



Newsletter

June 2021

Message from Head Teacher

Dear families,



It's hard to believe we are approaching the final few days of this strangest of school years. While we've managed to achieve a lot, not least keeping the learning going and our community as safe as possible, we know we haven't been able to do much of what we normally do. This has been due to the ongoing local and national restrictions which have been in place.

However, we are really hopeful that next year we can resume those things that bring our community together, like open afternoons, fairs, shows and assemblies. We know how much they are valued, and how much they have been missed.

Our recent Family Survey highlighted lots of positives, such as:

- Our nurturing and inclusive environment
- How we supported pupils back to school after lockdown
- Our outdoor learning provision
- Overall community spirit



Our staff were described as caring, supportive, welcoming and approachable. Favourite quote... *small school with a big heart.*

The survey also gave us some ideas for what we could do better, and it was great to see that these aligned with what we had identified ourselves. These include:

- Continuing to raise attainment
- Supporting mental health and wellbeing
- Learning about environmental issues
- Continuing to reconnect and build relationships



If there is anything you would like to discuss, or something that I can help with, please do not hesitate to contact me. In the meantime, I hope everyone enjoys a very well-earned rest over summer, with (fingers crossed!) even fewer restrictions and some glorious weather.



Yours,

Iain Morrow
Head Teacher

Reminder that we finish for summer
on **Thursday 24th June**

P1, P2, P4, P5J and P7C @ **12:45**

P3, P5BD, P6 and P7H @ **13:00**

Our values:

Respect

Safe

Equality

Staffing updates – August 2021

We have already let you know about Mrs Johnstone's upcoming retiral and Mrs Duff's maternity leave. We are delighted that Miss Jackman and Miss Harmon will be staying with us a while longer to cover these posts.

Miss Allan will be returning from maternity leave to resume her role in the Sunshine Room.

Miss Scott will be leaving her Support for Learning Worker role to return to full-time study. We wish her the very best of luck going forward. A replacement is being sought.

We still await news from HR about other new teachers, but are expecting this imminently.

LGBT Schools Charter



You may recall that in the February 2020 Newsletter, we let you know that Glasgow City Council gave us funding to undertake the LGBT Schools Charter.

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved Bronze status.

The best bit...? We did not really have to do anything to achieve this – our existing values, vision, ethos and policies already make a clear statement that equality and diversity are at the heart of everything we do.

We were highly praised for our inclusive and welcoming learning environment. This sentiment was echoed in the recent Family Survey, where the importance of work around Equalities was rated highly. We will continue this next session, as per wider GCC priorities.

Sports Day

As noted previously, current guidance from the local authority prohibits us from having a traditional Sports Day.



However, we have planned for each class to spend some time in the Big MUGA (sports field behind Whitehill), where they can take part in races. Classes will go over one at a time.

This will be weather dependent, and unfortunately we are not allowed to have spectators.

Transitions



Our recent P1 Transition events were a huge success, and we cannot wait to welcome our new pupils officially after the summer. Thank you to Miss Kirkland for organising these so successfully, in line with current restrictions.