

Parent Council Meeting – Tuesday 1st March 2022

Head Teacher's Report

Today is the first day of Spring according to the meteorological calendar and what a lovely day of gorgeous, warm springtime sunshine we all enjoyed in school.

We are in the middle of a very successful book week which once again has been wonderfully organised by Mrs King, our CLOL for Literacy. Our Literacy Leaders and Mathletes have planned and led excellent Bookbug and Read Write Count sessions with our P1-3 children. We have had two visiting authors; Simon Puttock and Victoria Williamson and between them, they have delivered sessions to all of the pupils in the school. Upper School are further benefitting from Creative Writing Workshops during this week led by Victoria Williamson. On Wednesday, a storyteller will be leading staggered sessions with all classes in the hall and later this week all P1-4 children will be visiting Cardonald Library. Our Literacy Leaders are visiting Waterstones tomorrow and will collect World Book Day books to be issued to classes later in the week. On Thursday, children may come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Our Eco Committee worked hard to make a guide on how to create costumes from re-cycled materials which they shared with classes. On Friday, children may come to school in their pyjamas and bring a favourite teddy to read to. Our Literacy Leaders have planned art and drama activities which they will lead with classes on Friday. In addition, teachers are delivering lots of book themed activities with their classes throughout the week. Thank you once again to Mrs King for all of the incredible preparation and hard work that has gone into this tremendous celebration of World Book Week with so many exciting reading and literacy activities across the whole school.

The preparations for enriching the green spaces around the school are well under way and it is hoped that following this evening's meeting, the final order that I have prepared for plants, shrubs, wall climbers and fruit trees will be placed with McLaren's Nursery. This is an exciting project and will offer children across the whole school the opportunity to engage in the growth and development of these new garden areas which we are confident will encourage a wide variety of wildlife to visit our school.

The school has been successful in our request to HR for two additional Support for Learning Workers (SfLWs). Two offers have been made and one has already been accepted. We are now waiting on a start date being agreed with HR and we are very happy to add additional learning support to our team of SfLWs.

Chloe Phillips from Quarriers continues to come into school as part of the Seasons for Growth support programme for children with regard to their Health and Wellbeing and Learning. Plans are also in place regarding transition to High School for selected pupils.

The P7 residential trip to Dalguise will take place from March 21st and Miss Mohd will be preparing a list for groups as well as sending out a kit list of items to be taken on the trip. Miss Mohd is attending this evening's meeting and any questions regarding the trip can be answered and included in the minutes.

The first visits from Ross Hall staff will take place at the end of this week and we are looking forward to a variety of teachers covering PE, Science, Literacy and Numeracy during Term 4.

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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