

VISIT MY CLASS 2015

Your child and their learning

LEARNING COMMUNITY

- Members of our learning community are
 - Pupils
 - Parents/Carers
 - Extended family and friends
 - School staff
 - Extended local community

STAGES E.G. P6

- We have 7 stages in the school
 - P1
 - P2
 - P3
 - P4
 - P5
 - P6
 - P7
- Sometimes pupils work together as a stage

CLASS E.G. P7 P6/5

- ◉ Composite classes - 2 or more stages in one class
 - Maximum number of 25
- ◉ P1 maximum number of 25
- ◉ P2 and P3 maximum number of 30
- ◉ All other classes maximum of 33

GROUP/S

- ◉ Sometimes the teacher work with the whole class - which is a group
- ◉ Sometimes they work with smaller groups
- ◉ Different teachers can work with groups - not just the class teacher
- ◉ When the teacher is working with a group other pupils will be working on a task - either independently or supported

TYPES OF GROUPS

- ◉ There can be many different groups/ for different curriculum areas
- ◉ Children change groups due to interest, choice or ability
- ◉ Sometimes the teacher chooses the group and sometimes the children choose

INDIVIDUALS

- ◉ Your child's learning is looked at individually
- ◉ Teachers plan for individuals - to ensure your child is being supported and stretched to meet their needs
- ◉ Sometimes a groups of children will be planned for in the same way
- ◉ Differentiation of task / outcome / time / support is what caters for individuals
- ◉ Continual assessment to ensure progress and appropriate learning and teaching

CURRICULUM FOR EXCELLENCE

- ◉ Divided into 4 levels
- ◉ Early level for ante pre school / pre-school (Nursery) and P1 Most pupils expected to complete this by the end of P1
- ◉ First level for P2-P4 pupils - most pupils in P4 to complete this level
- ◉ Second level for P5-P7 pupils - most P7 pupils to complete this level
- ◉ Third level for S1-S3 pupils - most S3 pupils to complete this level

CURRICULUM FOR EXCELLENCE

- ◉ It is NOT a race through the levels
- ◉ It is about pace / challenge / depth and breadth
- ◉ It is not just about knowledge and skills
- ◉ It is about using the knowledge and skills taught and be able to transfer them to new and unfamiliar situations
- ◉ Only when this is regularly achieved can children move on

**ANYTIME
ANYWHERE
LEARNING**

KNOWN AS 'AAL'

WHAT IS AAL?

- ◉ West Lothian Network is opened wirelessly.
- ◉ Any internet ready device can be used in school for education purposes.
- ◉ Pupils may bring their own laptops, ipads, notebooks, mobile phones etc.

BENEFITS OF AAL

- ◉ Further enhances pupil ICT skills
- ◉ Allows pupils to share their ICT skills on devices which previously wouldn't be used in school
- ◉ A broader section of pupils can be online in school at one time
- ◉ Pupils can feel familiar using devices they also use at home
- ◉ Technology becomes even more entrenched across the curriculum

- AAL is teaching skills for life
- Parents will be able to easily access curriculum content and see what pupils are doing in school
- Increased technology allows education to become even more inclusive
- Pupils will be encouraged to become even more independent and responsible for their own learning
- Pupils will be more engaged in their learning
- AAL will have a motivational effect on pupil learning

CHALLENGES WITH AAL

- Pupils may bring inappropriate content to school which has been previously downloaded
- Pupils may be tempted to try texting, calling or receiving texts/calls in school time
- Risk of cyber bullying (already risk outside school)
- Potential security issues while travelling to and from school

GROUPCALL

- ◉ Groupcall costs money for every text we send - 5p
- ◉ If you change your mobile and don't tell us we still pay - and you don't get the message
- ◉ We can see that it has been delivered to the device
- ◉ We can see when it has been read
- ◉ We'd like to use e-mail where possible as this is free !

HOMEWORK

- ◉ Really important to progress learning
- ◉ Can be practice of skills
- ◉ Can be preparing for a task
- ◉ Can be a longer task such as a fact-file or model
- ◉ Children will be able to do the task before they bring it home - they may just need reminding !
- ◉ Packing everything at night is good preparation and saves things being left at home

CLEANING IN SCHOOL

- ◉ Extensive fire protection work work over the holidays
- ◉ Cleaners did a brilliant job in getting the school ready
- ◉ New system in place
- ◉ Early days at the moment
- ◉ Monitoring new system