

# Hecklegirth Primary School

## Headteacher's Report to the Parent Council Annual general Meeting: 2.10.17

Following my year's secondment to the Supporting Learners' team as a Girfec Support Officer, I return to post for the new session.

### Current Roll

- Primary -237 pupils in 9 classrooms
- Nursery -60 pupils, including 5 two year olds.

### Staffing

- Mrs Gordon remains on maternity leave until June 2018.
- Mr Stevenson due to go on paternity leave for two weeks - TBC
- 0.4 Additional Support for Learning teacher
- 1.8 Learning Assistant
- 0.4 PE teacher
- 0.2 Music teacher
- EAL support as required

### Staff training

- HT has gained a PGC in Inclusive Education and has received long-service award from D&G Council
- Mr Callaghan completed the Instruction to School leadership and is on a secondment to PT post at Springfield.
- All staff trained in Child Protection. Mandatory cluster training will take place in June 18
- HT accepted onto Excellence in Headship training course offered by Scottish College of Educational Leadership
- All teaching staff enrolled in Education Training on Excellence, Equity and Equality in November
- February INSET - staff training will be around Word Aware and Team Teach

### School Improvement Planning

Raising attainment in reading

- Use of data, professional judgment and benchmarking with particular focus at 2<sup>nd</sup> level and for those receiving FSM
- Small steps of change identify interventions to help close the poverty gap and raise attainment
- Audit of resources to identify gaps in texts/genre
- Library development
- Word Aware training for all staff

- Introduction of TLQ and SRS support
- Developing 2 year old curriculum with appropriate resources and support for training

#### Raising attainment in numeracy

- Use of data, professional judgment and benchmarking with particular focus at 2<sup>nd</sup> level and for those receiving FSM
- Small steps of change identify interventions to help close the poverty gap and raise attainment
- Mastery of Maths in place to encourage quick and accurate recall of number bonds/facts.; reinstatement of Mrs Lindsay as Maths Champion to support staff and develop resources/overview
- Peer support for staff to develop reading skills- school, cluster and regional visits
- Developing 2 year old curriculum with appropriate resources and support for training

#### Developing partnerships to improve wellbeing, equality and inclusion

- Increase of parent volunteers
- Increased parental engagement through workshops and events
- Staff training on excellence, equality and equity
- Increased engagement with self-evaluation processes
- Tracking of early intervention/support from partner agencies
- Team teach training and input on ASN
- Development of nurture groups and area
- Increasing hours in Nursery and move to new building
- Nursery staff training in new early years curriculum for 2 year olds in collaboration with partner agencies and educational supports
- Review of school aims

#### **Pupil Equity Funding**

The Scottish Government have provided a PEF to help us close the attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged. This amount is based on the uptake of free school meals and therefore we have received £38,000. Some of this will go to the cluster to support transitional events across the cluster.

To ensure we get as much money as possible, we have sent out information to all parents to alert them to the funding. Although all P1-3 pupils receive free school meals already, this is not included in the PEF allocation so we require families to take this funding up which includes up to £80 of clothing grant.

#### **Nursery Building Works**

To create space to offer 2 year old provision in the Annan area, Hecklegirth Nursery will expand into what is currently the two P1 classrooms. This will require classroom moves for the two primary classes plus a move for the ASfLT and P3 to make space in the tower, This leaves only the ICT suite and one other 'break-out' room which is also being used as the library/music/Learning Zone. Increased focus on using the outdoors and hall to allow for movement.

Building works begin in January so classrooms to be vacated in October/November to allow for the removal of ICT equipment and desks etc. Cover has been provided by the Education Department to allow staff to have time to move.