

Parent Council Meeting Tuesday 4th May 2021

Head Teacher's Report

This is the final term for our current Primary 7s. As well as the transition events organised by Rosshall, we have also planned an exciting transition project for our P7s working with Dan Serridge. Details for this will be shared with P7 parents shortly. Following the confirmation that the P7 residential trip cannot go ahead, we have been planning day trips and Miss Mohd will expand on this in further detail after this report.

Reports were issued to all pupils on Friday 30th April and this included a section for parents/carers to request a meeting via telephone with your child's teacher to discuss the content of the report as we approach the end of the school year. There has been the opportunity to receive feedback online from teachers this year during the lockdown periods but if you would like the opportunity to discuss your child's progress in more detail, please complete and return the appropriate section from the End of Year Report.

I am currently meeting with each member of staff as plans for next year are beginning to be put in place and we will include this information in the summer newsletter.

I am grateful to those parents who brought to my attention to the fact that some drivers are still parking on the yellow zig-zag lines as well as the yellow 'Keep Clear' markings outside and across from the school. Since being alerted to this, I have been outside the school every morning and afternoon ensuring that these areas are kept clear of vehicles at drop off and pick up times. I have also since made contact with Holly Coyne from Glasgow City Council who is responsible for Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability in our area. Holly has offered the following support. Parking Buddies for the school to use on the zig-zag lines are now in place for the next two weeks and a zig-zag banner been put up on the school railings to act as a deterrent. As well as this, Holly has offered to get in contact with the GCC parking attendants and police to see if we can organise a zig-zag campaign with some children from the JRSO pupil group in a couple of weeks outside the school?

Music lessons with our violin instructor are due to re-start this week and we hope that this is another important sign that we are slowly but surely returning to normality.

The Scottish National Standardised Assessments, SNSA, are currently under way and all schools across the country take part in this exercise to help build a national picture of pupil knowledge and understanding.

You may recall last year, we discussed the possibility of expanding the First News from a hard copy to the e-version. This would allow comprehension work in class and for homework. Initially this would be for the upper school. It is an excellent resource for improving literacy skills and increasing the level of engagement. I would be grateful if the Parent Council could discuss this ahead of the final meeting for this school year in June.

Although parents and carers cannot attend our Sports Day this year, it will still go ahead on Tuesday 8th June, weather permitting and we will post pictures to help share the event with you all. Please remember that this Thursday is an INSET day due to the school being used for polling. Other dates to be aware of are Friday 28th and Monday 31st May for the May Bank holiday with a 1pm finish on the last day, Thursday 24th June.

Best wishes,

Martin Coogan
Headteacher