



St. Columba's Primary school

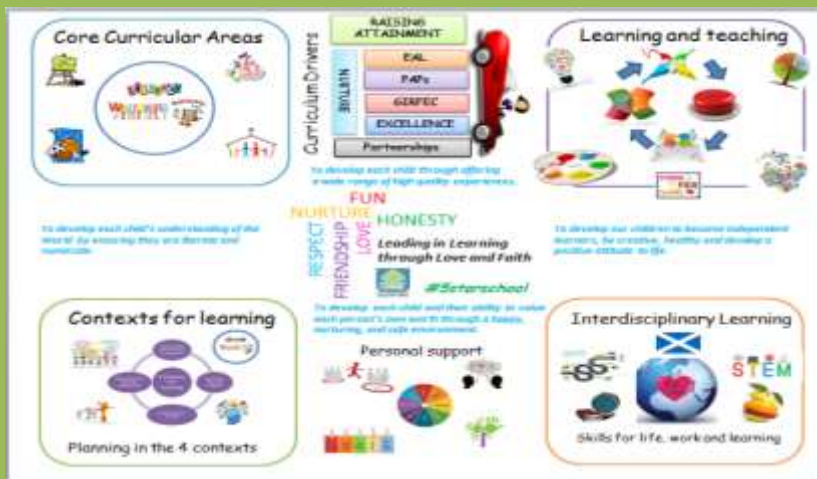
School Improvement Journey

Leading in learning through love and faith



#5starschool

As the weekly update last week covers the next two weeks, I thought I would take the opportunity to share with you where the school is on its journey. Lots of different things are going on in the background to ensure our school reaches its 5 star school status. We continue to evaluate and make changes, always keeping in mind the best way forward for your children. So where are we? What have we been doing?



Curriculum Design

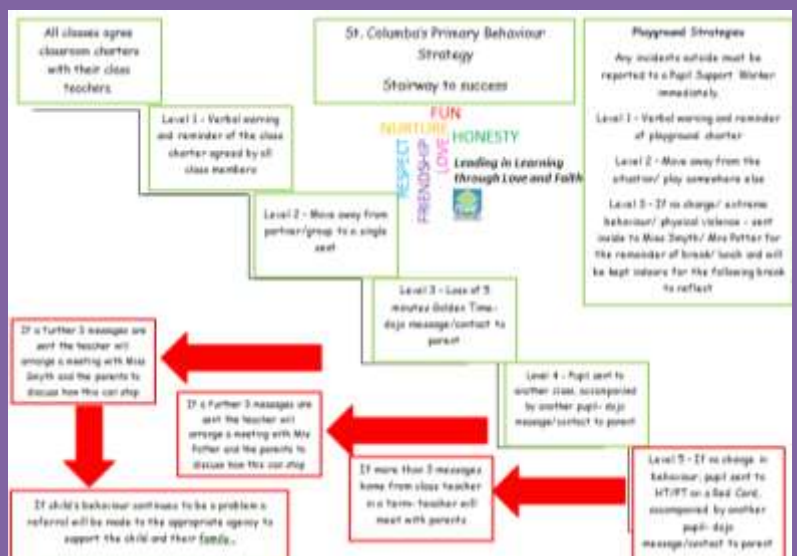
This is the most recent piece of work which has been gathered over the past year from information from staff, pupils and parents. At the very heart of our curriculum are our school values, chosen by the pupils, staff and parents last February. The aim is that we always see and feel our values in action in all that we do. I will continue to share each section with you over the next few weeks in the weekly update.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/stcolumbasps/about-us/curriculum-development/>

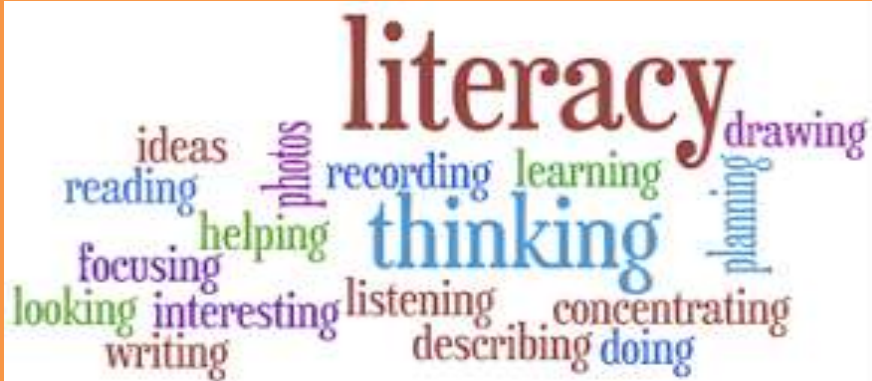
Behaviour

For one reason or another at times pupils can require extra support with managing their behaviour. The following staircase has been developed to help support school staff and pupils. This also lets you see what stage of the staircase your child may be on. The ideal situation is that all children are at the very top of the staircase.

Please click on the link to view.



<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/stcolumbasps/files/2018/02/Behaviour-strategy-2018.pdf>



<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/stcolumbasps/files/2018/02/Literacy-Overview-2018-1.pdf>

Literacy Overview

We are currently reviewing staff training in literacy. We have created a literacy overview for staff but thought we would share with the parents to allow you to see the expectations across the school. A consistent approach was required to ensure expectations are high for all learners. This will continue to evolve as we explore a variety of literacy approaches.

Learning and teaching remains a relentless focus in order to raise attainment for all children in our school. After our recent VSE we developed a shared approach which is visible from P1-P7. The 4 symbols link to clear lesson focus and ensuring learners learn more whilst teachers ensure they meet the needs of all learners. Five of our current team are completing the Outstanding Teaching Intervention to continue to raise standards in our school.

Learning and teaching



What next?

- Review use of digital technologies across the school- Mrs McIntyre supporting staff and pupils
- Build learning profiles with children to ensure they understand where they are in their learning and they can talk about this
- Continue to embed our nurturing school approaches
- Build a reflection section for all classes to participate in daily
- Build further partnerships with parents, inviting in for learning sessions where the children are the teachers
- Continue to build upon our reading culture across the school and nursery

School Development



PAPS

Next PAPS is Tuesday 13th March as 2.30pm as this has been the most popular time. This will be a chance to look at your children's work.