



Calside News

6th October 2023

Update on progress with the School and Nursery Improvement Plans



Since the School and Nursery Improvement Plans were written in March, we have had several unexpected changes. These have meant that we have had to pause, reflect and then change our plans for moving forward.

Changes to Staffing

We have had a lot of changes to staffing for this session. We have a new Senior Management Team and new teams at each stage of the school. We need to support the new staff to be able to implement our learning approaches and programmes across the curriculum, so that there is consistent excellent teaching across the school.

Loss of ClassDojo

On 4th September, we were directed by the Local Authority to stop using ClassDojo. As this was unexpected, staff now need to find alternative ways of sharing learning with you all. The authority has set up a working party to source a replacement to Dojo, but we need to continue sharing learning in the meantime.

Rights Respecting Schools

We achieved our Bronze award for the Rights Respecting Schools Award scheme in June last session. The Rights Steering Group, assisted by Mrs Kearney and Mr Templeton, have started to work on our action plan for the Silver Award. Our assembly and Time for Reflection calendars have been amended to prioritise the Rights Respecting approach, and the teachers have refined their yearly plans to include this within their learning programmes.

Digital Literacy

Staff have begun to implement the updated Digital Literacy Strategy, and our new laptops have arrived. However, we continue to wait for some of the new digital equipment from the Local Authority. We cannot progress with some aspects of our Digital Literacy programmes until these are in place.

Rainbow Room outdoor area

The fence has now been installed to create the boundary for the Rainbow Room outdoor area, but we continue to await the completion of the free-flow access by the D&G School Estate team. Once this has been installed, we can then move on with the installation of learning resources. Mrs Armstrong's efforts with her sponsor last session, and success with some of our funding applications, means that we can afford these resources once the access is created.

If anyone can help us with installing or putting together new resources, Mrs Hooper and Mrs Armstrong would love to hear from you!

In light of so many changes since we wrote the plans in March, we have updated the Improvement Plans accordingly. If you wish to read the full versions, they can be found on the school website, in the "Our School" section: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/dg/CalsideCourier/our-sch/>

If you have any queries, you can email the school on gw08officecalside@ea.dumgal.sch.uk and we will direct your query to the appropriate member of staff.