

Parent Council Meeting – Tuesday 1st February 2021

Head Teacher's Report

It is nice to be able to start this month's Head Teacher's Report by informing you that we are now able to start offering After School Clubs. This term will be a very busy term for after school activities with P1 involved in multi-sports, P4 have a dance club, P6 have a badminton club and P6&7 have a netball club. However, our P7s have been training so hard for the Super 7s and unfortunately, we have just been informed that this event has been cancelled. This decision is out with our control and we will look for any opportunity to put the excellent training to good use later in the term.

I would like to see a lot of the surrounding areas around the school grounds bursting with plant life. The Eco Group are very excited about the prospect of establishing a Cardonald Wild Garden area beside the infant playground. This would involve planting a natural border with a variety of shrubs and hedge cuttings. The aim is to allow the enclosed area to grow wild, with a narrow pathway maintained by keeping the grass short for pupils to explore the area and observe the different wildlife that is attracted to the garden.

The front of the school, from the main entrance along the grass area to the car park, could see a variety of wall climbers being planted so they can be supported by the tall fencing and create a colourful natural border to that side of the school. As well as this, the opposite side of the upper playground where the grass mound runs along the full length of the side where the pupil entrance gate is could have 10 fruit trees planted. Gaps would be left in the hope that it will still be possible to install seating in the form of benches all the way along the top of the grass mound. We are aware by now that the actual cost of installation was the prohibitive factor and I would welcome the opportunity to discuss with the Parent Council about seeking alternative expertise within our school community to help with the installation at a much more manageable cost.

We had a wonderful Scottish Week at the end of January with every class learning their own Scottish dance and song. The songs were recorded by each class so that everyone could get to hear all eleven songs back in their own classroom via the teacher's I-pad and classroom Smart Board. Children were also treated to a rendition of Scottish songs by the Burns for Weans duo when they visited the school.

Two classes recently went on a very successful trip to the Science Centre and how nice it was to see school trips taking place.

In January, we welcomed Mrs Heath to Cardonald Primary School and she will be taking support groups as well as P4/3 every Friday. Mrs King and Mrs Strang will teach P4/3 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Thursday respectively as Mr Kelly moved to a new school in January.

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.

The Pupil Council meet regularly and asked if it would be possible for the Parent Council to consider their request for storage containers for the Quadrangle playground. This would allow loose parts play items to be securely stored away. Ideally, they would be delighted with 4 large and 5 small containers with lids that can be snapped shut to keep the rain out.

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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