



## Head Teacher's Update –January 2019

### **Pupil Roll Update**

- Current role 410
- P6 full. P1, P7- reserved catchment spaces only available. P2 and P4 only stages with numerous spaces for placing requests. Other stages very tight with only perhaps 1 additional space over reserved spaces.
- 15 classes across the school.

### **Staffing Update**

Primary 1	Room 9	Miss N Beattie
Primary 1	Room 10	Mr R Cameron
Primary 1	Room 4	Miss Gray
Primary 2	Room 3	Miss Aitken / Mrs Mathieson
Primary 2	Room 5	Miss K Jaycock
Primary 3	Room 2	Miss L Graham
Primary 3	Room 1	Miss D Hicks and Mrs L McGonagle
Primary 4	Room 6	Mrs H Crossey
Primary 4	Room 13	Miss A Mackenzie
Primary 5	Room 14	Mrs G Bell / Mrs K Macpherson
Primary 5	Room 15	Mr A Findlay
Primary 6	Room 19	Mr D McGregor
Primary 6	Room 20	Mrs N Johnson/ Mrs K Reid
Primary 7	Room 17	Mr P Prunty
Primary 7	Room 12	Miss L Mullen

RCCT – PE – Mr J Macleod  
RCCT – Music – Mrs E Irvine  
RCCT- Various – Mrs L McGonagle  
RCCT - French – Mrs Capaldi

Principal Teacher – Mrs A Templeton  
Depute Head Teacher – Mrs A Wilson  
Depute Head Teacher (0.6) – Ms J Thomson  
0.4 Acting DHT Vacancy – Mrs A Mathieson  
Head Teacher – Mrs C Smith

We welcome Mrs McGonagle back from maternity leave. We would wish to thank Mrs Orr for her hard work in P3 and she will continue for this term doing RCCT and supporting maths groups.

### **School Improvement Plan**

- Due to events in December we do not plan any development time for staff so there have been no further developments in SIP.
- The work on the teaching kitchen has now begun and is hoped to be installed over the coming few weekends.
- Our Digital Leads for each school have met to ensure consistency across the whole cluster in Digital Literacy and we have, as a cluster, applied to be validated by education Scotland for the Digital Cluster Initiative Award.

### **Pupil Equity Fund**

- We have used the money so far on:  
Teacher 1 day per week to support groups: £6369.60  
Sumdog subscription and training: £2120  
Maths Resources: £900  
Total: £9255  
Planned use of rest of money (£1410)- Teacher training on HWB- Nurturing Approaches leading to whole school inclusive positive behavior policy and additional support for maths groups.

### **Events and successes**

- P4-7 Show was a great success and feedback was very positive.
- P7 Dance was also well attended and the children enjoyed their evening.
- Special thanks to all staff who give up their evenings to come in to allow us to put on evening events.

- Macastory- whole school storytelling- Scottish stories. Overwhelmingly positive feedback from both teachers and pupils. Then P6&7 enjoyed writing workshops with them and this led to some excellent writing and children were very motivated to write. Thanks to the Fundraising Group for funding this.
- NSPCC have led school assemblies on 'Speak Out, Stay Safe'. They then also led workshops with P6&7 on this in classes where they could look in-depth at this message.
- P7 classes have had input from Community Police on safe use of Social Media.
- P3 enjoyed a workshop based on STEM careers and activities.
- P3 had a trip to the Hindu Temple.
- Events Committee held a Bake Sale and raised over £200- this will go on some new maths resources for classes.
- Pedal Power cinema to visit on 6<sup>th</sup> February organised by Eco Committee.

#### **Residential Outdoor Education Experience**

- Have issued letter to all P5 children to make deposit payments on Millport. 25 booked so far.

#### **Facilities Management Update**

- Alan Bauer met with Chris Dorman to raise all our concerns- no further information on this at present.