

**Shared expectations**

Our whole school assemblies on a Monday morning have been helping us to have a really positive start to our week. Sharing our expectations and standards for our school has encouraged a renewed team effort to make APS the best it can be. This week we focused on **diversity** and **anti-bullying**. We talked about the importance of accepting and respecting each other, including all of our similarities and differences. We also agreed that bullying is not acceptable in our school and we talked about the importance of speaking up when we think we are witnessing or experiencing bullying. Our Antibullying Leadership group have also been busy gathering ideas and views to help them to action plan and ensure APS is a kind, caring and inclusive school! 😉

**Active Schools ~ Junior Leader Session**

Our Junior leaders had a fantastic session with Ross Grant, Active School’s Coordinator on Tuesday. The aim of the session was to upskill the group to enable them to lead active play sessions with younger peers. Ross and Miss Gillingham supported the sessions. They were extremely impressed with the listening, cooperation, respect and teamwork the group demonstrated throughout the day. Well done everyone, we are noticing some **leaders of the future!**

**Scottish Poetry**

We have been so impressed by the effort put into learning, practising and reciting poems this term. Well done to every single person who has participated and contributed to our poetry competition, you should all feel very proud of what you have managed to achieve.

We are looking forward to our finalists reciting for our judges next week. The finalists will take part in the Scots celebration assembly on **Friday 9th February at 1.30pm**. Invites will follow once the finalists have been selected.

**Coming up next week…**

* A reminder that **P5/6 and P6 will have an open afternoon on Monday.** Families of these classes are invited to come into school from 1.30pm. *Please avoid arriving too early as we can’t allow parents through until the children have returned in from lunch*
* Unfortunately **we have had to postpone the date of our Open evening** which we had planned to have on Thursday 1st February. We apologise for any inconvenience and will share a new date with you soon.
* In assembly next week we will continue talking about **diversity** and about **respecting each other**. We will be talking about the importance of how you treat people through your words or your actions, and how this can affect someone.
* **We would love parents and carers to follow this up at home and encourage children to think about kindness, respect and equity**! 😊

 Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Easton’s Friday Feedback…