

Head Teacher's Report

2nd September 2020

We currently have a **school roll** of 113 children with this due to increase by 2 after October.

We have a stable **staff** with Mr Marshall as Newly Qualified Teacher and all permanent staff remaining the same.

Successes

We had an extremely successful year last session further developing work from previous years, with a focus on Creativity (mainly led by the children), Learning for Sustainability and Expressive Arts.

This started with us receiving our Silver Rights Respecting Schools award, included many sporting achievements from football, shinty and karate, saw us achieve Woodland Trust Silver Award for outdoor conservation and achievements, Fairtrade Active award and links with Scotmid, Robotics judges winners following previous STEM work and ended with us being finalists for two Scottish Education Awards – Children and Young People's Participation and Learning for Sustainability. Children led through their citizenship groups and developed their skills through skills academies. These achievements were all enhanced by our close work with parents and our community partnerships which we are very grateful for and proud of.

Throughout the year we also further developed links with home learning through the creation of our Family Learning website, renewed use of the maths home learning packs and creation of STEM home learning packs. Furthermore, we extended our Expressive Arts opportunities including drama and dance workshops and training with teachers as well as, developing us of an art skills progression.

School Improvement –Our annual Standards and Quality report will be published by the end of Term two along with our finalised School Improvement Plan.

As explained in the school newsletter, this year we hope to focus on;

Recovery from Covid-19 School Closures:

- Health and wellbeing – continuing the work started last year using Emotion Works as well as, continued work towards Rights Respecting Schools Gold award.
- Learning, teaching and assessment
- Attainment in session 20/21 (focusing on moving every child on in their learning)

Learning through Play:

- Developing learning through play experiences in the Early stage (initially.)

Pupil Equity Funding – Last year Pupil Equity Funding was used towards Expressive Arts support – drama and dance, outdoor learning and pupil specific provision. This year we have an award of £17,974 and hope to again provide maths support, equity for outdoor learning provision and are looking at various programmes to support building pupil resilience. Will be engaging with Parent Council around ideas for this also.

Building Works: Works began this week to replace the current single classroom modular unit with a double one to then allow work within the school building to adapt one of the classrooms for a Gaelic nursery provision.

Thank You A huge thank you to Lynn Milton for working so closely with me and for all her support as Parent Council Chairperson. Thank you to all the parents as well who help support improvements in the school and to make it a really positive place.