

Parent Council Meeting – Tuesday 13th September 2022

Head Teacher's Report

Welcome to the first Head Teacher's Report for the current academic year. The pupils are already very well settled into their daily routines with their new class and teacher. It is very exciting to be able to look forward to once again inviting parents and carers into the school for the Open Days we have planned for next month. This allows parents and carers to come into their child's classroom during the school day and experience the atmosphere and learning environment.

Just over a week ago, the boys and girls from Primary 7 and 6 represented the school with distinction at the inter schools football event at Nethercraigs. Both teams played very well and recorded some excellent victories. It was also nice to receive many complimentary comments from spectators on the wonderful football strips both teams wore and once again we are extremely grateful to the Parent Council for ensuring our pupils can walk onto the pitch with pride wearing the impressive and striking Cardonald Primary school football strips. Many of the girls and boys demonstrated fabulous technique and played impressively as a team in each match. Thank you to Mrs Strang and Mrs King for not only taking both teams to Nethercraigs but also for leading the training and coaching sessions in school supported by two new members of staff for this year, Mr Elder and Miss Church.

Cheryl from Glasgow Colleges came into the school last Friday to meet with myself along with Mrs Waddell and Mrs Strang. This is the start of a very exciting partnership that will allow the school to offer parent classes to help develop a wide range of skills. Classes will be available for sewing, which is one of the most popular along with the face painting, make up and nails class. Other classes that are available include IT, healthy eating and photography to name just a few. The courses last in some cases for 6 to 8 weeks right up to 12 weeks for the sewing and IT sessions. This opportunity is free for parents and carers but there must be a minimum of 10 parents per class in order for sessions to go ahead. Most classes would run from 9.30-11.30am and more details will follow through the usual communication channels.

Mrs Strang is busy planning a fundraising event for the school to follow on from last year's success. Many thanks also to the parents who volunteered to come in and read to our pupils in Primary 1 in conjunction with our Book Bug project which Mrs King has co-ordinated. It is wonderful to see the joy and level of engagement in the children during these sessions.

Yesterday, our Primary 7 pupils headed off to Blairvadach for their week-long residential trip. I look forward to sharing many of their exciting adventures with you in next month's report and it is so nice that these opportunities are once again able to be enjoyed by our school children.

I also hope in the next report to be able to tell you about a new piece of playground equipment that will be installed by Kompan in a couple of weeks from now. This new feature will be able to be enjoyed by pupils from P1 to P7 and will add to the daily mile experience for everyone. In order to help protect our playground equipment and fruit trees, I am grateful to the Parent Council for inviting Police Scotland and the 4 Councillors in our Ward to join our meeting this evening to try and address the lack of a CCTV facility at our school as there have been two acts of vandalism already since the start of this school year.

As always, if there is anything you wish to discuss or if you have any concerns, please use the Headteacher email address at the bottom and I will get back to you as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

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