

HT report for Parent Council – Tues 17th January 2023

Since our last meeting on 29th November we went into Christmas at Trinity! All events / activities were great fun from the Art day to light switch on, the parties to Christmas lunch, star to Santa Fun Run etc. The only slight disappointment was the late arrival of the Silent Disco – it finally made it to us on Mon 19th Dec. However, in true Trinity fashion, it didn't dampen spirits and we have simply moved to starting the year with a silent disco.

Spring term has got off to a positive start although a lot of staff and Trinity families did experience illness over the festive period and absence has been high on return. Chicken pox is making its rounds along with various other coughs, aches and pains.

Staffing

Carly Pattinson will begin her maternity leave on January 12th. She will be sorely missed but we all wish her the very best and look forward to meeting Baby Pattinson. Megan Browning has taken over the teaching of P4C (now called P4M) and it is great to have her join the Trinity team. Claire Campbell has moved into the Sfl post until she too goes on maternity leave in early March. We have a further student from QMU joining us this term, along with PE students. Those teaching staff on temporary contracts are in the process of applying for posts through the central recruitment drive.

Harry Lawrie, our facilities technician (janitor) moved to Holy Cross Primary at the beginning of December and we now have Pablo. He has already shown himself to be hard working and proud of his position. We are all looking forward to working with him.

August 2023

We have submitted our class organisation for August 2023 and are currently looking at having 21 classes in the school. Our current numbers for P1 are significantly lower than we have seen in previous years so we may move to three x P1 classes. Permanent staff have been asked to share any possible changes to circumstances eg flexible working, secondments etc.

Facilities

We now have a working kitchen and the serving of hot meals is going well. The children have adapted positively and we have become very slick at getting everyone served without too long a wait. We continue to manage food waste – some days are much better than others!

The seat installation in our outdoor library area has commenced with stage two due to happen by the end of January. Once the seats are in situ we will be looking to improve the garden area with planters etc. The plan is to ask for sponsorship from parents and carers to purchase plants etc.

Redecoration of the P4M classroom and reflooring of the P1K classroom is due to take place in the February break.

Our previous janitor, Ken Campbell, continues to do work for the school. He has made and installed a rainbow on the wall in the front playground and has reinstated the equipment in the back playground. Huge thanks to him.

Budget

We are still awaiting the decision as to whether school will be reimbursed for the items damaged in the break in.

We remain within our budget and will be considering if we have funds available this term to purchase replacement furniture and additional resources.

Improvement plan progress

Agenda item

Term ahead

It is great to be able to, once again, hold our House Coffee Mornings and Learning Chats in school. TA pupils will provide support for those whose parents / carers are unable to attend. The P6 and P7 Burns Supper and Ceilidh will take place on the evening of Tues Jan 24th. P4 have started to plan their show and it is looking likely that P7 (helped by P6) will be able to have their show in TA at the end of term. A visit to Beamish Outdoor Museum is being planned for P6. P7 have the opportunity to attend the Risk Factory. P5 continue to work with Edinburgh Sculpture Workshop. Red Nose Day and World Book Day will both be celebrated. P6 pupils have speakers in school relating to STEAM. Art to vote for Trinity Artist of the year is being planned and taught.

An important element of what we value at Trinity is to provide varied learning experiences and opportunity for wider achievement. Seeing our learners grow in confidence and develop skills is extremely important.

SLT were invited to a meeting to discuss a possible HMiE visit. There are approx. 22 schools in Edinburgh for whom it has been over 10 years since they were last inspected – Trinity being one of them. There is no indication of a date but it is helpful to start the process of preparing. Whilst the thought is always met with some trepidation, equally I would sincerely hope that the pride we all have in our school would be evident to HMiE!

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