



## Head Teacher's Update –January 2020

### **Pupil Roll Update**

- Current role 409
- P2 full. P1, P4, P6 reserved catchment spaces only available. P3 only stage with numerous spaces for placing requests. Other stages very tight with only perhaps 1 additional space over reserved spaces.
- 15 classes across the school.

### **Staffing Update**

Primary 1	Room 9	Mrs N Johnston/ Mrs E Irvine
Primary 1	Room 10	Mr R Cameron
Primary 1	Room 4	Miss D Hicks/ Mrs A Mathieson
Primary 2	Room 3	Miss C Campbell/ Mrs A Wilson
Primary 2	Room 5	Miss N Beattie
Primary 3	Room 2	Miss L Graham
Primary 3	Room 1	Mr A Findlay
Primary 4	Room 6	Mr J Macleod
Primary 4	Room 15	Miss A Mackenzie
Primary 5	Room 14	Mrs G Bell / Mrs K Macpherson
Primary 5	Room 13	Miss K Jaycock
Primary 6	Room 19	Mr D McGregor
Primary 6	Room 20	Miss A Mitchell/ Mrs K Reid
Primary 7	Room 17	Mr P Prunty
Primary 7	Room 12	Miss L Mullen

RCCT – PE/various – Mrs A Macleod

RCCT - French – Mrs Capaldi

Teaching Kitchen- Mrs L McGonagle

Principal Teacher – Mrs A Templeton

Depute Head Teacher – Mrs A Wilson

Depute Head Teacher– Mrs A Mathieson

Head Teacher – Mrs C Smith

### **School Improvement Plan**

- **HWB-** We have had all children complete a Wellbeing assessment and paid for cover to allow the class teacher to meet with individual children to discuss any issues/ next steps. We will continue to track this going forward, ensuring all children have access to wider achievements. Training provided to all teaching staff on supporting children's needs form Outreach team to share strategies and good practice.  
**Food Education-** Every child in the school will receive a 5 week block of cooking in the kitchen. Skills progression planners are in place and Mrs McGonagle using these to plan for the children. FRG funding the ingredients for all core lessons which is helping us to ensure we keep the Cost of the School Day in mind. Mini Masterchef competition about to reach the final- 3 children cooking 2 courses.  
**Parental Involvement-** Survey sent out to parents re Parental Involvement (58 responses). On INSET day 7<sup>th</sup> Feb staff going to use the information from this to design a report format that meets the needs of parents and hopefully reduces bureaucracy for teachers also. We plan to draft some sample reports then bring in focus group of parents to look over and comment on.  
**STEM-** Mr Prunty has been attending training offered through the West Partnership on Primary STEM leaders. Teachers from all stages have met with teachers from the cluster schools to plan and moderate STEM activities across the cluster with the aim of producing a booklet of suggestions to be used at every stage. P5 and 6 are taking part in cluster challenge using K'nex and P7 are organizing a Pupil Led STEM conference for parents to attend at Bearsden Academy. STEM week will be week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> March and we are organising visitors to come in to all classes that week- if you know anyone please get in touch!

### **Pupil Equity Fund**

- Our collective responses have given us indication that Health and Wellbeing and Numeracy continue to be the main area for focus. We will extend our staff knowledge of this by providing training in Emotion Coaching, and individual HWB meetings with children where required. We will also use some money to buy in a teacher one and half days per week to work in small groups and targeting support groups, particularly for numeracy and literacy.
- We have also been aware of the Cost of the School Day and wish to introduce help with payments towards class trips where the child is entitled to Free School Meals.

## Events and successes

- We had a stall at the West Partnership Headteachers Meeting at the Crowne Plaza on Tuesday. This was to showcase our work in Pupil Enquiry and 2 P7 children (Kate and Harris) represented the school brilliantly! The feedback from Headteachers was overwhelmingly positive.
- 4 P7 girls won silver in the 50m freestyle girls' relay at the East Dunbartonshire school's time trials for the Scottish Schools Swimming Championships. All four girls achieved PBs in other events and Olivia also won two bronze medals in individual events. Well done Lilian, Olivia, Molly and Zara.
- Our school choir raised money for Cash for Kids at Asda at Christmas raising £113.25. We also used our church collection for this charity and added another £189.92 to it, giving a total of £303.07 to Cash for Kids.
- Our school show was a great success. We were so proud of all the hard work put in by children, staff and families, and our new booking system worked well with only a few minor glitches!
- We gave a huge amount of gifts to EDC Social Work department for distribution across the authority to families who were in need. Many thanks for your generosity in this.
- We have had 3 children successful in Music tuition and will be attending Gartmore. 9 children across the school have been selected for the Primary Schools' Orchestra and 2 for the training Orchestra.
- Cross Country - new block has started this term. Lovely to welcome a few new faces. Next competition is this Sunday where we have pupils from P1-P7 taking part. P5-7 runners will race on Sunday 16th February.
- New microphones for stage - 2 wired mics and a new wireless handheld mic. This will allow those at the side of the stage during performances to have access to a mic and should help with the interference problem we have when we have more mics connected. We will be using these during our Scottish Afternoon on Friday.
- Block 2 of Skills 31 has started - delighted to have parents involved (Mrs Johnston running a percussion and rhythm group, Mrs MacAndrews working with P7 doing STEM activities, Mrs Horner running a second block of photography with P6 with a plan to have a showcase of photographs in June, Mrs Joshi and Mrs Kellock helping pupils in the kitchen). Lots of skills on offer across the school - cycling, tennis, botany, cooking, netball, drama, origami, photography... The fund for skills is really appreciated as it allows staff to purchase any resources they may need e.g food for kitchen, clay etc.