

Parent Council Head Teacher Report

Date of meeting 8.11.22.

I cannot believe we are in November! What a busy start to the term we have had. I am delighted we have been able to throw open our doors and welcome so many of you into school in our first few weeks of term.

Staffing

We have recommended a PSO from the interviews on Friday and hope that she will start with us in Early December.

Mrs Smolarz has joined the PSA team and is enjoying working across the school.

Staff Training

Staff took part in "Who Cares" training and the team are looking forward to working with P6 and P7 soon.

ELC staff undertook training with speech and language to deliver an exciting Early taking programme.

Mrs Graham has been leading on developing our planning, tracking and monitoring procedures.

We will also be working with REDSTART with children throughout the school.

Mrs Flowers is leading the school developing a rights-based culture, by embedding UNCRC rights of the child in the daily life of our school. We loved the

Mr Woodhouse and Miss Nixon are supporting staff to upskill their knowledge in all the ways our i-pads can enhance learning and to support our sustainability goals by reducing the paper.

10 Villages

I have been in touch with Harvey Slater from First4playgrounds and the planning for our playground transformation is underway. The cost of the work is higher so we are looking at what will be the most impactful use of our grant.

I have e-mailed Jade Mooney regarding the Parent council contribution and if there is any flexibility around timing for completion of the works around the old janitor's house.

Parental involvement in learning.

I hope that the jigsaw planner was informative and gave you a clear idea on the learning that is taking place in your child's class.

Homework

Ready

Respectful

Responsible

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Following parent and carer feedback our next step in increasing parental involvement in learning, is to develop a clear consistent homework framework.

I am looking for a few willing volunteers to meet to discuss this as part of a short-term working party.

Road safety

Road safety around Abbeyhill is of great concern to us all. We all need to work together to ensure that we are parking further away from school and striding in.

In addition to the concerns at drop off and collection we are working with the Travel plan team to add safety features to the access points on Brand Place and signage to alert drivers that there is a crossing ahead.

Abbeyhill's travel plan is due to be updated in January 2023 and we need as many of the parent forum to contribute to the questionnaires that will be sent out as possible.

The council have ring fenced funding to action points of concern raised through this channel. Following the questionnaires an inspection can take place and a plan agreed from that.

Music Tuition

We do not have a music specialist linked to school. Staff teach the music curriculum throughout the year.

We offer Violin and Cello to children in P5-P7 and this is delivered by specialist teachers.

YMI- Youth Music Initiative- come into school each year to work with P1.

P3 also benefit from specialist input each year.

Library

No update this time.

Very Best Wishes

Moir Robertson