



## *East Plean Primary School and Nursery*

### *January 2025*

### *Happy New Year!*

It is said that a new year rings in new adventures and changes and that is certainly true for East Plean! Miss Atkinson was successful in securing the post of Acting Headteacher in Kippen Primary School. Our school community gave Miss Atkinson an East Plean send off, wishing her Bon Voyage, as she took up her new temporary post last week. We wish Miss Atkinson every success in her new role. I am delighted to inform our school community that Mrs Breslin will take up the role of Acting Depute Headteacher in East Plean Primary School. Mrs Breslin will take up post as soon as a class teacher is recruited for Primary 2 and a robust transition has taken place. Mrs Breslin is a very experienced class teacher and brings a wealth of knowledge and skill to the role. Until Mrs Breslin takes up post, any questions or concerns in relation to Pupil Support can be directed to myself.

Our Primary 7 learners have also started 2025 with a new challenge, presenting their House Captain speeches to their Houses for re-election last week. The results of the elections can be seen below.

Some of our senior learners in P6 and P7 completed their training as Peer Mediators with our Educational Psychologist, Ms Currie, last week too.

We welcomed new friends in nursery last week too. We extend a warm welcome to our new families and hope they feel included and welcomed in the East Plean family.

Primary 4, 5, 6 and 7 learners also learned about the performance we will be sharing with our wider community in March. Their excitement was tangible on Friday and I look forward to sharing their excitement, skills and talents in the coming weeks as they prepare for the performance. East Plean Primary School and Nursery is a busy, vibrant community with much to celebrate and be proud of. I look forward to a successful term, with engaged, happy learners who "Attend, Aspire, Achieve!" #powerofPlean

*Mrs Donnelly* (Headteacher)

### *PE Days- Term 3*

Mr Shearer, our PE specialist will be joining us on Tuesdays, during term 3. We would ask that all learners have PE kit for PE days. (Shorts/ leggings, t-shirt and indoor gym shoes/ trainers)

Primary 1- Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Primary 2- Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Primary 3- Monday, Tuesday

Primary 4- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

Primary 5- Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

Primary 6- Monday, Tuesday, Friday

Primary 7- Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

In addition: P4-7 will need indoor shoes on Fridays for Expressive Arts Fridays (performance rehearsals)

### *Parent Council- Thank you*

Classes have been enjoying the additional resources, equipment and materials that Parent Council gifted to each class.

### *Google Classroom*

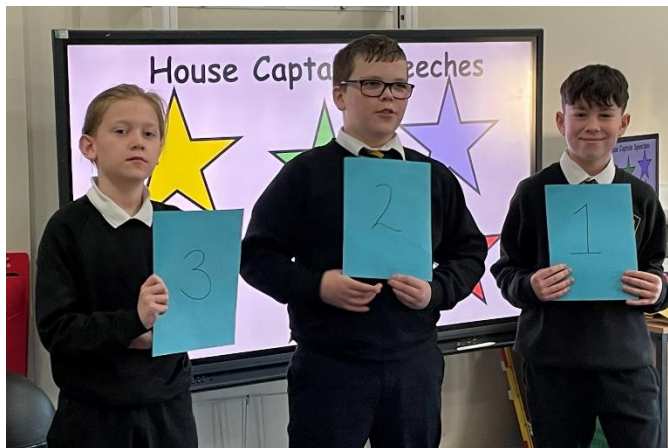
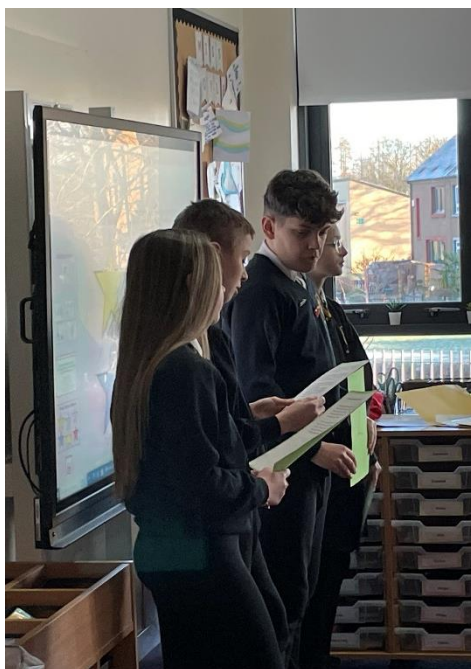
We hope to open Google Classrooms and share the learning with parents/ carers very soon. We are just waiting for the last few permissions to be returned. Reminder: parents/carers require a Google account to access Google Classrooms.

**Visit East Plean Primary School's website!**

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/st/eastplean/>

## House Captains

Our Primary 7 learners worked hard and committed to the task of preparing house Captain re-election speeches last week. Each Primary 7 learner gave their all, embracing the opportunity and recognising the importance of the role of House Captain. Their speeches were excellent and we are very proud of every learner. Well done to every Primary 7 learner and to those who were successful in being elected to the roles of House and Vice-Captains of their Houses.



House	House Captain	Vice-Captain
Iona	Dylan C Dylan S	Leyla Ruby J
Mull	Tom Alayna	Ruby H JohnRoss
Orkney	Jay	Myles Jack
Shetland	Levi	Lori
Skye	Emie	Olli
Tiree	Jessica	Callan

## *Spotlight on... East Plean Peer Mediators*



### **The role of a Peer Mediator is**

- To support positive relationships across the school
- To support and lead restorative conversations with learners
- To ensure enjoyable and safe playground experiences

Our newly qualified Peer Mediators successfully completed training last week with our Educational Psychologist, Ms Currie. The training focused on good listening skills, empathy, respect, restorative conversations and being solution-focused in a non-judgemental manner. Our Peer Mediators signed a Practice Agreement, collected their Mediator lanyards and began their duties in the playground.

### **During restorative conversations, Peer Mediators will:**

- Create a safe, respectful and trusting relationship
- Listen and respond calmly, empathically and without interruption or judgement to all sides of an issue
  - Encourage people to express their thoughts, feelings and needs appropriately
    - Validate how they feel
  - Encourage those involved in the problem to find their own solutions.

### *Dates for the diary:*

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 11am** - Primary 6 parents/ carers Sharing Learning Assembly

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 7pm** Parent Council Meeting

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February** Parent Council Valentines Parties (P1-3 5-6.15pm/ P4- 7 6.30pm-8pm)

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February- School and Nursery closed Staff Training Days**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February School closed for holidays**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 11am** - Primary 4 parents/ carers Sharing Learning Assembly

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 5-7pm** Pupil Progress Meetings

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 5pm** Stirling Rotary Primary 7 Quiz at Stirling High School

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 11am** – Primary 3 parents/ carers Sharing Learning Assembly

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 11am** – Primary 1 and 2 parents/ carers Sharing Learning Assembly

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March, Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March** P4-7 Performance for families  
(More Information to follow)

### *Community Café Dates:*

Our Baristas look forward to welcoming you to school to enjoy a cuppa and chat on the Wednesday mornings listed:

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am-10.30am

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 9.30am-10.30am

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am-10.30am

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am-10.30am

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 9.30am-10.30am

