

SCHOOL NOTICEBOARD: SELKIRK HIGH SCHOOL

THE latest from behind the scenes at Selkirk High School...



Pupils are delighted to be back at Selkirk High School



Classmates are enjoying reconnecting with friends

We're back

The staff and students of Selkirk High School are overjoyed to be back together at the school. It is the most wonderful privilege for teachers to be a part of every student's amazing journey and staff have missed them enormously despite the wonderful successes of home learning and virtual live teaching. Students are thrilled to be back too and engaging once more in school life.

It's great for senior phase pupils to be back, reconnecting with each other and their teachers in really small groups and engaging in really meaningful learning.

For juniors, the focus is on practical activities and health and wellbeing and lots of fresh air! Proud headteacher Mr Bryson says staff have put in an heroic effort to provide such a meaningful experience this week. He said: "Everyone at Selkirk High School feels the emotion and emergency of the teaching vocation like never before."

"I tell you one thing - the students of Selkirk High School have put their values into action day after



day at a time when their community has needed them. "They have not given up, nor have they complained. "Despite the sacrifices and the pressures of these recent months, they are upbeat, positive and full of the most precious and

unexpected learning about what's really important in life."

Home learning

In the last week of home learning Mr Willan and Miss Douglas, along with 10 intrepid S1 students

ventured into the world of Minecraft. We all entered the same world where the students were split into groups and tasked with building a treehouse to specific criteria. The criteria focussed teamwork and included supporting others, sharing ideas and being as inclusive as possible.

Through an open Teams channel the students were able to communicate verbally and not only developed creative ideas but made them reality (in a non-real world). Both teams were amazing, with a range of abilities they were helping each other learn and develop their Minecraft skills. Some even starting to show off their coding skills. Each team developed a very different design and both Mr Willan and Miss Douglas were taken under their wing and shown the basics of making and creating in Minecraft.

We were very impressed with how respectfully they communicated with each other and worked towards a common goal. All this was done remotely, from our own homes, but this was the

closest we had felt to participating in a real live lesson since before Christmas. The students were so engaged they probably would not have noticed if we left them there all day. In fact what was meant to be a 30-minute session went on for 90 minutes! We actually had to mute them and freeze the game to get them to stop or they might still be there now. The students involved really do deserve our appreciation for putting their values into action and collaborating so well.

P7 transition

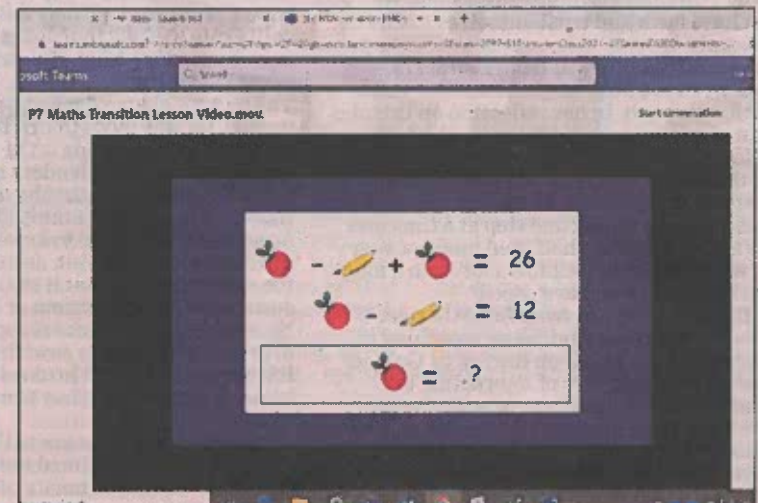
This week it was maths for all of our soon to be S1s. Unfortunately, Mrs McHenry (PT maths) was busy teaching our newly returned pupils and was unable to deliver a live lesson but she really got the P7 pupils thinking and working on their algebra through a recorded lesson and some challenging work. Pupils have been busy uploading their work for Mrs McHenry to see and she has been very impressed! Miss Ditchfield, one of our home economics teachers, is currently 'cooking up' a plan for the next transition session on Monday.



Students are enjoying practical activities



S1 students recently ventured into the world of Minecraft



Maths lessons have been delivered online