

- Don't forget the P1-7 **Greet the Teacher event is on Wednesday 10th** (next week) from 3.20 – 4.00pm. Hopefully you can come. Please give the teachers a few minutes to nip to the bathroom, then enter classrooms via the playground doors. Your child is your guide – they can show you around their room, explaining what they do and showing you things they're proud of. The Teachers will be very happy to chat about how learners are settling into new routines. Do come and introduce yourself. If you have detailed questions about progress in learning, please make a separate appointment as the teachers won't be able to go into much depth at this event and time. The Parent Council will have a cake stall with home-baked goods and Karen our cleaner is selling her popular crocheted donuts and other bits and bobs – proceeds going to PC funds, which will be spent on our children. So do please bring some pennies!
- **Nursery Breakfast Bash** – dates have been set as Tuesday 16 September OR Friday 26 September. Nursery parents have the chance to come in, enjoy a bite to eat with their children at snack table and hear about the Developmental Milestones – the guides we use to focus play and learning. We hope you can attend either one of these dates. If you can't do ask for another time you can pop in.
- At today's assembly P1-7 were introduced to our **School Aims**. There are 4 in total and today we learned more about **Confident Individuals** and **Successful Learners**. It is our job to help children develop their capacities in these areas. Classes will be using the language of the School Aims as children grow in their understanding of how they can achieve such success. We recognise that each child is on their own journey in school, with individual strengths and things they find more challenging. The pace we travel at may also vary. However, the direction we're aiming for is clear. We want children to recognise the combination of the effort they put in, along with the support they get, moves them along on this journey. Nursery children are still learning more about the School Values of **Responsible** and **Respectful**. We'll be using the lovely (dolls) Responsible Rocket and Respectful Rita to recognise

this with the wee ones. Look out for certificates and stickers recognising children's achievements here.

- At this week's **Parent Council meeting** and AGM we chatted positively about the year ahead. Thanks go to Liz Farmer who has 'retired' from the role of Chair after 3 years and stepped back into the team as a committee member. Suzie Stewart has kindly stepped sideways from Treasurer to Chair and Gordon McKinnie has kindly agreed to stay on as Secretary. New member Ruth Bannon has kindly volunteered to be the new Treasurer. We've got a great number of volunteer parents on the Committee (with voting rights) and please remember you as the Parent Forum can join in at any time! More info will follow from the PC themselves.
- I have asked volunteers from the PC to join me on Wednesday 10th (from 2pm) for cake, coffee and a chat to discuss the recent whole school questionnaire results (April 2025). We had 39 responses to the annual form which gives you the opportunity to say how you feel our school is doing. While the feedback was very good, we are always striving to do better. We ask the children, regularly, how we can do this. Your voice is fundamental in this too. If YOU would like to join us on Wednesday, please just come in and share your thoughts.
- **Pupil Leadership of Learning** – We start a new project next week called Leadership Workshops where all P1-7 will get to join a new vertical group of learners (a mix of pupils P1-7) with a teacher, to share their views and work towards school improvement in an area of importance. The groups are: Eco development, Digital development, Health and wellbeing, Rights Respecting Schools, Developing Community, Global Citizenship and Playground and Games. There will be 7 opportunities across the year to join as a group and make a difference. More news will follow!
- **Communications** – regular comms from us typically come through the Xpressions App or Email. New parents logging in to this will see it is now called EduSpot. Regular users of Xpressions don't need to do anything new! But we'll try to start calling it EduSpot. Anyone having problems with this, just let us know – we'll give you a help sheet. Remember: if in the same family 2 parents have a different email each, they can both log on to the App. Don't forget to check you've got notifications 'on'.

- Don't forget to log in to **Learning Journals** – this is the system we use to keep you more informed about your child's progress in Nursery and School. Staff will typically post 2 stories and 1 observation every fortnight. Some parents told me at the Parent Council meeting that they're not always getting a notification to say there's something to see. Our contact at Learning Journals said there were minor changes involving Parent Zone and for parents to log out then log back in again, ensuring your notifications are turned 'on'. Any problems – do call for Mrs Ellis, who works on a Monday, Tuesday, Friday in the office.
- Finally.....a request from the children – who would love some help keeping their knees intact. On Friday 19 September, parent volunteers loaded with brushes, to sweep the MUGA. There are so many little stones gathered there, an accident can be nippy. Join us at 3.15pm if you can spare the time and elbow power! Thank you!