

Dunlop Primary School and ECC

Parent Council AGM – 14/06/23

Head Teacher Report

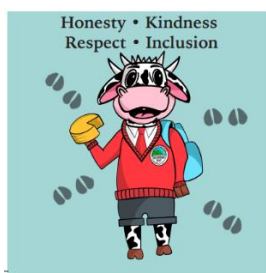


Summary of the year

It has been wonderful to get back to a normal school year leaving all the restrictions we have been living with behind. Dunlop Primary & ECC have truly embraced this and enjoyed a full calendar of events and learning opportunities throughout the year.

A large body of work undertaken this year, was when our school pupils identified they wanted to review our school values this year. Our Pupil Council members consulted with all stakeholders – pupils, parents and staff and refreshed our school values to:

Respect Honesty Kindness Inclusion



Following this, our P7 pupils have worked alongside 'Possibility Screams', a local musician to create a Values song for us which was launched on 14th June – we are looking forward to singing this at future assemblies and living and breathing our school values throughout the year.

News article- <https://newsroom.east-ayrshire.gov.uk/news/dunlop-ps-launches-new-school-song>
Listen to the song - <https://www.scottnicol.us/get-what-you-give>

Another huge success this year was our Rights Respecting School Pupil Voice group lead by Miss Ainsworth, leading us to achieve our Silver Right Respecting School Award. This is a huge achievement and we are delighted to have been given this award – well done to everyone for their hard work and support in this.



I would like to thank all the staff, parents and community for their support throughout the year at Dunlop Primary and ECC. It has been wonderful to see you all through our building on many occasions over the course of the year.

Communication

This year, we have communicated with and shared learning with parents/carers in many ways including:

- Meet the Teacher

- 3x parent consultations
- End of year report
- 2x Additional Support Needs meetings for those receiving additional support.
- Sways of Learning to summarise the many different events over the year
- Class learning presentations such as P1-3 nativity, P4-5 Viking Show and P6&7 WW2 show.
- Our school open evening for the end of our whole school 'Night at the Movies' topic
- Twitter feed
- More traditional ways such as our school app, school blog and in some classes, Learning Journals as well as termly HT newsletter and termly class newsletter
- Parent feedback forms – electronically
- Parent workshops – RSHP, Count on Us numeracy, 'The Big Discussion', RespectMe Anti-Bullying, Online Safety/Introduction to Teams

ECC

- 18 Stay and Play sessions
- 2 late night Stay and Play Sessions
- 3x parent consultations
- Termly Care Plan and Learning Targets: reviewed and new plans created
- End of Month Sways of Learning
- Weekly Reflection Diary shared on the blog
- Learning Journals updated ongoing
- ECC Learning presentations: Christmas Concert, Japanese Tea, Daffodil Tea, Moving on Ceremony
- Twitter feed
- Questions of the Month
- Parent Feedback from Stay and Play
- Child and Adult Questionnaires
- Parent Workshops: PEEP and Talking Time with Parents
- 2x Additional Support Needs meetings for those receiving additional support
- Coffee, Cake and Chat with DHT
- PreSchool Transition Profile
- Weekly Shared Home Learning on Learning Journals

I am sure you will all agree that we endeavour to ensure our communication with parents is full across the year. If you were unaware of some of these avenues of communication, please let us know so as we can share where to access them.

Events

As well as our communication, we are keen to ensure all children participate in a large variety of activities throughout the year which are not classroom based. This year, children participated in many events including:

- Pupil Voice Groups – Pupil Council, RRSA, Eco Schools, Digital Leaders, Sports Scotland, School Captains and Vice Captains
- Maths Week Scotland
- Dyslexia Awareness Week
- Anti-bullying Week
- Christmas Carolling in the community
- Christmas Fayre & Children's Christmas Fayre
- P1-3 Nativity
- Foodbank collection
- Scottish month including the P7 Burns Breakfast & Robert Burns Poetry competition

- Whole school IDL – Night at the Movies and open evening for the school community
- John Muir Award – expanding this to P5-7 with a full programme of activities throughout the year
- Health Week including Jubilee Sports, Potted Sports, Outdoor Learning Day and Sports Day
- Science Week with a World of Work Fayre
- Children’s Mental Health Week
- Lockerbie Manor – P7 residential trip
- Class trips to – Dean Park, Whitelees Windfarm, Vikingar in Largs, Danger Detectives, Quentin Blake Exhibition, Bennedetti Foundation
- Whole school trip to Dumfries House
- High School and ECC transitions
- Visiting specialist including Active Schools, LOST, Dean Park Rangers, Kilmarnock FC, Senjokai Karate, Aristos Fitness
- Extra-curricular clubs for all stages where we provided football, multi-sports, basketball, cross country, choir, cheerleading,
- P6 Rosemary Thompson Speech
- ECC Stay and Play both outdoors and indoors
- Bikeability
- Pupils represented the school at Cross Country, Sportshall athletics and Rotary Quiz & Ayrshire Burns Poetry competition

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- A Month of Maths and Maths Week Scotland
- Anti-Bullying and Kindness Week
- Christmas Concert
- STEAM Outdoor Learning Project
- Scottish Month
- Scottish Book Week
- International Month: Japan, with a celebratory Japanese Tea
- STEAM Month
- Health Week with Potted Sports and Flat and Fun Races
- BookBug, French, Rhyme Time, Rights Respecting School, Makaton, Mindfulness
- Trips to Stewarton to Aldi and The Book Nook
- PreSchool Transition
- Buddy Programme
- ECC trip to Calderglen Park
- Children’s Mental Health Week
- Weekly Cooking and Baking
- Visiting Parents for STEAM Month
- Mystery/Bilingual Readers

As you can see, the list is huge and I am sure I will have missed quite a few events here!

Celebrating Successes

Here at Dunlop Primary, we feel very strongly that we ensure we celebrate the successes of all our pupils throughout the year not only at end of year Prize Giving. This year, we have celebrated success in the following ways:

- Class certificates
- Scots Poetry Competition
- Rosemary Thomson speeches
- Dunlop Dazzlers where we celebrate wider achievements out with our school

- HT Awards based on our school values
- Wonderful Work – different monthly themes
- Sports Awards – Jubilee Sports
- Creativity, Citizenship & Outstanding Progress at Prize Giving,
- Numeracy, Literacy & Dux at Prize Giving
- Night at the Movie ‘The Dazzlers’

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- Artist of the Month
- Moving On Ceremony

SIP

At this time of year we review the progress of our School Improvement Plan and look at the priorities for the coming year. I have shared a Parent/Carer Consultation on our SIP and would encourage as many parents as possible to complete it. I am pleased with the progress we have made against our targets for this year and will continue to embed these over our three year plan. This coming year, our priorities are based on the National Improvement Plan Drivers and are likely to be:

- *Raising Attainment in Literacy* through a renewed approach and focus on both spelling and writing across all stages.
- *Health and Wellbeing of Young People* continuing the work we have begun on wellbeing supports and check-ins for groups and targeted individuals. We are also further developing on the work we began this year on Equality, Diversity & Inclusion to ensure our curriculum reflects this – we are still looking for parent volunteers for our steering group.
- *Closing the Poverty Related Attainment Gap* by continuing to develop and embed our the learning, teaching and assessment cycle ensuring robust analysis of data and assessment evidence to identify and support pupils in their stage of learning providing appropriate breadth, depth, challenge and support across the curriculum.
- *Increase Positive Destinations and Employability Skills* – continue to develop and embed our existing work on John Muir Award, Outdoor Learning and STEM, parental engagement and world of work, Pupil Voice groups and skills based learning.

ECC

- *Raising Attainment in Literacy and Numeracy* through continuing to develop our understanding of a Communication Friendly Environment and applying this in practice.
- *Ensuring the Health and Wellbeing of all Young People*, through establishing an ongoing and embedded Massage in the ECC programme, further developing our Family Learning and further developing our improvement work from 2022/23 on Equality, Diversity & Inclusion
- *Closing the Poverty Related Attainment Gap*, through continuing to develop and embed the learning, teaching and assessment cycle, ensuring inclusion, high quality play specific to their needs and fully embedding the tracking of wellbeing and involvement
- *Increase Positive Destinations and Employability Skills*, through developing our approaches to learning based on widening our staff knowledge and understanding of pedagogy and theory through staff engagement in professional learning and enquiry.

PEF

As with our SIP, I have issued a Parent/Carer consultation regarding our PEF spend. We have a small PEF budget of £13500 and we want to ensure maximum impact from the spend we have. At present I have consulted with staff and Education Scotland and I am looking at:

- Principal Teacher – Raising Attainment & Closing the Poverty Related Attainment Gap
- Whole school spelling programme
- Decodable Reading books
- Digital Programs
- GL Assessments
- Cost of the school day
- Equality, Diversity & Inclusion

Parent Council Fundraising

We appreciate all the fundraising which has been provided this year and we were able to provide many opportunities to the children with the money received. We would like to especially thank you for funding our whole school trip to Dumfries House which was a huge success on a beautiful day – the weather was very kind to us. The children and staff all commented on what a huge success the trip had been. As budgets are tight and cost of living is rising, we would like to be able to continue to support pupils where we can. Moving forward, it would be great if fundraising could support the cost of buses for school trips to support continuing to provide different opportunities for pupils' out-with the school grounds and we thought a main item would help focus fund raising effort and would be delighted if this could be to enhance our Outdoor Learning provision this coming session. Items we would like to look at are:

- Parking buddies
- O/L storage shed
- Grab bags
- Waterproof clothing
- Hi-Viz

Farewell to Primary 7

Our Primary 7 pupils have been a wonderful asset to our school and fabulous ambassadors of Dunlop Primary and our values. They have worked hard to leave a legacy of their wonderful song which depicts our updated school values, we will enjoy singing it for many years to come. It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know you all over the last two years and I am looking forward to seeing how you all get on as you move into this next exciting chapter of your lives. Miss White is extremely proud of each and every one of you and the journey you have been on. We wish you all the very best, don't stop believing in yourselves and always reach for the stars. You can be anything you want to be and now is the time to go out and start the next step of your journey.

I am sure you will see that we have made huge progress in further developing and enhancing the learning and teaching experiences we provide all our children and young people across Dunlop Primary School and ECC over this last school year. I am looking forward to continuing to work alongside you and my staff team to continue to support our children to 'Climb that Hill'. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer break.

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