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East Renfrewshire Council

School Improvement Partnership Programme (SIPP): Raising >>> attainment in literacy, numeracy and health & wellbeing

West Partnership and SIPP

The School Improvement Partnership Programme (SIPP) is now being taken forward by the West Partnership this session, via the Collaborative Learning Network Stream. The West Partnership defines collaboration as *"working together to understand and improve pedagogy for agreed purposes, which leads to better outcomes, informed by evidence and critical self-reflection"*. The West Partnership aims to create a Collaborative Learning Network for their practitioners working within Early Years Establishments, Primary Schools, Secondary Schools and Special Schools. Consequently, Primary schools from across the West Partnership have been participating in training sessions on research methodology in Tweedie Hall, Linwood. They then formed partnerships with colleagues from eight other local authorities to develop a research question and plan their project. This exciting development in the West Partnership also includes secondary schools, who participated in a separate cohort and undertook training. The ultimate goal is to raise attainment through collaboration and this new venture should help to realise this objective on an even bigger scale. We wish them every success!

Year 4-2019/20

Year 4 of the School Improvement Partnership Programme for 2019/20 was once again success-



fully launched in September. This session, only two of the 16 partnerships are with establishments in other local authorities. The partnerships established so far are: Braidbar Primary / Kirkhill Primary St Cadoc's Primary / Thornliebank St John's Primary / Uplawmoor Prin

Within Authority

Eaglesham Primary / Madras FC St Joseph's Primary/ Calderwood Lodge Primary Eaglesham Primary / Mearns Primary Hazeldene FC / Cart Mill FC Netherlee Primary / St Thomas' Primary Glenwood FC / Carlibar Primary/St Mark's Primary McCready FC / Glen FC Carolside Primary / Cross Arthurlie Primary

Equity & Excellence Event

Maidenhill Primary played host to the Equity and Excellence event, which also included workshops from both Pupil Equity (PEF) and School Improvement Partnership (SIPP) projects. The event was opened by Mhairi Shaw, Director of Education. Four SIPs from last year were represented: Maidenhill Primary / Busby Primary Arthurlie FC / Our Lady of the Missions Primary Crookfur Primary / St Clare's Primary Braidbar Primary / Kirkhill Primary St Cadoc's Primary / Thornliebank Primary St John's Primary / Uplawmoor Primary <u>Outside Authority</u> Isobel Mair / Langlands Giffnock Primary / Kilmacolm Primary

Following an established trend, the majority of the topics explored by the SIPs were generally on literacy, but some also included aspects of health and wellbeing. In total, the research areas covered were broadly: 9 literacy, 5 numeracy and 2 health & wellbeing projects.

Eaglesham / Madras Crookfur/ Neilston Braidbar / Busby / Glenwood St Joseph's / Our Lady of the Missions

The SIPP workshops were well received and a great advert for the programme.

Review of SIPP 2018 / 2019

three twilight sessions were generally successful showed that: and will continue this session. SIPP participants are 100% of participants agreed/strongly agreed with expected to attend all three training opportunities in order to ensure they benefit fully from the support and learning offered from the Educational Psychology Service. They also emphasise the key aspect of SIPP, which is collaboration with colleagues. Once again, support for individual SIPs who wish to discuss particular aspects of their project is still available and can be accessed by contacting Margaret Allaway, Education Development Officer for Learning, Teaching and Assessment at:

Margaret.Allaway@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk.

Evaluations for SIPP 2018/19 were very positive and evidenced that SIPP was valued by participants who recognised the value of collaboration to raise attainment. The main issue raised was time to do The data gathered about children's needs helped work for SIPP. Consequently, schools are encouraged to ensure enough time is set aside for SIPP work.

The new training format for SIPP consisting of A summary of responses from the evaluation

the following statements:

I felt supported throughout my involvement in the School Improvement Partnership.

I was given opportunities to evaluate the effectiveness of our chosen intervention.

The meetings helped to clarify and support me.

The guidance I received was helpful.

95% agreed/strongly agreed with the statements:

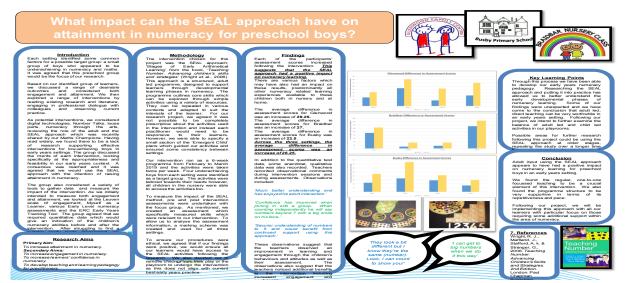
I worked collaboratively with teachers and other professionals within the partnership

I felt confident to share my thoughts and opinions throughout the process.

the group to plan a suitable intervention for the targeted learners.

Posters

The introduction of Posters last session to summarise visually the SIPP projects was a great success with many excellent posters produced. One example, was from Glenwood FC/ Braidbar Primary /Busby Primary. See below. The posters have been compiled into a booklet and distributed to schools.



Future Training Sessions

St John's Training Room

- Monday 17 February 2020 at 3.45—5pm
- Wednesday 1 April 2020 at 3.45-5pm

SIPP Blog—reminder!

The Blog can be accessed at:

https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/ practitionerenquiry/

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