

Head Teacher's Report

14th September 2017

We currently have a **school roll** of 112 children which is an increase of 12 from this time last year.

We have a stable **staff** with new addition of Mr Macleod in P1/2 on a permanent basis, Mrs MacDonald in P5/6 as a Newly Qualified Teacher and the return of Mrs MacLean following maternity leave. We will also complete interviews tomorrow for a 13.75 hour Pupil Support Assistant vacancy.

School Improvement - Our annual report and plan is available on the school website. Last year our focus was on building our curriculum. This included establishing our vision, values and aims and reviewing the different areas of our curriculum. This was brought together in Our Curriculum Rationale which is also published on the school website and was shown at the previous Parent Council meeting. Pupils, staff, parents and the community were all involved in building this. This year we will continue to work with all to ensure our values resonate in our school life and we continue to achieve the next steps identified.

This year our main improvement priorities are:

- **STEAM** - Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Design and Maths - We have already had training and visits from Dr. Ritchie with Science and will continue to do this throughout the year. Her initial visit seems to have been really enjoyed by the children. We have also used some of our Pupil Equity Funding to purchase authority development officer input in relation to increasing attainment in maths.
- **Profiling** - This promotes the children in leading their learning and increasing our work in supporting parents to be partners in their child's learning. Profiles will be developed throughout this session and be regularly sent home.

School Hours We altered our hours at the beginning of this session and all children, staff and parents seem to have settled into their new routines well.

Staff Training - We are delighted to say that Miss Mullin and Miss MacDonald (P4/5) will this year take part in the Highland Council, 'Lead On' leadership training. This supports their professional development and will involve completion of a development project within the school.

I am also a participant in the government's new Excellence in Headship programme for Head Teachers. This enables us to build collaborative networks with Head Teachers and schools across Scotland and learn from and with them. It continues to develop my leadership skills to enable us to deliver excellence and equity for the children in Glenurquhart Primary.

We have had a very positive year and thank parents for their continued support throughout it.