



ORCHARD NEWSLETTER

News Update

September 2016

Resources

Since the school opened 3 weeks ago we have been working hard to ensure we have a range of resources to support and challenge the children's learning. Mrs Woodward has made investments in ICT, ensuring there are ipads and 2 computers in every class bases. Next will be to purchase I CT support programmes.

Literacy, purchasing all the novels needed to fully implement NLC's Active Literacy programme. Some staff have also updated their training in active literacy. Numeracy and maths we have purchased additional resources to use with Heinemann Active Maths.

Staffing

Thank you to all those who managed along to our open afternoon. I hope you enjoyed the opportunity to see around the school as much as we enjoyed being able to meet so many families and have a chance to talk to you all.

Not all of our staff in the mainstream or LCSC are permanent and this can on occasion mean some staff changes through the session. NLC has advertised the two teaching vacancies we have in LCSC and the 1 day PT post we have vacant. We will keep you informed once we have made appointments.

Mrs Bowden was successful at interview and is acting PT on a Monday.

Parent's Night

Letters will come out for Parent's night in the next week. Our first learning dialogue meetings are on **Thursday 6th October**.

Twitter & Website

You can keep in touch with school events and activities on Twitter and our school blog.

Have a look and post us a comment!



Using our new ICT!

Playgrounds

Our playgrounds are supervised at all times. There is a janitor in the playground from 8.30am approx. Support staff and a janitor will be in playgrounds for all breaks.

Gates are locked between 9am-2.40pm.



One of the many classes to use our Courtyard ...

Supporting Learning

This week we will be having planning discussions with all staff to ensure that the learning is progressing and there is planned assessment, challenge and support.

Mrs Woodward will meet with every member of the mainstream staff to discuss the learning needs of all children. This will particularly focus on those who may need challenge or support. As these meetings will be before parent's learning discussions staff will be able to keep you fully informed on 6th October.

Heating

Many parents and visitors raised a concern about the temperature in the school at the open event on Thursday 8th September.

The heating/air flow system is being independently tested across the whole campus in the next few weeks. We will keep you informed of the outcome of this.

Coming Next....

The next things that the school leadership and staff team will be working on is:

Pupil Voice— this will be how we include children in aspects of the school curriculum and development. It is our hope that all children in the mainstream will have a say and we will plan inclusion from the LCSC.

Class Reward System—we will be developing a way to reward mainstream classes for working hard, following the school rules and demonstrating good citizenship skills.

Achievement— We will be developing a new way of celebrating the children's successes as learners.

Inclusion—we are developing inclusion across and within the campus.

We will keep you updated on all of these.

Photographs

Mrs Woodward has arranged for Colorfoto to be in school on Thursday 27th October to take the school photographs.

Every child will have an individual photo taken, which you will then have the option to purchase. Letters will come home where you can request a family photo, if you have more than one child in Orchard Nursery, Mainstream or LCSC.

Each year group will also get a photograph taken, this can also be purchased. These will be every year group P1-7 including mainstream & LCSC.

The year groups will also make a whole school photograph which will be displayed in school to celebrate our first year. There will also be a staff display board to help identify members of the whole Primary staff team.

School Ties

A problem arose this summer with the supplier of our school ties. The Interim Parent Council having been working very hard to ensure a new supplier .

The Wishaw School Shop will now stock our school ties all year round. It is hoped that these will be in stock within the next 6-8 weeks.

