and a Happy New Year to everyone. Already seems a while since we saw in the New Year. It’s been a very busy week as we welcome staff and students back after the break. Already we are fully up to speed and lots of exciting activities including community visits, City Farm visits, Bounce arena, planning bus route trips and Richard is hard at work planning for the Silver Duke of Edinburgh trip later this year. Over the break we had some work completed in the playground and had some ‘Graffiti’ goal posts and cricket stumps painted and what will eventually be our classroom chalk walls. Just before the break we also purchased a number of bike/scooters which the students are really enjoying. We have lots of new students starting this term and to support them a number of new staff too.

Group 1
This week in Group 1 we have been looking at changing seasons and during literacy lessons the students have been reading Winnie in Winter.

We have also been trying out the new scooters and Harry particularly enjoyed playing on these new scooters. Dylan has been helping welcome our new student Joseph into school.

Group 3
It’s been a busy first week back for Group 3. Adam has been to the Art museum as a community visit and completed work for life skills on public transport.

It was Alex’s 15th birthday on Thursday and we went to Frankie and Bennys to celebrate. He chose which friends he would like to celebrate it with and they all enjoyed eating pizza!

Reegan has been really helpful this week and getting keys cut for group on community visits.

Group 4
Group 4 are all happy to be back in school and have enjoyed going to the café for a community visit.

Monday was Mackenzie’s 13th birthday. Happy birthday Mackenzie!
**Group 5**

Group 5 are happy to be back in school with all their friends. This week we have been practicing playing ball games together throwing and catching and taking turns. Rohan tried out his Dory the fish Christmas gift at swimming and really enjoyed watching her swim around. Jaden and Kuba have been practicing making different sounds with their mouths this week. The group all had a go at making the jigsaw puzzles and a pattern using the ipad in ICT.

In leisure skills we made felt in Autumn colours which we will cut out in the shape of leaves and decorate next week.

Happy New Year everyone!

**Group 6**

Happy New Year from Group 6.

This week we met Yashpal who is going to be starting in school with us on Monday. Zhane has been shopping and is preparing for her party next Tuesday. In literacy we have all enjoyed accessing the new Winnie and Wilbur in Winter story.

**Group 8**

Group 8 have been looking at New Years resolutions and discussing what our resolutions are this year.

**Workshop**

This week in the workshop we have been making a memory box out of cardboard. We will be putting notes and photos each week about things that have gone well at school and look at all of the notes at the end of the school year.

**Group 9**

Group 9 have settled straight back into the school routine. We have started a new book in Literacy called ‘Winnie in Winter’ Rohun, Jed, Theo, Bailey, Tariq and Katie all had a fantastic time, dressing up as Winnie the Witch.

Happy New Year everyone!

**Active Living**

In Duke of Edinburgh: the group have been planting in rooted raspberry stock into the ground for transplantation in Spring. The group dug a slit/hole into the ground while another student placed the soft fruit plants in before covering with leaf mulch and compost.

At the school allotment they have been planting spring flowering bulbs under the fruit trees. This has involved weeding the area, digging the hole, applying some compost, counting the bulbs and covering and firming in.

In Forest School: the group investigated all of the ice in the area. Therefore we looked at the frozen pond, hard ground different colours we could see. The students looked at animal tracks which had frozen and we found the bird feeders (which were empty) we had made last December. The final two activities were searching for 6 items for an egg box such as: leaves, soil, twigs, stones etc and matching the colours they could see in the outdoor environment to a colouring bingo sheet.