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Supporting pupils with additional support needs



Teacher Nicola McSweeney
working on the school blog.

Staff at Drummore Primary in Drumchapel have been working hard to support their 66 pupils who have additional support needs.

Fiona McLean, Headteacher said: "We knew that online home learning would be particularly challenging for our pupils but the whole team have been really resourceful in helping us to support our pupils and their parents and carers.

"Initially we sent personalised home learning packs with a range of resources for every child. Then one of our teachers, **Nicola McSweeney**, created a school blog which has been really successful; one parent told us that her child kissed the screen when they saw a familiar face.

"The blog provides consistency between home and school, giving parents and carers access to familiar resources such as symbols, songs and activities. It also gives the children contact with familiar faces of teachers and other pupils.

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"We're able to maintain a school routine by having an online weekly assembly, and offering activities which can give children and families hours of tremendous fun. The blog is updated regularly and the children get really excited when a new song or activity is added."

Fiona added: "I'd like to thank all the teaching staff and support for learning workers who contribute to the blog and help us to support our pupils."

"I'd like to particularly thank Nicola who is our technical wizard. Nicola puts in hours of work to edit and upload the clips and transform them into something that is fun and appealing to everyone."

"Nicola is one of the most unassuming, modest and kind people you are ever likely to meet. Her thoughtfulness, talent, commitment and generosity have been above and beyond."

Well done team.

Internship Programme Success



Kieran with Councillor Susan Aitken, Leader of the Council, receiving a certificate at the Celebration Event attended by all Interns, Managers and Mentors, at the end of August 2019.

The Adult and Youth Employment teams in Development and Regeneration Services (DRS) are normally busy at this time of year preparing a 12 week internship programme for around 25 further and higher education students completing an HND or in their penultimate year of undergraduate degree study.

Mike McNally, Group Manager, DRS (Economic Development) said: "Because of the current challenges of lockdown we are having to postpone our programme this year."

"The programme is in its 10th year and to date has given over 200 students an opportunity to contribute to live projects across the council family."

"We work with managers across the council family to identify projects that could benefit the council, and also the student who is mentored throughout the experience and is given additional training and support. Feedback from

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students has shown that they value the experience and that it boosts their knowledge, skills and confidence – all of which helps them to go on to find a job and begin their career.”

One of last year’s summer interns **Kieran Fee** recently contacted the team to tell them how he is getting on. Kieran, formerly a student at University West of Scotland studying BAcc (Hons) Accounting, was a 2019 intern. He worked with the Economic Development team in DRS to consider the impact of Non-Domestic Rates on the Hospitality Sector in the city.

Kieran recently contacted Internship Co-Ordinator Beth McDonald to tell her about being offered a new job. **Kieran** said: “I have some great news. I’ve been offered the position of Financial Administrator at Asda Distribution Centre in Falkirk. Part of the reason I believe I got the job was my experience on the Economic Development team as well as having close network with the Finance team.

“I’d just like to extend my gratitude to everyone I worked with last year and those who made that possible. Asda is putting me through my professional exams as well as a very lucrative salary and other benefits. I’m really delighted.”

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