

Parent Council Report

30/11/22

Key events this term

- Progress Evenings
- Christmas Show
- Secondary Christmas Concert

Staffing

Mr Victor Cullis has taken up the post of Janitor this term.

We have a preferred candidate in place for the post of Depute Head Teacher (Primary).

Mrs Aileen Wood leaves post this Friday and we are hoping to recruit to that post shortly.

We are now on the sixth round of recruitment to our CDT Teacher post. We are engaging with children's services and the UHI Shetland to investigate possible CDT provision for the short and medium term.

Preferred candidates in post for 3 LSW posts. Still some pressure on other support roles to due to staff absence.

School Improvement Plan.

Excellent Learning and Teaching

1. Teaching Sprints – One sprint was completed last term, with all groups moving forward with an evidenced based approach to feedback. Each Teaching and Learning Group has now identified another feedback practice improvement technique to try.
2. Shared Standards and Quality Assurance – We have finalised our SQA expectations document to ensure more consistency across the school. Departments are working to ensure that they have all expectations in place. We are now finalising our Curriculum Rationale and Learning and Teaching Framework. [copies shared]
First set of Learning Visits undertaken key areas of strength and development shared with all staff. School Improvement Visit to take place on the 7th December.
3. Developing the Young Workforce – Emma Chittick is working with Science and Primary to develop DYW events.

Raising Attainment

1. Departmental Plan for Raising Attainment – All departmental plans for raising attainment are now in, and departments are working on their improvements.

2. Enhanced Attainment Monitoring – Our enhanced attainment monitoring procedures are now underway, although they have been interrupted by operational pressures, particularly cover.
3. PEF Teacher/Anchor - Our Early Action Support Worker is now supporting a number of families as well as running drop in sessions. Our PEF teacher has completed meta-cognition sessions and is now supporting targeted work with pupils.

Health and Wellbeing

1. Enhanced Wellbeing Offer – We have worked in partnership with the school counselling service to identify the stage and point in the year to introduce the enhanced wellbeing offer.
2. Pupil Voice – Rights Respecting School Award and Pupil Council – We have achieved our Bronze RRSA. We are currently working on our Silver award with a real focus on increasing awareness of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Our focus this last term was Article 12, which relates to children having a right to have a say in matters affecting them. We focussed on pupils having a say in learning and teaching which has fed in to our learning and teaching framework. Our Article of the term is now Article 2 – safe from discrimination. We have tied this into anti-bullying and kindness assemblies.
3. Engaging Parents through resuming school events. – feedback from parents was that resuming school events was key to meaningful parental engagement. We are focussing on this at the moment. Last term we resumed Progress Evenings (formerly Parents' Evenings), held a primary meet the teacher event. In addition to this ELC held an open afternoon for Halloween. Still to come:
 - i. Re-introduction of primary Christmas show (term 2)
 - ii. Re-introduction of secondary Christmas concert (term 2)
 - iii. Secondary "Addams Family Musical" (term 4)

Education reform

Parents are encouraged to engage with education reform, and to express their views through the consultation process. We held a staff session on Education Reform, where staff engaged with the documentation.

<https://connect.scot/policy/education-reform-scotland>

Building updates

- Visiting services room complete
- Tuck shop to be completed in Easter holidays