

HT Parent Council Report

Wednesday 4th October 2023



Staffing

- Nicola Hutchinson has been appointed as the new senior clerical following interview
- Julia Easton has been appointed as the new Gaelic Principal Teacher following interview

Building and property

FES have confirmed they can fit the wall climbing panels.

Sgoil-àraich na Coille Nuaidh Update

Gaelic Bookbug sessions have started again - having one at the end of every month, last Tuesday. We are also getting prepared for the Big BookBug celebration for 25th Anniversary

We are enjoying the support and experience of Mrs Dante (TAP teacher) to make us even more fabulous.

We are exploring the surrounding area and developing our outdoor learning. There is also a big push on Gaelic song

JHP and SNCN update

Gaelic Update

Miss Easton:

At the beginning of term Miss Easton held a GME information session for parents of both SnCN and SAnCN to update them on some of the things we have planned over the course of the year and share some of the priorities of our school improvement plan. Miss Easton is currently running an after-school programme for children participating in the Mod and arranging an after-school programme for term 2. She has been liaising with the Kilmarnock Academy GME teacher to organise some joint activities. She is also continuing to develop resources and the Gaelic curriculum when I am able to.

Digital Update

Miss Paul

We have started a coding club this term for P7 and P4. We hope to offer this to other year groups later in the year. This term, Miss Paul will be creating a questionnaire for parents and carers to get feedback on how we can support them with Cyber Resilience and Internet Safety at home and gain feedback on how we deliver this in school. This will then help to shape our development of this area. Miss Paul will also be designing digital supports to be used by staff and pupils.

Literacy

Miss Baldie

We continue to implement and adapt the East Ayrshire Literacy Pedagogy across the school. The Literacy Working group is developing resources to accompany the new non-fiction books that were purchased last year. We are having a book bag gifting event in November for P1-3 pupils and their parents to launch the 'Bookbug/Read Write Count' book bags. More information will follow shortly.

Numeracy and Maths

Miss Paul

This term we have implemented jotter layout expectations to ensure there is consistency across classes and allow smooth transitions for pupils as they move throughout the school. We will also have a focus on Numeracy & Maths through outdoor learning. The staff have had training session from the Learning Outdoors Support Team on how to deliver this. Our Numeracy & Maths working party are creating high quality assessments which can be used by staff to allow pupils to apply their Numeracy and Maths learning within a specific context.

Health and Wellbeing

Mrs Stewart

Respectme Anti-Bullying

Pupil Council and Steven Swan have moved this forward in the school. Pupil Council led the assembly on Anti-Bullying during Anti-Bullying week. Steven did an input in all classes during this week and provided resources for teachers to use in their class. Teachers and staff are using the Respectme message and promoting this throughout the session in assemblies/classes and in the playground. S Swan and the PC will be holding a parent meeting during Term 4.

Rights Respecting School

We are working towards our Silver award. The UNCRC is given a high priority and is discussed regularly during assemblies and in class when appropriate. The school has taken part in charity days to promote Children's rights and Food Bank donations. L Stewart has restarted the RRS pupils group. The RRS group have promoted children's rights through their assembly last week and will be looking at other ways during the rest of the session. L Stewart will be collating all the information and we have a visit booked for 22nd June for our Silver award submission.

Positive Behaviour Policy

Staff and Pupils have been consulted about behaviours they thought were suitable and not suitable in school. Our previous reward system of earning 5 minutes for Golden Time has been removed as this does not follow our authority positive behaviour and nurturing policy.

Golden time is now R&R Regulation and Recuperation and all pupils get to take part in this on a Friday.

School Values are being updated after consultation with pupils, staff and parents. From this consultation with pupils and staff we will devise an updated Promoting Positive Behaviour Policy which will be shared with parents and pupils in Term 4 to start in August.

Re-introduced Houses and are making it high profile. We have already had 2 House winner events since November and house points are given out to pupils by staff for following the school charter. Monthly House events have taken place to promote the Houses – Tug of War ,Football and a potted sports will take place in March.

Restorative Approach – CAs have all had training in Term 1. Staff will be get an update on this in Term 4 and the parent session from S Swan and pupils council will include this in Term 4.

Stay Period Protected

Promoted with pupils during RSHP lessons in Term 2. Pupils were given leaflets about this. Parent leaflets have gone out on the App. No uptake from parents so we are looking at ways to try to improve this.

GMWP

This set of 20 questions pupils answered in September which tracks the wellbeing of our pupils. An electronic copy of the results were given to staff so they can address any issues arising from this. This was then repeated again in February and the results compared to the September results. Areas that the children are scoring low will be address by the class teacher and also during assemblies across the session.

Mrs Abercrombie

I will be attending Mini MISP training for Early Years, massage in schools programme in preparation for roll out of MISP again across the school in Term 2. We have identified our initial group to attend Seasons for Growth programme for change and loss, supported by Barnardos staff .

Haven

Miss Gorry

The work of The Haven has resumed, supporting our most vulnerable pupils with social, emotional and behavioural needs. Pupils have been accessing The Haven for support with anxiety around entry into school, 1-1 well-being sessions and check-ins. A number of pupils come each day for a healthy snack or breakfast. There are plans to arrange regular visits from the sensory bus that attended the Family Fun Night on the 20th September, to be accessed by pupils in Primary 1 and 2. There are also plans for family workshops and pupil well-being boost groups, which should begin in Term 2. We intend to establish a group of pupil well-being champions within Primary 6. These pupils will receive training from EAC.

Pupil Equity Fund Update

The PEF money has now been allocated for spending this year.

School Budget Update

No update available at this time.

School Fund Update

No update available at this time. However we have been able to make £5 available to subsidise one school trip for each child this year due to our 'dress down days' to help support cost of the school day.

AOCB:

Learning Visit feedback shared

End of report