

**Noble Primary**

**Parent Council**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October**

Present:- Daniel Murray, Carolyn Mitchell, Neil Ramage, Amanda Mitchell, Tracey Johnston, Patricia Lever, Lynn Felvus, Alana Burns, Chris Tjamburo, Deborah Wilson, Helen How

Apologies:- Michelle Colbourne, Shahana Kausar

Amanda welcomed all to the meeting

The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed 1<sup>st</sup> Neil Ramage 2<sup>nd</sup> Amanda Mitchell

There was no correspondence

**Head Teachers Report**

Monitoring and Tracking Attainment

- Senior Leadership Team have started to jotter monitoring and meet with staff to discuss pupil progress for this session. HT will be arranging learning visits to all classes in October to see reading comprehension.
- Continued focus on raising attainment in literacy and numeracy.
- Launch of Scottish Government Data Dashboard for all schools in Scotland. Now available to all stakeholders through Scottish Government website – info PDF given.

Pupil Equity Funding

- Ukulele instructor working with P4 as part of Pupil Equity Funding.
- School of Rock programme being delivered in P7.
- Possibility of Samba drumming for P7/6 – to be costed.
- SMART boards ordered for P1, P3, P7 classes.
- Service Level agreement signed with The Spark Charity - Health and Wellbeing.
- Purchase of new digital resource – Espresso to support literacy work.

Curricular Experiences

- After school clubs running in Athletics, Dance, Basketball and Netball. Lunchtime clubs running – choir, lego and sumdog.
- Positive return for the P6 Belfast Titanic experience (March 2019). Almost all children will attend.
- Hitting the Bottle workshops in P6, P7/6 and P7 as part of substance misuse.
- RSPB programme being delivered to most classes this month.
- House Captains launched Super Table in the dinner hall last week and will interview children through the week to ‘share their learning’ at assembly.
- Daily Mile area being used again now that the Hogweed has been removed.
- P5a and P5b working on Harvest assembly making links with the Royal Highland Education Centre for farming and agriculture. Visits pending to both classes. Links made again with Basics Food Bank.
- P6 continue to work on Song Writing Project with Creative Scotland. Performance in March 2019 at Motherwell Concert Hall.

- Into Film Festival booked – 8<sup>th</sup> November – Early Man. Links well with STEM as the focus for Into Film is animation.
- New playground equipment ordered:
  - o Infants have a range of new toys.
  - o Junior and Senior playground – new swing balls purchased from Parent Council and new multi shoot pole ordered.
- Mary's Meals will visit assembly on Friday to talk to the children about the backpack appeal.
- MAD Groups planned to start last Thursday of every month.

#### School Improvement Plan

- Staff working groups now in place to look at:
  - o Playful learning
  - o Numeracy resources and assessments
  - o Reading resources and assessments
  - o Behaviour Policy
- Training for Nurture Principal 1: Learning developmentally has taken place with Annie Paterson.
- Miss Morrison has attended a refresh on the SEAL maths programme.
- P6 – 7 staff attended reading refresh.
- P1 part of action research project – social emotional wellbeing.
- Osiris Feedback teacher/learning community started.

#### Pupil Council Update

- Met with group to generate ideas for playground – thanks to PC members who attended.
- Working on the Christmas Fayre letter and poster competition this week as planned.
- Next meeting is Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October.

#### Matters Arising/Correspondence

- Letter received from Councillor – Angela Campbell has offered any assistance
- Parking at Mackenzie Terrace – discussed and agreed it would be in next newsletter

Neil presented the treasurers report with a bank balance of £4352.26

The Halloween Disco - Elizabeth to order kwenchy cups, crisps and freddos. DJ cost of £120 and council members to come along for 5.30pm

Christmas Fayre – stalls already confirmed and Daniel to put out Tweet to see if any interest in the school community. The Hamper Raffle will be done and Elizabeth will organise raffle tickets.

**Next meeting – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 6.00pm**