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Dear Parent/Carer

Acting Rector's Weekly Update 24-3-16

This week some challenging school matters are put into perspective as we spare a thought for the families affected by the terrorist attacks in Brussels. As we celebrated diversity in assemblies, this is overshadowed by the brutality of events unfolding in the news. I am confident as the tributes flood in, much of our school community will take time to reflect on their thoughts about the ongoing crisis.

Back in school, we celebrate further success in football with the senior team winning 4-1 and progressing to yet another final. On Tuesday, Professor Dylan William, renowned educationalist, visited Thainstone Exchange to give a Masterclass address to Aberdeenshire teachers. In freeing up colleagues, I apologised to pupils for the disruption but ensured quality staff development in effective learning and teaching will ultimately improve experiences for our young people. The highlight this week is most definitely the performance of pupils, led by Alistair F, in Aberdeenshire's Music Centre Orchestra at the Music Hall. I wouldn't claim to be any musical expert but the professionalism and quality of talent on display was evident for all to see. Of course, this is the Music Centre's showcase event but I would also commend the commitment and sacrifice of our musicians who travel the length and breadth of Aberdeenshire for practice sessions.

Next week, the Gideons will be at S1 assembly but I have some key messages in preparation for Easter Break. Following an incident where a pupil was struck by a car on Monday, it is a timely reminder to promote road safety. Thankfully, there was no serious injury but this could have been much worse. Parallel to assemblies, I take this opportunity to reach out to the local community and encourage parents and motorists promote caution at this congested area around the swimming pool.

To all of our parents/carers, I hope you have a pleasant long weekend.

Yours faithfully,



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