



HT report for Parent Council 17th November 2021

Staffing update

Mrs Whitaker P5/6 class teacher has now left due to family commitments. We have now welcomed Mr Gourlay to Fossoway and he will be teaching P5/6 Wed- Friday.

Several new support staff have also joined us over the last few weeks – Mrs Caine (PSA), Mrs Timmons (PSSA), Mrs Bird (Play Assistant).

We also have two student teachers in school at the moment – in P1 and P3/4.

Parent communications

Parent contact calls took place over the last two weeks. Feedback has been positive.

It is likely that this format will continue for the next contacts in March. Most Child's Plan meeting continue to be held on Teams rather than in person.

Positive feedback from parents about use of Seesaw across the school. (PTA have paid for our annual subscription this year)

Improvement Priorities for 2021-22

- To strengthen positive relationships and behaviour throughout the school community with a focus on Children's Voice, rights and wellbeing
- To improve levels of attainment and achievement in writing through high quality learning, teaching and assessment.
- To further develop a play-based approach to learning.

Recent collegiate sessions and inservice days have focused on our school improvement priorities.

On the inservice days we focused on further developing a play based pedagogy, discussed research into raising attainment in writing and set up working groups to action both these areas. We also had a whole school training on Makaton from Speech and Language and agreed plans for this year's Reading Schools Programme. We will be looking for ways to involve parents more in this for our Silver award. Support staff also had online training on use of iPads to support ASN.

Staff leadership opportunities – all staff are involved in leading areas of improvement through working groups.

Whole School Learning

Climate Change Focus linked to COP26. All learners engaged well with this. P6/7s leading the recycling in the school – measuring waste, recycling crisp packets, plastics, composting etc.

Anti-Bullying with a focus on One Kind Word week. All classes have been making pledges and this week's awards are linked.

Growth Mindset is our Health focus this term

Enterprise and Leadership Skills

Christmas events – nativity P1-3 will be recorded. There will be a whole school Christmas Sway as we did last year to share with parents. Parties can go ahead and dates were in newsletter.