

**Cross Arthurlie Primary School
Head Teacher's Report
2nd October 2018**

Staffing

Teaching staff have remained the same since the last PC meeting, one of the temporary PSAs has a new post.

School Improvement Plan and Standards and Quality Report

Staff are now working on the School Improvement Plan developing children's learning in reading, maths and in the use and application of digital technologies. During the in-service day staff will be improving their skills in a range of different ways including: the use of Microsoft forms; developing child centred learning at all stages; reading recovery and nursery to Early Years transitions.

Budget

The school budget remains in a healthy position. From last year's budget we had an underspend which with the introduction of new budgeting processes we were able to carry forward. Some of this money will be brought into this year's budget to purchase new resources for maths and reading and to pay for additional staff training.

Other News

We were delighted to welcome a delegation of five Head Teachers and an education director from China to Cross Arthurlie. They spent the morning in school discussing the principles and practice of education in Scotland, walking around the school and observing teaching and learning. They were very impressed with quality of the teaching they saw and commented on the well-resourced classrooms.

We had great fun celebrating maths week and National fitness week. The maths quiz was a great success and P7 loved their PE challenge as part of maths week. Mrs Duncan organised a Skipathon over two days where every class had the opportunity to learn about how fitness can improve their heart health. P7s have been out once again developing their cycling skills with Bikeability.

In an aim to promote and encourage the children to make more healthy choices for their snack the Pupil Council will be introducing 'Fruity Friday'. Children will be informed on Wednesday at assembly with information for parents via the newsletter.

Unfortunately we are still having challenges around parking, despite the intervention of the community wardens. We will continue to remind parents via the school newsletter.

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02/10/18