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Carstairs Junction Primary School and Early Learning & Childcare

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Head Teacher's Report – 11.10.23

J Armour



Welcome

Mrs Armour welcomed and thanks everyone for their attendance.

Staffing

Mrs Gordon's maternity leave will commence during the October holidays. We are awaiting cover for her 0.6. Mrs Armour will inform parents as soon as she knows the outcome. Mrs Wilson will cover on the Monday & Tuesday in Room 1 whilst Mrs Gordon is on maternity leave.

Parent Consultation and Settling in Reviews have taken place over the past week. These were very well attended and there was a very positive buzz in the air. Mrs Seaton was also able to show some parents our NELI Early Literacy programme and how their child will be supported in this intervention.

Manorview Cornhill Castle Hotel (near Biggar) is part of the Manorview Hotels Group. The Manorview Group (Charity Foundation) had approached the school with a view to linking up to provide opportunities for the pupils. The Charity Foundation would like to provide a party at Cornhill House for all the children with entertainment, refreshments and transport provided. Mrs Armour & Miss King are meeting with to discuss further after the October holidays. The Charity Foundation aim to work with the school/community on other projects in the future.

School Improvement Plan Update:

1. All stakeholders will continue to focus on curriculum development; contributing to the school rationale with a focus on the four contexts of learning.

- Room 2 currently have a focus on Attention Autism. They are being supported by our Speech & language Therapist Laura McKeever. Attention Autism helps to build up children's focused attention.

2. Provide high quality learning & teaching experiences in writing through use of learning intentions and success criteria. Talking and listening opportunities to be used as a vehicle to raise attainment in writing.

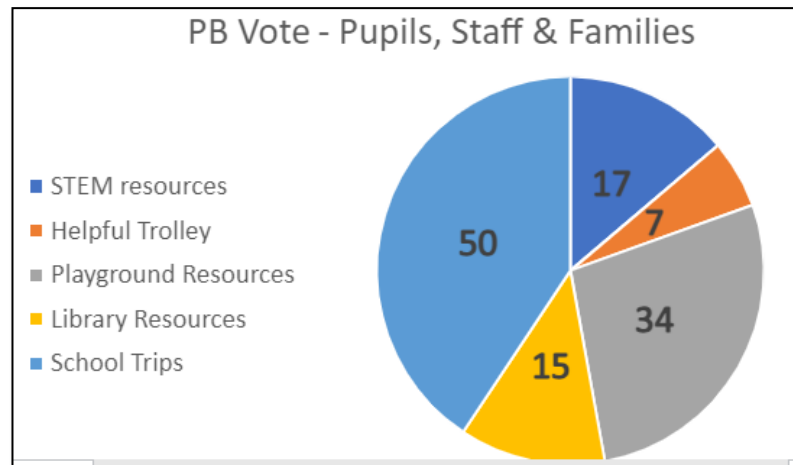
- Teachers have been focusing on learning Intentions and success criteria as part of their professional development.
- Reading Schools accreditation continues to gather momentum via our Reading Schools Committee. Our ELC learners can choose some bedtime stories to take home. We have a focus on reading for pleasure at Get Together, we had this previously but was generally based on their core readers.
- In ELC, Miss Barr is driving forward Literacy in the playroom and outdoors.

3. Further develop Play based learning pedagogy at Early level and introduce play based principles to First & Second level.

- Mrs Seaton shared with all staff at the INSET in August on Play Based pedagogy. The feedback was very positive.
- Room 5 have thoroughly enjoyed their outdoor learning experiences such as den building & tree climbing. Room 4 will commence after the October holiday.
- Room 1 & 2 will be working with our ELC learners on a Monday afternoon with loose parts. Throughout the sessions they will be lots of learning around Science, Technology, Maths etc.
- Some staff are taking part in professional learning tonight around learner voice in wall displays.

4. Equity Priorities:

- Many thank to everyone who voted on the Participatory Budget (£1531.25). Voting is closed and the results have been collated. The collated responses from pupils, staff and parents are as follows:



Maintenance Agenda

- Teachers in the Primary school and our ELC staff have self-evaluated the school under HGIOS/HGIOELC Quality Indicator 3.1 Ensuring wellbeing, equality & inclusion. This enabled us to highlight our key strengths, how we know this and what we are planning as our next steps. We will include the collated information from our Parent Survey last session. At the next meeting we will share the collated information and provide an opportunity to discuss.

What else has been happening at Carstairs Junction Primary?

- We have been offered Active School Sessions for Room 2 and Room 6 on a Wednesday during the school day. This will be led and fully funded by our Active Schools Teams. More information will follow.
- Susan Tullett, SLC Development Officer for Nurture is coming out to visit on Friday to see all the great work that goes on in the school with supporting our learners with their emotions, sensory experiences etc.

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