

Parent Council Report

22nd January 2020

Pupil Council

Key events last term

Successful university trip

Winterball on 21st November

S1 and Primary Parents evening 28th November

S2 Parents night 4th December

Primary Christmas concert 10th & 11th December

Whole school assembly on the 20th December

Key events this term

Prelims

S3 Parents Evening (4th Feb) and options due (7th Feb)

S4 Parents Evening (13th Feb) and options due (14th Feb)

S2 options due (19th Feb)

S5/6 Parents Evening (26th Feb) and options due (28th Feb)

Additional In-service day (20th Feb) occasional holidays 21st and 24th Feb.

Staffing

LSW – Ann Johnson will be joining us as a LSW on the 27th January

PT ASN and Pupil Support – Julie Johnson is joining us as PT ASN on the 5th February

P5/6 - Kate Hopper covering for staff absence

SIP

Tracking and monitoring

All teachers are trained to use SEEMIS for this. This is now in place in secondary and over the next couple of weeks we will be supporting staff to use the system in primary. This is allowing closer working across the school and will lead to more robust information on pupil progress and attainment.

Attainment Gap

Attendance

Laehann Johnson is working with Jane Gregory and Loren Manson to look at ways to improve our approach to attendance and late coming. This week we met with our Attainment Advisor, Kylie Watson, she is going to support us with our approach to attendance.

After School Opportunities

Jill Hibbett has worked up a survey for pupils to find out what afterschool activities they would be interested in. As of next week there will be after school drama clubs.

3-18 school

Values

The parental values survey has gone out. At present, we have only had one response. It is really important that we get as much information from parents as possible so that our school values reflect the values of the community. I will then collate pupil, parent and staff responses to get a full picture of our school values.

3-18 Collaborative

I have been in contact with all 3-18 schools across the Northern Alliance to look at setting up a 3-18 collaborative. I had a really positive response from all the other schools. We will be having a VC meeting to progress the idea further.

Celebrating success

Emma Nicolson and Holly Williamson are working with senior pupils to find a way of celebrating success for all leavers.

Parental Engagement

Jillian Copland is leading a piece of work to provide parents with volunteering opportunities.

3-18 website

Laehann Johnson is working with a group of teachers to finish of the website. She has met with Peter Thoreson, Principal Teacher of Computing at the Anderson High School, to learn from their experience of a Glow blog website.

Curriculum

Developing the Young Workforce

We met with Ports and Harbours on Friday and made some good progress in developing a wider experience opportunity for S1/2s. Pupils will have a few weeks of demonstrations of activities and then they will work on an experiential learning project at Selliness.

North Mainland Careers event

This is on the 18th March. There will be a junior event running from 2:00-3:40 for P7-S2 and then a senior event at night time for S3-S6 and any member of the community that wants to attend. Jane Gregory's S3 Admin class are organising most of the event, and Holly Williamson's S3 Home Economics class will be doing the catering with support and guidance from a chef from the Moorfield Hotel.

Learning for Sustainability Week

I have contacted the Amenity Trust and they are keen to support with tree planting..

Team Improvement Visit

The team improvement visit will take place on the week beginning the 17th February. We would be delighted if parents are able to take part in a focus group on the ~Monday 17th at 2:00pm

Anchor Project

The anchor project has had a delay in coming on site, but should be operational by February.

Attainment of a level

There has been some media coverage of this. Our Level 4 data is in line with, or above, the Scottish average.

Building issue

Asbestos

There is no crocidolite in the building, but there is chrysotile. We have good asbestos management systems in place.

Defects

A number internal and external defects have been logged. We are working closely with building services to address these.

Early Years

The second phase of EY refurbishment has been postponed. This is to allow us to take a holistic look at the development of our campus, rather than developing it in patchwork fashion.

We are currently advertising for a Nursery Manager as we will be moving to all year provision from August 2020 which will be a huge boost for local families. More detail will follow.

Primary

With our projected roll we are on course to have a 7th teacher next session. This will put extra demands on space in primary. We are working with Central Service staff to find solutions.

Secondary

Prelims

Prelims for our S4-S6 pupils is underway and so far running successfully, after today, 30 different subjects/levels have been completed.

Timetable

Early stages of timetable construction is underway with option sheets due to go out to pupils within the next few weeks.

LGBTI Group

We now have an LGBTI support Group. Based on feedback from that group we are looking for ways to create a more inclusive approach for pupils identifying as LGBTI.