

Brae High School Report to the Parent Council Tuesday 24/09/19

As this is my first Head Teacher's report to the Parent Council, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the pupils, parents and staff for the support and warm welcome I have received since taking up the post.

I have been being as visible and present around the school as possible, and have really enjoyed the opportunities to chat to pupils, parents and staff.

So far this term 4th year have been out on work experience, we have had a visit from the Royal Observatory and Maxine Booth from the Northern Alliance.

Family Learning

We have hosted two family learning/engagement nights. The first was "A Residence Above The Stars" which was a documentary and Q&A hosted by the Royal Observatory of Scotland. Unfortunately, we got a very low turnout for this event, which may be due to the short notice and the beautiful weather we had that night.

We held a workshop on the 19th September to give parents an opportunity to come in and meet me in an informal environment. Attendance at this event was better, with over 14 parents attending. I used this as an opportunity to share my hopes and dreams for the school, as well as our suggested improvement priorities. We then spent the evening working in partnership with parents to develop our improvement priorities. There were many fantastic suggestions made, unfortunately not all of them can be progressed this year, however the information will be used to inform future planning.

In addition to this, we have a primary parent's afternoon and a screening of the Resilience documentary on 3rd October. We will also be holding an S1 Open night on the 7th of September from 5:30-7:00 where Loren Manson (youth services) and Alicia Hunter (SDS) will explain the role they play in a pupil's education, and parents will get the chance to meet teachers and see their child's work

Staffing

New Staff

This term a number of staff have joined our school: Emma Wilkinson (Principal Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages, Cameron Murray (Maths Teacher – maternity cover), Leanne Hamilton (Primary 4/5), Ellie Ratter (Modern Apprentice – Early Years).

ASN

The ASN department is going through a bit of an unsettled period, having lost the Principal Teacher and two part time teachers. We currently have staff in covering on a supply basis. We are currently recruiting to a fulltime PT of ASN & Pupil Support and a fulltime ASN Teacher. The closing date for both of these posts is the 25th of September. We also have two new Learning Support Workers starting with us shortly.

University Trip

TRIP at the beginning of next term Mr Murphy and Mrs Batty accompanying

Standards & Quality Report, and School Improvement Plan

The senior Leadership team are currently finalising our Standard and Quality Report. We have evaluated the school according to the HGIOS4 Quality Indicators 1.3 Leadership of change, QI2.3 Learning, Teaching and Assessment, QI 3.1 Ensuring wellbeing, equity and inclusion, QI 3.2 Raising attainment and achievement. The information generated from this report has informed our school improvement plan as has information gathered from pupils, parents and staff throughout the year.

SIP

1. Closing the attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged.
2. Working as a 3-18 school
3. Updating the curriculum
4. Tracking and monitoring