HT Update Friday 2/2/24

Headteacher role

* I was pleased that our school community was informed on Monday this week that I will continue in my role as Headteacher until the end of January 2025.
* We have every reason to look forward with confidence and we have made a very positive start together. I am very grateful for the support and enthusiasm from the whole school community.

New school

* On Tuesday 6 February there will be an official ceremony to mark the start of main works in the new school where I will be joined by Councillors and our new build group from the Pupil Parliament.
* I am meeting the new build group from the Parent Council on Tuesday 6 February to update on progress and I will provide more information in my update next Friday.

Positive Behaviour Policy

* We will launch this updated policy after the February week when it will be available on the school website.
* I met the Pupil Parliament on Monday night to discuss this and it was the focus of our staff meeting on Wednesday. The Parent Council had a look at the draft on Wednesday and I will meet with a smaller group from the Pupil Parliament and the Parent Council to finalise this policy next week.
* In the Inspection report, Education Scotland identified strong relationships, staff working well together and the eagerness of pupils to learn as strengths and I am confident that this policy will build on these strengths.

Parent Council

* We had a very productive meeting on Wednesday and identified communication to and from school, the behaviour policy and the bullying policy as some of the key areas where members of the Parent Council will work with senior leaders. Minutes will be available soon.

Young people’s achievements

* I was privileged to attend the Drama Showcase this week. It was fantastic to see the talent, the teamwork and the way everyone was having fun – just one of many examples in our school.
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I hope everyone has a nice weekend,

Yours faithfully,



Kevin Ryalls

Headteacher