



## **Hallside Primary School**

### **Parent Council Meeting 01.12.21**

#### **Headteacher Report**

##### **Introduction**

Good evening, lovely to see everyone. Thank you for joining the meeting.

We have had an incredibly busy and productive month since our last meeting. It has been lovely to see some of our young people participate in important events that they so look forward to. We have had two athletics teams out to the John Wright Sports Centre to compete in activities. The girls football team went down to Newton Farm PS to participate in a local even and two of our P7 pupils, Olivia and Megan attended the remembrance service at Cambuslang Park. The excitement as our children were leaving the building and coming back was palpable. We are also pleased that we have been in a position to secure a booking for the P7 residential trip. The centre that we normally attend run by the Abernethy Trust has closed but we have been able to secure a booking at the Nethy Bridge site in the Cairngorms. We have made this booking in line with national and local guidance. Stipulations included the trip had to be scheduled post Spring break and the cancellation policy made clear to families at the time of the booking. As you'll appreciate the time of year restriction presented a challenge in securing a booking, particularly when there are so many trips already in place from cancellations last session. However, we managed to negotiate Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June. The cost of the trip is £195. Concerns regarding money should not be a barrier to children participating in the residential. I have offered financial support to families should this be required. The school photographer is able to visit the school. We did have a date booked in at the start of term, unfortunately I had to cancel this due to the high levels of covid related absence at the beginning of term, this would not have been appropriate. We have sought to reschedule this with a preference for the last term. We have been able to have a limited number of visitors in the school premises to support learning and teaching and celebrate successes! We were delighted to welcome Suzy Quinn from Clean Up Cambuslang and Councillor Loudon to the school to showcase and celebrate the work of schools in Cambuslang in participating in the Cop 26 inspired 26 bags in 26 days challenge. We also welcomed Ross and Alison from the Chaplaincy team to work with P5 pupils on a resilience themed assembly, Tony Gilhooley our Active Schools Co-ordinator was in school today and next week training P6 pupils in a Sports Leadership programme and Raymond from Beat the Street visited us last week to join our virtual assembly and present awards to a group of pupils and Mr Bamford.

##### **Learning, Teaching and Assessment**

Mr Bamford and I have met with all class teachers, we have been conducting learning conversations with children, monitoring class jotters and carrying out learning walks. The purpose of this quality assurance is to ensure high quality learning experiences for our children and young people. As part of our improvement work in this area we have created progression pathways for Literacy and Numeracy which are used to plan, assess and track the learning experiences for pupils. We have introduced Snapshot jotters in addition to sharing learning weekly via Google Classroom. It is hoped that these jotters will create the opportunity for parents/carers to discuss their child's strengths, next steps in their learning and enable families to see progression in learner journey over the course of the session. The jotters will be sent home each term and kept in school until a child reaches P7 so that they can support the work in building up a profile of learners. In addition to the universal support that we provide to children we have also created a sensory room (formerly the Zone) with Bubble Tube, fabrics etc...and the Rainbow Room (nurture and recovery learning space). The children utilising these learning environments are thoroughly enjoying accessing these transformed spaces. As a staff team we have been analysing data from learner pupil progress and achievement, standardised assessments and teacher professional judgement to plan interventions to provide targeted support to learners.

#### Catchment Review

As you know the catchment consultation is well underway. The consultation started on Monday 25 October and will close on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December. There were two public meetings on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> of November. Thank you to the Parent Council for submitting a response. The Pupil Council met last week and submitted their responses. The staff team are meeting tomorrow to discuss and have been encouraged to share their views via the online form. Gary Johnstone from HMie (Education Scotland) has been in contact with the school to arrange a time to engage with stakeholders. He is meeting SLT and Pupil Council on the afternoon of Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. He is also keen to speak with some parents/carers regarding the proposed changes to the catchment. I will put an email out to all families to afford people the chance to participate but wanted to discuss in the first instance with the Parent Council as you will need to be represented in these discussions. Gary's intention is to call a few parents/cares who are keen to engage in this consultation activity.

Christmas Arrangements in newsletter issued today. (Summary discussed)

#### Covid Update

There are no changes to the mitigations currently in place in schools. We continue to follow the mitigations that are in place and are diligent in ensuring these are followed in school

and in school grounds. A huge thank you to our parents and carers for their patience, understanding and continued support, it is greatly appreciated.

### Budget

Very grateful to receive the cheque from the PC, as agreed this money will be used to purchase an ipad pro for use by the children to support learning and specialist projects.

We received a winter clothing allocation of £150 which we are in the process of allocating.

### Traffic Management Plan

The traffic management plan visit carried out Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November went very well. Noted that the systems in place in the school grounds were working well. I have observed children and adults not using the marked crossings in the car park and we have encouraged children to utilise these at assembly and communicated road safety and reminders via the school newsletter.

The traffic management plan is available to view on the school website and we will continue to issue reminders via the work of the Junior Road Safety Officers and highlight important messages via school communication systems.

End of HT Report

*"When we work together everything is within our reach."*

