

Parent Council Head Teacher Report

Date of meeting 6.6.23

Attendance

Last parent council I explained our new absence policy and support we can offer. We are already seeing an improvement in our attendance figures which is brilliant.

Staffing

The staffing is almost finalised. I am aware that transitions can be worrisome for many of us so I apologise for the delay. As you know I have been recruiting for 3 new teachers and had expected to be sharing this with you this week. However, another vacancy arose.

Another vacancy arose which has resulted in my planning having to be redone!

PSO

Our PSO Mrs Singh will be continuing in her new post after the summer which is great news.

Road Safety

I have recently met with representatives from City of Edinburgh Council who outlined the major roadworks which will be happening over the summer months. I am delighted to say that most of the concerns about crossings and pavement widths at the front of the school should be addressed within these works.

We have not forgotten the concerns around Brand place and are continuing to take these concerns forward.

Class structure

There was concern raised by parents about the creation of composite classes in Abbeyhill for next session. Where this is, a normal element of school class structure throughout Scotland, Abbeyhill has not experienced this for several years and parents had not been aware it was a possibility.

The link for the meeting held to discuss the process has been sent to P1 and P2 families.

We will update both the website and our school handbook to reflect this, so parents and carers are aware of this policy for the future.

Attainment and Achievement

Our work on embedding our Vision and Values have focussed on recognition of our values, rules and the 4 capacities and what a wealth of talent and

Ready

Respectful

Responsible

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positive attributes we are now celebrating each and every week in assembly. It is so touching for the children, and often staff to be recognised for those small daily interactions of kindness and respect that make Abbeyhill such a wonderful place to be.

School Improvement

The more we Learn the Brighter we Shine!

Our strapline (purpose) sums up the impact that the totality of our curriculum will bring, so next session our focus will be developing our Curriculum Rationale and Positive Climate for Learning Framework to ensure that progression in learning across all 4 Capacities is at the centre of everyone's Abbeyhill journey.

Finally.....

It has been such an enormous pleasure to lead Abbeyhill Primary school and cannot thank the parents in general and the committed parent council teams for all their hard work and support.

Very Best Wishes

Moir Robertson