

## Cross Arthurlie Primary School

## Head Teacher's report

5<sup>th</sup> November 2019

### **Staffing**

Mrs Powell is recovering and settling back into school. Miss Reid got married in October and is now known as Mrs Gauld. We have a new part time member of staff in the office, Mrs McLaughlin.

### **School Improvement Planning**

#### *Digital Learning*

We are delighted to announce that following our visit we have been awarded a Digital Schools award. Special thanks to Miss Galloway and Mrs McWilliams and the digital leaders who helped us gain this award.

#### *KitBags*

During the in-service day staff received training on the use of 'KitBags'. This resource supports children in a range of ways in talking through difficult situations or expressing their emotions. Children and staff have found them very helpful as a way of enabling good communication.

### **Budget**

The school budget remains in a healthy position, particularly due to the carry forwards from 17-18 and 18-19. New carpets in P4, 5 and 6 classes have made a huge difference to the quality of the learning environment. We have ordered 6 new Promethean boards, replacing those which were most out of date and a new speaker for the hall.

School fund is currently £1,030 which includes commission from Tempest in addition to the donation from the Parent Council. Examples of how these monies have been used is in supporting 'Families Connect', a parenting programme for P1 parents and the after school baking club.

### **Nursery Build**

The nursery building works continue and are currently on track. Flemings were in P6 & P7 last week working with the children on maths, developing their understanding of scale. This children loved these lessons, in particular using the laser measuring tool.

### **Other News**

Parents' evenings and Open afternoon both took place in October and, as usual were very well supported by the friends and families of children in the school. We really appreciate the ways in which the school is supported at these events. .

P7 are currently at Lochgoilhead for their residential trip. This is a new venue for Cross Arthurlie but reports so far are very positive.

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