

WEST KILBRIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Parent Council Meeting- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024



Head Teacher Report- Mrs Carson

- Staffing

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Rolfe, who is returning on a phased basis this month and will be with us full-time, as of next month. To ensure a smooth transition of key responsibilities, Mrs Langan will remain with us until at least the end of May. Mrs Davidson, our Education Business Assistant, remains absent and so Mrs Roberts will be supporting Mrs Bannister in the office at times due to high levels of admin required this month, in line with our reporting timeline.

Due to the Classroom Assistant and EYC restructure discussed at our last meeting, we are in the process of recruiting to fill three vacant Classroom Assistant posts and one Early Years Assistant post. We look to have these posts appointed within the next fortnight to ensure they are filled for August, when they commence.

- Local Authority Visits

We were visited by Head Teacher colleagues from within the Local Authority on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March. This was an in-depth visit supported by classroom observations, evidence bundles and focus groups. During this visit, we were graded a '4' from our colleagues with a HGIOS rating of 'Good'. Unfortunately, Mr McClelland, Head of Service, was unable to visit us in person as planned. However, during my subsequent visit to Cunningham House, we discussed the positive changes to our attainment profile and I raised concerns over some of our ongoing building maintenance challenges, as agreed at the previous Parent Council meeting.

- Update on Attainment

We are using a new reporting format to report to parents this year which aligns with cluster, Local Authority and Education Scotland guidelines. This will provide a comprehensive overview of pupil progress across the curriculum, and also takes into account pupil views in line with the UNCRC. These will be issued on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May to allow parents/carers the chance to digest the information within and ask any follow-up questions at our Learning Conversations event on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May.

Our P1, P4 and P7 cohorts are currently completing their Scottish National Standardised Assessments (SNSAs). These assessments provide data on the learning profile of each individual pupil, allowing us to identify strengths and areas of challenge in learning but also compares this to their National cohort, allowing us to gain a bigger perspective on our attainment in relation to the Scottish educational landscape.

Our final ACEL data will be entered at the beginning of June and this will set our attainment results for this year, which will be publishable in December 2024. Using a combination of

SNSA and ACEL data, alongside other forms of formative and summative assessment and professional dialogue, we will then set our School Improvement Priorities (SIP) for next year. This will be published on the school website in August, as will our Standards and Qualities Report, which will report on last year's attainment data and the steps we have taken to improve upon this.

I met with the lead from the Professional Learning Academy to discuss how they can support us in moving forward with our identified priorities next year. Maureen Nugent, from Education Scotland, will also visit later this month to look at how we can further boost attainment in line with our most current data.

- Fuel Station

As you will be aware, the responsibility for the Fuel Station had been taken over by NAC, who are now providing a free snack. We had a setback in including a morning breakfast provision within this offering but believe we now have a workable solution in place to support the delivery of a breakfast and/or morning snack. We will re-evaluate this workaround regularly to ensure we are meeting pupil need.

- What's New?

Beyond the Spring Fayre, our next fundraising event is our 'Break a Rule' day where the children will pay a nominal fee to break pre-specified rules. This is being organised by Mrs Reid and the children are very excited about it.

Tempest Photography will be in school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to capture photos of the children engaged in their learning. These will be used for display purposes around the school and within promotional materials.

We now have all of our planters and planting tables on site and Kay Hall is supporting staff to begin our planting project with the children. Each class have been allocated a vegetable/herb to grow with the eventual expectation that they will share what they have grown and each class will have the complete ingredients to make a pot of soup within their Food Technology lessons. Mrs Langan is also supporting the development of our outdoor learning provision to ensure we capitalise on the full potential of our school grounds. This also links well with the introduction of Play Pedagogy next year. Next year, there will be a curricular focus each term for outdoor learning, with new planning formats introduced to support this. We are building up a resource bank to use outdoors and as such, we continue to look for donations from parents and local businesses.

We are in full preparation mode for our summer show, "Alice- The Musical", whilst being conscious not to cause too much disruption to core learning. The children (and Miss Todd) are in full musical theatre mode!

We have surveyed the P7 pupils with regards to their Leaver's event and they were offered a choice of themed parties, from Red Carpet to Rave. We await the results this week.