

## HT Report for Parent Council Meeting – 7pm 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020

I am delighted to announce that after several months of communication with City Building, the request for high fencing around the school has been approved and will now be completed so that the entire upper school playground area including the car park will have similar high fencing ensuring this area will be much more secure. This should help enormously as the playground facilities continue to be improved and upgraded with recent support and investment. Last weekend, the five safety mats for the new climbing frame which are stored in the bike shed were removed and although three have been recovered, two remain unaccounted for. This has been reported to Police Scotland.

The school has been identified as one of sixty establishments within the wider GCC Education Estate that will be subject to a COVID-19 compliance audit by GCC Education Services Health and Safety Section. A specific date has not been given for the inspection visit but once the school receives that information, a message will be sent through the usual channels of communication. An enhanced Risk Assessment was already being prepared by the school's management team before being made aware of the Compliance Audit Programme visit as the school continually reflects on Health and Safety matters and updates policies and guidance throughout the academic year.

In the classrooms, Mrs King and Mrs Strang have been supporting the delivery of literacy and numeracy respectively. The invitations have been sent out for the new aspiring Literacy Leaders to apply for interviews and these will be conducted before Christmas. The mathletes have been supporting pupils from P2 to P4/3 with their numeracy skills. Mrs Strang has also been recording mathletes as they demonstrate numeracy strategies so that these can be shared in class on the interactive whiteboards as well on the school website and twitter. The school choir has been rehearsing outdoors in preparation for performing at a care home. The enthusiasm of the P7 singers has been exceptional and they are very excited about the opportunity to entertain while following social distance guidelines.

PfL staff group discussions have taken place across the school. The focus centred around what formative strategies teachers have been using in their class and these discussions via TEAMS allowed for ideas to be shared which is always an invaluable exercise.

The Seasons for Growth project continues to take place and for children who started before lockdown, this gives them a chance to complete their sessions which occur every Monday. The school is planning Self-esteem groups with Quarriers to start in term 3.

The P7 transition programme is now very much underway and the school has been very well supported by the ASN coordinator at Ross Hall. 15 iPads were delivered as part of the city wide project regarding Digital Inclusion. An internal survey identified 24 pupils that would benefit from receiving iPads and we continue to work towards sourcing the remaining 9 iPads to ensure equity and inclusion for all of our pupils.

Virtual assemblies have taken place and shared across the school and we also celebrate pupil achievements every second week with teachers nominating pupils to receive certificates from the Head Teacher in relation to the four capacities. Certificates are also awarded to our Playground Champions and nominations come from all members of staff who supervise the playground at break and lunchtime. It is hoped these awards will help to promote good behaviour and excellent role models for everyone to benefit from in class and outside in the playground.

Best wishes,

Mr Coogan

HeadTeacher