



Hallside Primary School
Parent Council Meeting 11.05.22
Headteacher Report

Welcome

It is especially lovely to see everyone 'in-person' tonight. Welcome back to the school building.

Covid-19 Update

Mitigations remaining in school are continued personal hygiene measures e.g. regular handwashing/sanitising and continued good use of ventilation (monitored by CO2 monitors in place in learning spaces.) There are no restrictions on parents/carers in school.

School Life

We have 28 and a half days left until the end of the school session. This is an incredibly busy last term with reporting, nursery visits, transition events, Hallside's got Talent, continuing to develop outdoor play resources, supporting children to achieve their targets and P7 residential events and priorities to name but a few.

Staffing

Warm welcome back to the school to Mrs Louise Maxwell. Louise has returned from maternity leave and is currently working in P4 every Friday. We are saying a fond farewell at the end of this term to Mrs Maureen Edwards. Maureen is currently supporting P1 children but has worked as a school support assistant in SLC for 28 years

School Roll

The current roll of the school is 265 across 11 classes. The projected roll of the school for session 2022-2023 is 251 across 10 classes. We have a staffing entitlement of 12.9 plus 0.7 additionality so staffing entitlement of 13.6. We are working on detail of configuration of classes for next session and expect to be in a position to share this at next meeting.

Reporting on Progress and Achievement

Parents night will be 'in-person' on Thursday 19th June. We continue to have free access to the School Cloud System (SLC procured) to empower our parents and carers to make their own appointments. We currently have 60% of appointments made across the school. As discussed at previous meeting the end of term report will be issued prior to parents evening

this year based on observation and parental feedback regarding the timing of last year's reporting schedule. It is worth noting that a child can achieve a level at any time of the year and not just at the end of the school year. The national expectation is Early Level by the end of P1 (earlier or later for some children), First Level by the end of P4 (earlier or later for some children) and Second Level by the end of P7 (earlier or later for some children). I felt it was important for our families to be able to have a dialogue with their child's teacher on the report. As always, we welcome feedback on this.

Park Life Event

Some of our children attending rainbow group have had the opportunity to participate in forest school weekly sessions in partnership with Project 31. We are also delighted to involve all our children across the school in a Park Life event at Cambuslang Park.

Budget Update

PEF – We have a carry forward on our PEF budget of £9288. This is primarily our PB spend for outdoor equipment, this will be spent prior to the end of term. Our PEF allocation for next year is £34, 300. This allocation has been set and guaranteed for 4 years. I attended meeting today regarding some updated guidance in relation to the spend. A key change is, "Funding must provide targeted support for children young people **and their families.**" We are already some way in targeting the pupil equity fund to support families through our employment this session of Barnardo's Support Worker and the work that the school is doing to support the Cost of the School Day agenda. We will continue to liaise with the school community on the PEF spend for next session and beyond.

School Fund

We have approximately £2000 in school fund. Most of this money is Ipad funds donated by PC. We are acutely aware of the Cost of the School Day agenda and rising Cost of Living and have tried to minimise fundraising. Hopefully, the summer fun day will be a fun filled way to boost school funds. It's wonderful to have Friends of Hallside back in the school building. They have been busy planning the Summer Fayre. Thank you to our wider school community for all the work that goes on behind the scenes.

P7 Residential

The trip is Monday 30th May until Wednesday 2nd June to Nethybride Abernethy trust site. I met with parents/carers last week for information session. Miss Macdonald, Mrs Talent, Mrs Johnstone, Miss Leslie and I will accompany the children on the trip. We will be back slightly later on the Wednesday 4.30pm approx. A huge thank you to the staff team attending for accommodating this on the eve of a national holiday.

Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal

At our last Parent Council meeting we discussed ways that we could support the humanitarian appeal in Ukraine. In consultation with our children and staff team we decided to change our school fundraising dress down day to Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal and thanks to the generosity of our school community we raised a fabulous £428. This has been donated to the appeal.

End of HT Report

Welcome any comments or questions.

“When we work together everything is within our reach.”

