

### **Maths Week - 28th September - 1st October**

- The focus will be on linking maths to other areas of the curriculum
- We have requested visiting specialists to deliver lessons on; DYW, Financial Education and using computing in maths. We are awaiting confirmation that these visits will go ahead due to Covid restrictions
- Our mathletes will deliver lessons on PE Counts to all classes and also deliver lessons to our infant classes on art and computing activities linked to maths
- Upper school and infant classes will work collaboratively on outdoor learning
- There will be a home learning grid, with daily maths activities
- All classes (except p1) will participate in the Sumdog Maths Week Scotland competition
- Children will research different career pathways and will be invited to dress up on the last day of Maths Week in the job they would like to do when they are older

### **Active Schools**

For the first time in 18 months we are able to invite coaches and visiting specialists into our school to deliver a series of PE lessons/activities:

- Curriculum offer – there will be a block of football coaching for six weeks for the P4 year group
- After school clubs - In terms 1 & 2, there will be after school clubs for the P2 and P6 classes. We even had to conduct a ballot for the P2 club as it was so popular
- In Terms 2 & 3, there will be after school clubs for P3, P5 & P7

**This year, we are focusing on developing Literacy Across the School and the progress made to date is outlined below:**

- Mrs King has delivered staff training sessions on writing.
- P2-7 are now implementing the use of GCC Literacy for All Writing Strategies.
- There will be a whole school approach to writing this year, all classes from P2-7 will be doing a similar type of writing at the same time, e.g. this term the focus is on recount and report writing.
- Mrs King will be modelling and team teaching with class teachers to develop and support writing.
- The school has a new writing toolkit with the introduction of 'Routes through Writing'. This resource is recommended by GCC and is used by many schools across the city. It provides a clear and detailed overview of areas for development to assist teachers with their planning.
- Mrs King is liaising with other teachers in cluster groups to plan writing activities.

- Mrs King will also be attending GCC training sessions on Listening and Talking which will then be shared with staff.
- Paired reading sessions with P2 and P6 children have now started; and are aimed at helping pupils to develop their reading skills
- The remaining Scholastic credits have been used to purchase additional novel studies. The school would like to say a huge thank you to the Parent Council for this

### **Curriculum Rationale**

The school has an updated Curriculum Rationale which all schools have been asked to forward to the Education Improvement Service. Mrs Waddell was instrumental in the production of this document and if time allows, I am sure we would all find it informative to hear from Mrs Waddell this evening regarding the school's Curriculum Rationale.

### **School Assemblies**

Unfortunately, we are still not able to hold our school assemblies in the traditional way but we have not let that stop us from communicating with the whole school. At the start of the week, members of the Senior Leadership team speak to the whole school via TEAMS and each class can watch and listen from their own classroom using the SMART Board. Last week, I spoke to the school about how well everyone was settling in to the new school year and this week Ms Mohd spoke about the launch of the Children's Playground Charter. Additionally, every second Friday I visit every classroom and present certificates and awards to those pupils who have been nominated by their teacher and classroom assistant. This is proving to be a very popular event and also allows Playground Champion Certificates to be presented to pupils who have been spotted by any member of staff on playground duty that display an excellent attitude and courtesy over the previous two weeks.

I could not end this first HT report of the new academic year without paying tribute to Mrs Clark who decided to step down from her post in the school office during the summer. Mrs Clark was not only the school's senior clerical assistant but offered and provided so much more to the school. Her dedication, professionalism and willingness to go above and beyond was recognised and appreciated by everybody connected to the school. I am sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Clark every continued success, health and happiness in the years ahead.

Thank you for your continued support and as always, if you need to contact me, please email me using the Headteacher account: [Headteacher@cardonald-pri.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:Headteacher@cardonald-pri.glasgow.sch.uk)

Best wishes,

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