

HeadTeacher report for Parent Council – 4th Dec 2018

School roll is currently 579 - there continues to be a fair bit of movement in and out. The recent enrolment week saw approx 90 pupils enrolled for Aug 2019. We have returned our class organisation for session 19/20 and are awaiting discussion with the authority. It is necessary to keep a very close eye on numbers as we may have to form composite classes at the upper end of the school.

Staffing – I am delighted to let you know that Aimi Armstrong, Principal Teacher, had a wee girl named Darcy on Halloween. Both Aimi and Darcy are doing really well. Lorna Sibbald, our clerical assistant has commenced a secondment at another Edinburgh school. Katie Berry joined the school office on Nov 12th and has settled in really well. We are delighted to have her at Trinity. We have recently appointed a further two PSAs to join the team and are looking forward to them joining us once all the paperwork is in place.

Budget – we have recently purchased a further 40 ipads to enhance learning and teaching within our new integrated learning spaces. These are currently being set up and should be with our learners in the near future.

Pupil Equity Funding – It is with very mixed feelings that we will be saying goodbye to Liz Duncanson, our family support worker. Liz has secured a new post and will be leaving Citadel and her role at Trinity at Christmas. I cannot under estimate the impact that Liz has had for certain families and she will be an incredibly hard act to follow. We are in discussion with Citadel regarding her replacement.

Reporting on progress – We had a very positive turnout to our recent parents' evening and afternoon with two classes achieving 100%. Pupil profiles are in the process of being written and will be sent out to parents and carers electronically over the next few weeks.

Building and playground – Building update

Work has commenced and, amongst other improvements, we now have a light in our art cupboard. It is amazing how small things can make a significant difference! We have now received an update from the investigation by the Health and Safety Executive and I was pleased to be able to share the following with parents and carers in a recent newsletter

You will recall the bad weather during Storm Ali in September . Sadly one of our pupils was injured by a falling branch from one of the trees in the playground. The Council reported this to the Health and Safety Executive for an independent review and it found that there had been no material breaches of health and safety legislation. I want to reassure you that we are not complacent and that the safety of our pupils, staff and visitors remains our highest priority. We will continue to review all aspects of safety in and around the school on an ongoing basis.

Our chickens are now an integral part of Trinity life and have proven to be a great success.

Learning at Trinity – Resilience programme, poppy appeal and Children in Need, bikeability, author visits, Benmore, Old Edinburgh walks, reading lunch, Read, Write, Count event

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