



Hallside Primary School

Parent Council Meeting 02.03.22

Headteacher Report

Welcome

Thank you for taking the time to join tonight's meeting. As always it is lovely to see everyone and the school community appreciate your continued commitment and support.

School Life

Today marked an important milestone in the return to the events that we previously took for granted. The School Photographer visited the school to take individual and sibling photographs. There were lots of smiles!

We also were delighted to send 32 of our senior pupils to the annual SLC Active Schools Cross Country event. Mr Russell also has the difficult job of selecting a team of 4 of our P6 children to participate in SLC's annual Euro Quiz event taking place next term. This exciting opportunity is open to all P6 pupils across both classes.

This Friday we are very much looking forward to our first 'in person' assembly in almost two years. I will lead P1-P3 assembly in the gym hall and Mr Bamford will lead P4-P7 assembly in the dining hall.

Progress and Achievement

As a result of feedback on the timing of last year's reporting schedule, we have brought forward the date of the Progress and Achievement report to the middle of May. This will provide an opportunity to discuss the content of the report with the class teacher as part of the parent's evening discussion.

As you know Snapshot Jotters have been introduced this year to provide a 'snapshot' of some of the learning that is taking place in class over the course of a week. It has been lovely to see the range of learning experiences taking place across stages and read the evaluation of learning comments from pupils, parents and carers and teachers. These jotters will again go home prior to the end of this term.

Eat Them to Defeat Them

As a school we are participating in the national Eat Them to Defeat Them Campaign. Children across the school are really enjoying participating in this event and there is a buzz of excitement in the dining hall at lunch times and it has stimulated lots of discussion about

Healthy Eating. The campaign focusses on one vegetable per week over a five week period. These are presented to children in different ways e.g. carrots this week. We had soup on Monday, carrot batons on Tuesday...



Budget Update

PEF – Result of the participatory budgeting spend was to purchase outdoor resources including outdoor table tennis. We are working with colleagues at HQ to try to resolve some procurement issues in relation to this. Normally this money is required to be spent by the financial year but we are able to carry the PB spend forward with the deadline of June'22 for the spend.

P7 Residential

We are finalising staffing arrangements for the P7 residential. We will be communicating the final plans to P7 young people and their families as soon as possible.

Fundraising

Friends of Hallside met in the school recently with a view to planning the Summer Fair. The Summer Fair is scheduled to take place on Saturday 11th June 11.00am – 3.00pm.

Friends of Hallside will be in touch with the wider school community group soon to assist in planning this event.

Ukraine

I cannot end the report without discussing the invasion on Ukraine. The scenes that we are witnessing in Ukraine beamed into our homes, on our devices are utterly heart breaking and incomprehensible. The school have not, as yet, been contacted about any local aid initiatives but I would be keen to hear the parent council's thoughts on if and how we as a school can respond.

End of HT Report

Welcome any comments or questions.

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

