Headteacher Report for Parent Council 29/04/2026

Spring Assembly

Our recent Spring Assembly was a real highlight and we were delighted with the positive feedback received from families. Pupils performed confidently and enthusiastically, showcasing their hard work and teamwork. The inclusive and welcoming atmosphere was especially noted, and we would like to thank all pupils, staff and families for their support in making the event such a success.

School Environment

Interior painting works across the school are now complete, and the refreshed spaces have made a noticeable difference to classrooms and shared areas. There is a small amount of final clearing and organising still to take place. A skip has been scheduled for the end of May to support this, after which spaces will be fully reset and ready for use.

Quality Improvement Planning

We have begun the early stages of our Quality Improvement Planning (QIP) process for the coming session. This involves reflecting on our strengths as a school, identifying areas for development, and using attainment, wider achievement and stakeholder feedback to shape our priorities.

One of our planned improvement priorities will focus on digital learning and teaching. As part of this, we will be working closely with our cluster schools to share good practice, develop consistency, and build staff confidence in the use of digital approaches. Collaborative work across the cluster will help ensure continuity for pupils and support effective progression.

Alongside this, we will ensure that our curriculum remains fully aligned with the ongoing national curriculum improvement cycle. Staff will continue to engage with national guidance and local authority advice to ensure learning, teaching and assessment remain up to date, relevant and responsive to change.

As the planning process continues, we will keep families informed and share further details about our priorities and next steps.

Homework Survey- 53 responses

What Parents Agreed On Most

Reading Matters

- Almost everyone supports home reading.
- Families value reading as calm, enjoyable, and beneficial.
- Many asked for more book choice and guidance as children grow older.

Keep Homework Short and Simple

- The most popular homework:
    - Takes **15 minutes or less**
    - Can be done **independently**
    - Is clearly linked to what children are learning in class

What Causes Stress

- Homework turning into a **parent task**

- Unclear instructions or due dates
- Too many tasks landing in the same week
- Children being tired after long school days and activities

Many families shared that evenings and weekends are already full with hobbies, clubs, family commitments, and downtime.

Different Views We Need to Balance

Some families told us:

- Homework is essential preparation for high school

  Others told us:
- Beyond reading, homework adds pressure with little benefit

Some children:

- Thrive on choice and projects

  Others:
- Prefer routine, predictable tasks

All views were shared thoughtfully and reflect real differences in family life.

What Parents Asked For Most

- Clear communication (what, why, and when)
- Consistency across weeks and classes
- Flexibility when life is busy
- Homework that supports confidence, not stress

Breakfast Club and After School Club

Within the draft Scottish Government budget 26/27 there was a promise of funding to allow the expansion of breakfast clubs in all primary schools across the country (from August 2027). PKC are currently awaiting more information to begin planning how this will be taken forward within the authority and then we will be able to look at this at school level.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership with the school.