

### TERM 3 NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a start to Term 3- it has been great having all of our pupils back with tales of their holidays! As always, we have lots of news to share this term. Miss Todd has now left to begin her maternity leave and, following competitive interview, her post in P3T will temporarily be filled by Miss Shelby Galloway for the duration of her maternity leave. Unfortunately, Miss Galloway is committed to her current post until Friday 24th January and so she will join us on Monday 27th January. Miss Galloway has previously worked in our upper school department and so already has positive relationships in place with both staff and pupils. The post will be covered consistently until then by Miss Yasmin Nolan. We have also appointed Mrs Claire Edgar to our vacant full-time Education Business Assistant post and look forward to also welcoming her on Monday 27th January. Unfortunately, Mrs Davidson has decided to retire from her EBA post and will say her farewells at the Easter Holidays after an amazing 21 years serving the school. Our front office will not be the same without her and her working knowledge of our school community. We wish her all the very best in her retirement.



As you know, we have been on a journey to raise our attainment through targeted approaches to learning and teaching, including significant investment in resources, opportunities for staff development and a heavy investment in strategic interventions. Our attainment data for the 2023-2024 academic year can now be viewed here:

[https://scotland.shinyapps.io/sg-primary\\_school\\_information\\_dashboard/](https://scotland.shinyapps.io/sg-primary_school_information_dashboard/) Should you have any questions around this information or wish to volunteer to help within the school, please feel free to get in touch via our school office.

In other exciting news, the development of our school library is now well underway. Pupils completed a survey with their Class Teacher which allowed them to share their views about what they'd like to see added to our library. Using this information, we ordered a variety of new books via our Scholastic Book Fund, which have now arrived in school, allowing pupils to access a range of texts covering themes of diversity, inclusion and LGBTQ+. We have also added more accessible books to our Dyslexia section in order to promote more opportunities for reading for pleasure for our Dyslexic Learners. Additionally, new non-fiction titles, graphic novels and infant chapter books have been purchased in response to Pupil Voice and a 'QR Code Library' has been developed to allow children to access video stories using digital technology.



This past week has been Election week at West Kilbride Primary- pupils have been encouraged to nominate themselves for positions within our Pupil Leadership groups including our Sustainability Group (formerly Eco Committee), Junior Leadership Group (formerly Pupil Council), Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSO), Rights Respecting Schools Committee (RRS) and our Digital Leaders. Well done to everyone who nominated themselves for these posts and congratulations to all of our new post holders! We have a lot of work to do this year, particularly for our RRS Committee who will be 'Going for Gold' in May this year!

Our House system has been a big hit with pupils who are enjoying being rewarded for displaying our school values of 'Community, Nurture, Inclusion and Challenge'. Houses were very competitive at the end of last term with pupils earning last minute points to help their team to victory. The top prize went to Ailsa (Blue), who secured a hot chocolate Christmas movie afternoon, chosen by the House Captains, as their prize. This term, the Houses are competing to win a disco at the end of the term. Good luck!



As always, we are here to answer any questions or queries you may have.

Kind Regards,

*Gemma Carson*

Head Teacher