

HT report for Parent Council – Tues 6th June 2023 (written on 29th May)

With the end of the school year nearly upon us it is a very busy time both to manage the 'end and the beginning'. P6 had a very successful visit to Beamish, Red Nose Day was a great success and the P4 show, P5 Scottish Opera and P7(6) show were fabulous. This term has seen the whole school learning about Amazing Asia. The zoo trips and panda day were much enjoyed as was our sunny sports day. We are looking forward to sharing learning next week at our Open Evening as well as enjoying a lion dance, a taste of pakora, kite making and for some, origami.

Staffing

Claire Campbell had a baby girl called Emily. We are looking forward to meeting them both this week. Results from the central recruitment drive were shared with staff and I am delighted that Laura Johnstone, our current NQT and one of our P1 teachers, will be remaining at Trinity on a permanent basis. Our other temporary staff are still waiting to hear what schools they will be working at. We are also unsure if Seaneen Horan, who is currently seconded, will be returning to Trinity. It is with very mixed feelings that we will be saying goodbye to Gill Chalmers who is leaving to take up a post in another Edinburgh school. She will be sorely missed and we wish her all the very best.

Our PSA team will also be changing as we say goodbye to Seoras Lewis who is leaving to embark on teacher training and to Kathleen Murray who will be going on maternity leave.

August 2023

The situation remains with an expected 21 classes in August. The decision has been made to leave the current P3 and P5 classes as they are and to reform classes at the other stages. I am hoping to have confirmation of staffing for all classes before I share with our learners.

Facilities

The decant of P6 into Trinity Academy has gone incredibly well. A huge thanks to all of the staff and to our learners for managing this so well. The closure of the kitchen has not been without its difficulties – again thanks to our kitchen staff for managing an unexpected situation so well. Whilst the packed lunches have been enhanced there is a strong desire to ensure hot lunches are reinstated as soon as possible. At time of writing we are still awaiting news regarding the situation with the roof and possible implications moving forward.

Budget

We have remained within our budget and will have a carry forward of approx. £17,000.

Term ahead

With four weeks to go there is a lot going on - P7 are in the process of completing their climbing of the 7 hills of Edinburgh, Athletics festival, Open Evening, House elections, new P1 transition events, Meet your Teacher, Aberdour picnic, P7/S1 transition events, P7 Leavers' Do (pizza and Chinese with a water fight to finish!), End of year celebration Trinity Together, North Berwick picnic for P7 and Trinity's Got Talent!

Jan 2024 : Trinity goes to the theatre to see Shrek, the musical

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