

TERM 4 NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome back to our children and families for Term 4. This is historically the busiest of the school terms and I have attached our annual calendar to keep you up-to-date with all of our events over the coming weeks including both P6 and P7 transition events to local academies, our P1 trip to Glasgow Science Centre, our P4 trip to the Maritime Museum and outings to various sporting and local community events such as the NAC Tennis tournament and the Quarry Gardens.



We were delighted to welcome Mrs Lauren Langan as our Acting Depute Head Teacher at the start of this term. Mrs Langan will fulfil Mrs Rolfe's remit whilst she remains absent, as well as developing our outdoor areas. Mrs Davidson also remains absent from our office team and I ask you to bear this in mind when contacting the school.

As you may know, at the end of last term we received a Local Authority Trio visit. During this visit, local Head Teachers were invited to observe learning experiences and speak to our pupils, staff and families to gain an insight into the life of our school. The visit was a success and we received a grading of 'Good'. This is a testament to the hard work of our pupils and staff and also to the support from our local community and I would like to share a heartfelt thank you to all who have contributed to our improvements over the last academic year.



As part of our improvement efforts we have been busy enhancing our outdoor playground areas with the addition of storage, mud kitchens and loose parts play materials. Our Pupil Council completed an audit of our indoor and outdoor spaces and have been busy creating wish lists of new resources which will include new playground markings and loose parts materials. The rear embankment area of the school has been cleared and is ready to be redeveloped with the addition of planters for each class. Each class has been tasked with growing a different vegetable type and our eventual goal is to fill each planter with the ingredients needed to make our own soup using our cooking stations.



Unfortunately, this has been impacted by vandalism in recent weeks, which is hindering our efforts and has greatly upset our pupils. Can I ask that local families remain vigilant to anti-social behaviour and report any suspicious activity to Police Scotland in the first instance?

We look forward to welcoming parents and carers to the school once again for our parental reading workshop which, much like our Numeracy workshops earlier in the year, will help parents support their children to develop their reading skills at home. We will also open our doors to families for our Learning Conversations later in the term and look forward to sharing the successes of our pupils with you.



As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school should you have any specific questions or concerns.

Kind Regards,

Gemma Carson

Head Teacher