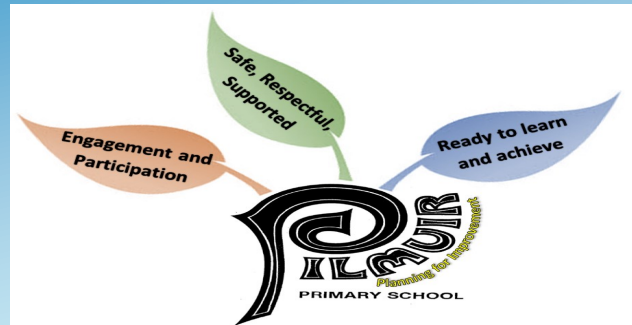


The Pilmuir Post

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School Improvement Plan – We belong to Pilmuir Primary School

Over the next few months we will be completing a self evaluation process to inform us where we are as a school and how we know we are there. This will help us identify our next steps.

We will look at Health and Wellbeing focusing on how we support the emotional wellbeing of all pupils in the school. There will be further training for staff. Mrs Turnbull from SEBN (Social and Emotional Behaviour Needs) has been working with groups in the school including Nurture lunches and Circle of Friends. School staff have been involved so we will be able to run further groups. Mrs McKenzie our Inclusion Project Coordinator has created a Comfy Room which is used to support pupils throughout the day and at break and lunch times. The ASG Home School Link worker also visits weekly to support a Breakfast Club and a variety of other activities for individual or small groups of children. All of these initiatives and everything else we do will be considered and next steps identified.

We will also look closely at Learning and Teaching. The Quality Improvement Officer has completed school learning walks. Last month he brought a colleague with him and they visited each class in the school and completed work with two small groups to check on their attainment levels. A report will be sent to the school. Mr Tulloch has also visited each class in the school to observe lessons taking place. General findings from these visits will feed into the self evaluation process.

The school is using a tool called The Moray Tracker to record where pupils are in their learning and when they are predicted to achieve the next level. We will consider how we can use this more effectively to support all pupils to do the best they can.

The staff will also review the learning pathways being used in school in order to ensure smooth progressions in learning across the school.

Once this is all completed it will help inform the Standards and Quality report and the next improvement plan.

Staffing

As you are already aware there is going to be a change of Head Teacher as of August 2020. The post was advertised on Friday 31st January. The Parent Council will be involved in the appointment process. You will be kept informed of any progress made.

Friends of Pilmuir

The Friends of Pilmuir met at the end of January. There was a very good turn out and lots of interesting ideas were discussed. There will be a disco on February 12th and the dates for the summer fair and Xmas fair were set. Both firm favourites in the annual calendar. There are also plans to set up a separate fundraising account to provide an improved playground. Exciting times.

Vision and Values

We continue to hold assemblies about our new Vision and Values. The Vision and Values provide a clear focus for the way we operate.

Our values are teamwork, responsibility, respectful, supportive, kind and fun. This means whenever we consider our work these values must be at the forefront of our thinking.

Our motto for being kind is that we have kind hands, kind feet and only use kind words. We are also emphasising to the children all the time that making green choices is vital for a happy school. Most children have got this idea and for those who don't we involve their parents at an early stage.

Absences and end of day arrangements

Pupils should know who is picking them up and where they are going at the end of the day. We will let pupils know of changes if you phone but if you can try to keep this to a minimum that would be helpful.

If your child is absent please phone the school to let us know the reason why they are off. This will help us complete registration records and save us extra work. If you don't phone we have to phone or text you which can take up a lot of time. Thanks to everyone who does phone or let us know.

The school number is 01309 673034.

You can also text on 07899877464. Please remember to say who you are.

Thanks for your help.

Breakfast Club

The doors open at 8am for the children. They are in the Hall with Ms King until 8.45 when they go out into the playground until the bell rings at 9am. The playground is not supervised at this time. The office is manned so if anyone needs help they can come to the office. The cost is £1.50 for your first child and then 50p for each additional child.

PE kits/Uniform

Please ensure that your child has kit for each PE session - a t-shirt, shorts and a change of gym shoes for indoors. It would also be a huge help to us if you write your child's name on each item of their kit. There are lots of unclaimed items in lost property.

This is the same for uniform so get a sharpie and get writing!

Weapons.

There are guidelines which the school has to follow. If anything resembling a knife comes into school we have to inform the Police who will attend to make sure everything is safe. It could be a toy knife or plastic but anything at all has to be reported so please help us by not allowing your child to take anything that could be seen as a weapon to school.

Thank you

Nursery

The Nursery is in its final stages of being completed. It is hoped that the Nursery staff will be able to move in over the Easter holidays. The plan is still to convert the old nursery into three senior classrooms and demolish the huts. Exciting if busy times!

Dates for the diary

February

Wednesday 5	School Cross Country 1.45– spectators welcome
Thursday 6	Mid Term Break school closed
Friday 7	Mid Term Break school closed
Monday 10	Mid term break school closed

March

March 5	World Book Day— more information to follow.
Friday 27	School closes for holidays

April

Monday 13	School Term begins
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