Abbey Primary

Improvement update
December 2021



READY RESPECTFUL SAFE

What a busy year this has been. We, as a school family, have been working hard to continue on our journey of improvement. We remain committed to ensuring we improve outcomes for our children.

Our three areas which remain a priority for our school are Health and Wellbeing, Literacy and developing the young workforce.



Health and Wellbeing @ Abbey

Health and Wellbeing

Continue to
develop our
understanding
and implement
whole school
nurturing
approaches

All children from P2-P7 have been setting weekly Health and Wellbeing goals linked to their Health and well being curriculum. All teachers have been trained to use Kitbags-a bag which helps children talk about their emotions/ feelings and support them with positive wellbeing strategies. We will roll this out in term 3.

We continue to promote a growth mind-set across out school.
Setting a can do attitude.





We have introduced Lego walls and Lego therapy groups across our school to help children regulate big emotions.

We continue to embed our Building Resilience Programme across the school to help our children understand that life is full of ups and downs.



Literacy @ Abbey

Literacy

Ensure a consistent approach to the delivery of literacy across the school

We continue to
develop our
reading culture
and we look to
open our new
school library in
January

Teachers in primary 1
to P4 have been
trained using the
Mighty Writer
Approach which
enables our children
to talk about writing
and structure their
stories through the
help of signs and
symbols

We have purchased a whole school approach to literacy to ensure a consistent approach is used across the school.

Our Primary 5 and P5/6 children have been working on a project to connect with a residential home for the elderly through the Dear New Friend Project

Next term 4 of our classes will work with the professional learning academy to develop their understanding of non-fiction writing

Areas under construction...



Partnerships

This term Mr Falconer has led sessions with our P5-P7 pupils with three of our parents delivering sessions about their day to day working life and discussing the skills they use across their different roles.

We are developing our partnership with the ACES Woodwynd and hope to have their involvement in our school as we move through next term

Communication

- Next term we are introducing fortnightly blog posts for P4-P7 so that parents can keep up to date with lots of different things we are doing at school.
- We are developing a consistent approach to the use of see saw so that all classes receive regular communication from their child's class teacher.
 - Continue with our weekly Twitter Takeoverplease follow the school Twitter

Pupil Voice

This term the senior leadership team have led sessions with our children regarding the work of our school. We will continue to develop these sessions and look to share some of the pupil voice sessions with parents

Learning environment

This term we have utilised some of our wall spaces for Lego walls to support children's creativity- next term we will review creativity in our curriculum and refresh our playtimes with loose parts to engage our learners through play.

RESPECT ME

Through our whole school plan we try to ensure we focus on kind words, kind hands- using one kind word. Next term we will be extending this work and through pupil voice groups and our House Captains to realign our relationships policy to ensure the actions of bullying behaviour are supported in a consistent manner.

Transition

Next session we look to improve our current P1 transition programme and we will be working closely with our nursery team and our parents to ensure we get this right for our children and families.

Please remember we have an open door policy and we want to get this right for our Abbey family.

Please feel free to email me directly to discuss any concerns or matters arising.

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