

Maidenhill Primary School and Nursery Class

Parent Council- 15.11.22

Parent Council- Head Teacher's Report

School Roll and Classification

Our school roll currently sits at approximately 380 with more than 100 children already started in our nursery class.

In terms of classification, we are currently running with the following classes:

1 large Primary 1 class with 3 teachers

2 Primary 2 classes

2 Primary 3 classes, one of which is over-sized and has 2 teachers

2 Primary 4 classes

1 composite Primary 4/5 class

1 Primary 5 class

3 Primary 6 classes (one of which was newly formed after the October Week holiday to deal with the demand for places at this stage)

2 Primary 7 classes

Staffing News

We currently have 2 part-time vacancies for Early Years Playworkers in our nursery class. These posts will not be advertised externally, with the Education Department currently seeking to fill these roles. We have no teaching vacancies at this moment in time.

Mrs Wilkinson, who until recently has been teaching in Primary 1, will begin her maternity leave next week. The Education Department will replace her on a temporary basis.

At the August in-service days, staff took the time to reflect on rights based education, universal curriculum design and to engage in self-evaluation and plan for our learning, teaching and assessment forums which are running throughout the session.

The October in-Service day was a great opportunity for teaching staff to engage in a workshop sessions around high quality learning, teaching and assessment experiences. In the afternoon they focused on gathering and analysing data to inform their planning and the children's attainment. Our nursery class staff explored the use of the environment to enhance learning and engaged in a Planning for Provocations workshop.

Staff have already split into working groups, using their collegiate time to take forward aspects of our School Improvement Plan for this year. So far our Numeracy & Mathematics, Child-led Planning, Expressive Arts and Literacy & Language groups have already formulated their own individual action plans and are

undertaking crucial development work. In addition Mrs Lawson and Mrs Thomson have been providing guidance to staff on class blogs, Mr Keir continues to develop initiatives in relation to sciences and technologies and Mr Milligan and Miss Johnstone continue to lead initiatives in relation to Equalities.

Miss Lawson and Mr Milligan also recently completed Seasons for Growth training to help support the emotional wellbeing of children who may have experienced loss and bereavement.

School Improvement Planning

Our School Improvement Plan for Session 2022/2023 focuses on 3 key areas of improvement:

To improve attainment and achievement through enhanced opportunities for parental and family engagement in children's learning and development

To ensure excellence in learning, teaching and assessment by building the capacity of our practitioners

To design and implement a curriculum that meets the needs of all learners

Along with our Standards and Quality Report for 2021/2022, the School Improvement Plan has been uploaded to our website and the link shared with all parents/ carers.

Facilities and Resources

Recent spends from our devolved school budget include art resources, sensory equipment, screening and assessment tools, music licenses and Literacy resources.

Grant funding secured by Mr Keir from Digital Xtra has allowed us to purchase a range of science and technologies resources, including a 3D printer.

There are no plans for any building and structural works this financial year, other than the development of the Secret Garden using funds raised by our families.

School Events

Children returned on August 17 this session and our first events were our well attended P1-7 Parent Information Evenings during w/b August 29. This was quickly followed by the resumption of our morning coffee and chats. It has been great to catch up with our parents and carers in this informal way.

Parents were invited back into the school for Learn With Us afternoons during September and our nursery class hosted a week of Stay and Play sessions. We also launched our Class Blogs.

In amongst this our children took part in the Hands Up Scotland Travel Survey, our senior pupils began their Playzone training and we were delighted to be achieve our UNCR Rights Respecting Silver Award.

We held elections for House Captain and our Equality Committee and Members of the Maidenhill Parliament. Our first Parliament meeting of the session convened with children sharing their own class's ideas for school improvement and our Petrifying Pumpkin Patch House Challenge was a big success.

So far some of our classes have already visited the Science Centre, Vikingar and the Eithad Stadium in Manchester.

With our Parent Consultation Meetings next on the calendar, it won't be long before we are well into our Christmas events.