SEAFIELD PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Seafield pupils,

Missing You!

We are definitely missing being in our wonderful school day to day and especially miss seeing the smiling faces of our polite and enthusiastic Seafield pupils. I've always said that the children at Seafield take us as they find us as new staff or new members of our school community, their enthusiasm to learn lifts us up and inspires us to learn and improve.

**Seafield Vision and Values**

A reminder of our Seafield Vision and Values which are so important to us, I'm delighted to be sharing these Values with our new families who are joining us, albeit virtually at the moment. These are also displayed on banners throughout our campus. You may have noticed our Vision and Values in school publications, such as our handbook or online on our new Seafield GLOW website and blog.

**Mission Statement**

Together We Learn, Together We Grow

**Seafield Vision**

Learning

Empowers

and

Values

Everyone

at

Seafield

**Seafield Values**

* Happiness
* Safety
* Nurture
* Inclusion
* Diversity
* Motivation

Our whole school community came together to devise our Vision and Values, we may find that as we go into a new school session, that we refresh these. It's very pertinent though that Happiness and Safety are at the top of our list. It gives me great pride, when I ask our pupils about the Values they have chosen, that these are the top two and our pupils can remind me of this.

In these strange times, we are constantly reminded of the need to be safe but also, we are trying to encourage families to do a lot of what makes children happy during lockdown. You may remember this detail from our May Newsletter, where I spoke about wellbeing.

As we go into the final weeks of the 2019/20 Session, you will be provided with our Creative Wellbeing grid ~ our teaching staff have worked with their stage partners in departments to devise these grids (Infant, Middle, Upper). A big focus of the way we work at Seafield is Nurture, stakeholders having recognised this and have chosen this as one of our Values, which I have to say delighted me. You will see in the Creative Wellbeing Learning grid that Nurture features, through activities for you to enjoy with your child/children at home.

Mrs Reid, our PT ASN and her team are also working hard with groups of pupils who would access additional Nurture activities during the school week, they have been doing this through Teams meetings with Rainbow Room groups throughout the week. Your child/children may have benefited from this work. Please see ‘Teams’ for separate ASN Creative Wellbeing Grid.

**Recovery Rationale**

As we move into the new Session, Learning will look different to what we knew before lockdown, although we will be moving towards having pupils in school for a short period of time weekly. Alongside the current online Learning, this will be known as a Blended Learning approach. Our group of ASG HTs (Elgin Academy Area Schools’ Group) are going to be working with Maureen Mooney, our temporary adviser from Education Scotland on the Recovery Rationale, which will define the Learning for pupils going forward into this next phase.

**Seafield Child-Care Hub**

A huge thank you to our own staff and those across Moray who have staffed the Seafield Childcare Hub and also some of our other Hubs across our Authority. We are unsure at this stage about the arrangements for Key Worker Child-Care during the Summer period, but we do know that school staff will be on holiday as per terms and conditions with effect from 2nd July. Going forward, we may have to establish Child-Care Hubs in our own schools, as of August;

so we are moving ahead taking every eventuality into account.

**Transition from Seafield Hub to Seafield Primary 2020/21**

Mr McBride, our solution-focussed janitor is taking forward this agenda for us, preparing our school buildings and classrooms as required by the Scottish Government for the school session ahead. I am currently risk-assessing to enable staff to get into our buildings, firstly to clear and close for the current school session and secondly, to set up their new classrooms for the next school year. I'm grateful to Mr McBride and Mr Collins as Hub Co-Ordinator for making this transition from Child-Care Hub to Seafield Primary with its 14 classes going ahead to Session 2020/21, including the possibility of a Child-Care Hub.

**Communication Systems**

I wrote last month about our NEW and improved communication systems. A reminder that these are as follows ~

* NEW Website and GLOW Blog ~ We are delighted with this NEW Seafield Website and GLOW Blog, thank you again to Mrs McClure for setting this up
* Twitter@SeafieldHT ~ Daily updates are posted here, we have almost 500 followers. Our Twitter is also visible on our NEW Seafield Website
* Seafield App ~ this has gradually been replaced by SEEMIS Expressions Group Text, used by all Moray Schools. The School App will totally cease at the end of this Session
* GLOW Online and Microsoft Teams ~ these systems have been crucial to all children for their online Learning, we have managed to provide laptops for those who required. Many thanks to Mrs Pirie for setting these up Pastoral Care Systems

**Pastoral Care Systems**

Our Seafield Support Staff have been absolutely remarkable during this unique period. The Pastoral Care systems they have supported are as follows....

* Key Workers ~ Issued with packs, mobile phones and notebooks to check in weekly with specific families
* Paper Packs ~ During the earlier stages of lockdown, our Support Staff were involved in getting Paper Packs of Learning to children who were struggling to access work online. This was between 60 and 70 pupils, quite a high percentage in comparison to our ASG Schools.
* Hub Staff ~ Our Support Staff have ably manned Seafield Hub, bringing their experience to working in a challenging Child-Care environment
* Moray Food Plus ~ As you know, this facility is open daily for all families and has largely been manned by our Support Staff. Please note, change to this provision. Just pop into our school office between 1.30pm and 2.30pm any day, where Mrs Cull will be able to help with Food Plus collections.
* Moray Council laptops ~ a big thank you to Mrs Pirie and the team at Seafield for organising these laptops for families who applied.

**Staffing 2020/21**

We have finalised our staffing plan for the session ahead, you will be informed separately of your child/children's class teacher/s. At this stage, we are only at the consultation stage with regard to August and what that will look like for your children and how much they will be in class with their teachers. Please see Parent Partnership Consultation on the PP Facebook Page. Thank you to Pearl Morren, Chair for organising this in order to gather your views.

**Gathering Stakeholder Views**

On that note, we have been/are gathering information as follows....

* Pupil Equity Funding Questionnaires ~ These we're emailed back to admin.seafieldp@moray-edunet.gov.uk earlier this term
* Seafield Recovery Plan ~ See Parent Partnership Facebook Page for details
* Seafield Stakeholder Questionnaire ~ This is our annual questionnaire in Education Scotland format for you to give your views ~ this will be on website in the next few weeks
* Moray Council Online Learning Questionnaire ~ See Website or Twitter for details

**Transition Week 29th June -2nd July**

Our last week of Session 2019/20 will be from Monday 29th June until Thursday 2nd July. We have two separate Microsoft Teams working especially hard on P1 and P7 Transition. Watch this space and daily Twitter for updates. As you know, P1 parents and carers have access to the GLOW Blog for this group of families set up on our NEW Website by Mrs McClure. P7 pupils have access to the Elgin Academy and Elgin High S1 Teams but in the meantime, also have access to our Seafield P7 Transition Team.

We will be posting our Seafield Getting to Know You grids during this final week of term, in order to start to move our school forward to the new session. I can also tell you, that much of the Recovery Rationale will involve Nurture, Pastoral Care, Getting to Know You activities for pupils with their new teachers.

I look forward to being in touch with you daily on Twitter@SeafieldHT which is visible on our website, we will continue to update you as more information comes in. In the meantime, keep up the good work in supporting children to learn, take good care and stay safe.

**Yours sincerely**

**Morven Snodgrass**

**Head Teacher**