

# Supporting Improvement: Standards and Quality Report



## Castleton Primary School 2023/24

The summary report is provided for parents/carers and partners to outline our achievements this session and our priorities for next session. Throughout this session we have taken forward priorities as detailed in our school improvement plan. Through our processes of self-evaluation, we have identified how we can improve outcomes for our children and young people.

### **Our achievements and improvements this year.**

Castleton Primary School is committed to the delivery of the highest quality education to the pupils it serves. All members of the school community work together to provide the best possible learning, teaching and pastoral care for all our pupils.

#### **We are delighted to highlight the following improvements/achievements for session 2023/24:**

- We achieved the Silver Award in our work towards achieving UNICEF UK Rights Respecting Schools Status, we now work towards achieving our Gold Award.
- We had a very successful Collaborative Improvement Visit in June. All classes were visited. The team had Learning Conversations with teachers, SFLWs and pupils. We received positive feedback and clear next steps to continue to provide high quality learning & teaching experiences for all our pupils.
- Mrs J Nicol continues to work in partnership with Katie Maun (GIC) to build on her leadership of play pedagogy across P1, P2, P3 and P4. Teachers continue to receive extremely positive evaluations of the teaching and learning
- In P1 the majority of our learners are achieving in line with national expectations in literacy and almost all in Numeracy.
- In P4 most of our learners are achieving in line with our national expectations in literacy and numeracy
- In P7 most of our learners are achieving in line with our national expectations in literacy and numeracy
- Young Leaders of Learning were in partnership with Sandwood Primary and visited each other's school to look at relationships and good practice.
- Glasgow Pupil forum was attended by some P7's who met with other schools and were shown examples of GCC initiatives. They shared their views with other young people and also their hopes for the future of our world.
- We have opened our Inspiration Station to class groups, parent groups and GCC officials to engage with the creative space for learning and workshops,

Miss Rogers and Mrs A Nicol continue to offer excellent leadership in Literacy.

- Working with all stages across the school in the areas of Writing and Listening and Talking.
- Meeting all learners needs and supporting staff to use their preferred model/method of learning and teaching.

- Using their base as a space to illustrate flexible seating and creating a creative learning environment.
- Regular well attended Drop Ins for Writing and Listening/Talking have been provided for all.
- Staff fed back positively, through surveys, on all support offered by CLOLs
- Learning Conversations with children have shown their response and positivity to Writing and Listening/Talking when the CLOLs have coached classes.
- P5 worked with Scottish Opera to produce a singing/dramatic performance of the Vikings for the whole school in a period of 22 hours.
- We went to the Go Yellow Walk in Bellahouston Park with both P5 classes and walked 5k for the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice, again we were delighted that parents supported at the trip as helpers.
- Our Pupil Council led a successful food donation drive as part of Glasgow Times Bank on us campaign.
- We hosted our own Castleton's Got Talent where our children showcased their talent in front of the whole school and were judged by our Pupil Council.
- DLOL offered drop ins for all staff and coached Digital leaders in the delivery of the following apps - Explain Everything, Scratch Jnr and Procreate.

**The following opportunities are funded through PEF. This ensures that all children take part as there is no financial barrier**

- We have continued to run a number of extremely successful After School and Lunchtime clubs including dance, gymnastics, basketball, BSL, Heartstart and musical theatre
- Student teachers also ran lunch time clubs during placements.
- We worked in partnership with Jeely Piece Club, Active Schools, UTD Sports and completed the Playmakers programme for a group of P7 children.
- Poppy Scotland Bus came to Castleton to share with P6 and P7 the story of the poppy through an Interactive Museum.
- We have ensured that all of our children get a variety of experiences throughout the session. This year these have included trips to the theatre in Edinburgh, the Burrell Collection amongst others. Our whole school returned to the Glasgow Science Centre for a Christmas visit and we also returned in late May to Toryglen Football Centre for a whole school Sports Festival which was well supported by our parents and school community.
- P6 and P7/6 visited Pinkston and achieved the John Muir Award.
- All P7M, P7B and P7/6 attended 10 weeks of swimming lessons and skill building at Castlemilk Swimming Pool with PEPASS.
- P7 enjoyed the last four weeks of term with a Variety of trips – musical in Edinburgh, Glasgow Open Top sightseeing bus and a visit to the Falkirk Wheel.

**Our pupils have been involved in many wider opportunities and achievements including:**

- Pupils continue to be successfully involved in leadership opportunities including Pupil Council, HWB Leaders, Playground Leaders, Literacy Leaders, Rights Respecting Schools Leaders, Digital leaders, Sports Leaders, Numeracy Leaders, Equality Ambassadors. Leadership groups share and lead assemblies to tell the rest of the school what they are doing to improve Castleton
- Our Health and Wellbeing leaders worked on an Antbullying Charter and highlighted their work at school assemblies. Their next steps are working on a video to share with parents and carers.
- Our Equality Ambassadors presented their work, in partnership with TIE, to Jenny Gilruth, Cabinet Secretary for Education.
- Our HWB Leaders & Playground Leaders led a whole school BIG PLAY. Were all pupils & staff got the opportunity to enjoy many playground games/activities.
- Our P7 Sports Leaders achieved Gold, Silver, Bronze status for leading PE lessons and stations at our Sports Festival.
- Our Numeracy Leaders led a lunchtime Numeracy club
- Our Literacy leaders and Pupil Council looked at our Attendance and created a new strap line "It's cool to come to school"
- CREATE – Ready, Steady, Sing and Celtic Connections visited our school

**Staff have had the opportunity to influence education beyond Castleton**

- We have continued on our journey to creative classrooms with Mrs J Nicol presenting to other GCC schools on how we co-design creative learning experiences and environments with learners
- Mrs Buchan and Mrs Stirling presented their practice at an OPEN DOORS event on Creative Classrooms which was open to teachers from across Glasgow. They also showcased their work as part of Playful Pedagogy training at the GIC base in Royston for GCC practitioners taking part in Playful Pedagogy training.

- Mrs Wilkie continues our CREATE CHAMPION for Castleton Primary
- Mrs Duncan is Primary lead for Music and presented on First and Second level at the Conference.
- Mrs McIver is HT mentor to newly appointed HT in a Glasgow primary school.
- Mrs Butler has successfully enrolled in the Into Headship programme.
- Mrs Wilkie has successfully completed Thinking About Senior Leadership.
- Mrs Duncan continues her leadership for Edis with the further development of Glasgow's Pedagogy with CLPL programme for SLT class teachers and probationers from across GCC
- Mrs Wilkie and Mrs Duncan continue to support GCC probationers through the Probationer Enquiry Process.
- Mrs Goodart as a Primary lead for the Create Team completed skills development in Art across all levels and presented to Create Champions at the recent Create Conference.
- Miss Kerr in partnership with ApparelXchange launched Artist in Residence programme for P4-6 promoting upcycling. She involved all stages with Repair Cafes where families were included in the process.
- Miss Kerr led outdoor learning across P4 and P5, with further coaching in context we also continued our partnership with Wild Woodland and the Junior Forester Award or a group of P4 children

#### **Our partnership with parents continues to grow-**

- We have continued our series of very successful Stay and Learn where families come into school to spend time with their child on their learning journey.
- Castleton Connections continued and we ran some Parent Network Scotland sessions for a group of parents.
- Our CLOs, Miss Rogers and Mrs A Nicol organised and ran a highly successful workshops for parents and children with Bookbug and Read Write Count. These took place in our Inspiration Station where the warm and welcoming usage of space was appreciated in positive feedback from parents and reflected in learning conversations with children.
- Miss Rogers organised a series of World Book Day events for the whole school including free bookshop, reading cafes, reading buddies, Drop and Read, Adult visitors to read to the classes.
- We also organised trips for classes to visit Castlemilk library and borrow books for school or home. Parent helpers were key to this success.

#### **Here is what we plan to improve next year.**

Based on self-evaluation we have identified the following priorities for improvement next year: -

- To improve classrooms as learning environments and incorporate effective feedback to progress learning.
- Anti-Racist Curriculum Principles are understood and influence practice across school community

In addition to our identified priorities we will continue to listen to views of our pupils, parents and staff to adapt and change to ensure we are providing the very best educational experience for every pupil who attends Castleton Primary School.

#### **How can you find out more information about our school?**

Please contact us directly if you require further information or if you wish to comment on the report.

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Further information is available in: Seesaw, regular posts on X, School handbook and development of our GLOW Blog.