

Parent Council Tues 28th Aug 2018 - HeadTeacher report

Start to the new school session has gone well.

School roll is now 587. 92 P1 pupils joined us along with 15 other children at various stages. We continue to operate a team around a stage approach with class teachers, PSAs, students, supporting learning teachers and senior leadership providing appropriate support for all pupils.

Staffing

We have welcomed 6 new members of staff.

Adele Redman	NQT	P3
Samantha Graham	NQT	P4
Shannon McCaughey		PSA
Sarah Whittaker		PSA
Laura Milne		PSA
Alice McIntrie		PSA

Huge congratulations to Naomi Hutchinson who got married in the summer and is now Mrs Cessford.

Congratulations to Aimi Armstrong who will be going on maternity leave in October

Building improvements

The new integrated learning space (the pavilion) is looking fabulous. The snagging list is ongoing and we are hopeful that everything will be resolved in the not too distant future. A huge thanks to the CEC design team for all their work with this.

Standards and Quality Report and Improvement Plan

The standards and quality report for session 17 / 18 and improvement plan for session 18 / 19 have been submitted to the authority. A full copy of both, along with a parent summary will be issued shortly and will be available on the school website. The improvement plan sets out the main areas for school improvement in the session ahead and is matched with national and local priorities.

Pupil Equity Funding

We have received £72,000 of pupil equity funding. As before this funding is to support the closing of the attainment gap in literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing. The funding has allowed us to increase our partnership with the Citadel, with Liz Duncanson, our family support worker now in school for a day and a half. Feedback from this support has been overwhelmingly positive. A group of identified pupils will attend therapy through art sessions – this year at Edinburgh Sculpture Workshop. We will continue to support nurture approaches through the employment of additional supporting learning staff. This session we have also formed a partnership with Skillforce who will support P5 pupils in working towards the Prince William Award. The award is designed to develop resilience, build confidence and encourage children to be the best they can.

Session ahead

The session promises to be busy and enjoyable with MADD around the world starting us off. This will culminate in another Trinity event on Fri 14th Sept. Seats have been booked for all the children to experience live theatre at the Playhouse – Matilda.

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