

HT report for Parent Council – Tues 29th August 2023

Term has started well with school roll organised into 21 classes. As is always the case we have had several families joining Trinity whilst also saying goodbye to others. We are hoping for parent / carer support with ensuring only school colours are worn, that learners arrive on time and that snacks are limited to one item only!

Staffing

We welcomed two NQTs (newly qualified teachers) to Trinity. Iona Henderson is teaching in P1 and Alasdair Palfreyman-Smith is teaching in P4. In line with the requirements from the GTCS both teachers will be released from class contact for a period of time each week. Parents and carers will be informed of this. Both Iona and Alasdair completed student placements with us so are already familiar with some of the Trinity ways. Laura Johnstone, who was an NQT with us last year, is now permanent to the Trinity staff and we have also welcomed Sarah Williams.

Our PSA team has also undergone some change with Tracy Hammond-Scodallero, Krystie Henderson and Ekta Sharma all now providing support. To enable more job security PSAs on temporary contracts are able to apply for permanency by the end of October.

Over the course of the year students from various establishments will be joining us.

Sadly Rebecca Boath, our school administrator, is unwell and undergoing treatment. We are all wishing her all the best and hope to see her back at Trinity as soon as possible. In the meantime it does mean we are short staffed in the office and ask for understanding with this. Claire Nisbet has returned from maternity leave and will be working on a Tues and Wed.

Facilities

The situation with RAAC continues and we now have P6 situated in TUs in the front playground of TA. Whilst not necessarily ideal the classrooms are of a high quality and both staff and learners report they are enjoying them. We are delighted to have hot lunches back on the menu. These are cooked in the reinstated kitchen in the old Fort Primary School and transported to school. With no dishwashing facilities available disposable plates and cutlery are having to be used. On a positive note our learners have said they are enjoying the food. It is likely that works to replace the areas of the roof will not commence until later in the year. Preliminary investigations have been undertaken but the job is complicated and requiring careful consideration.

Budget

We are awaiting updated budget statements but are expecting to have remained within the budget allocated to us.

Learning @ Trinity

The year ahead promises to be busy and full of a variety of learning experiences. MADD about Fairytales is underway and class photos, Gaelic football, our meet the teacher evening, Trinity Together meet your house event, flu vaccination, P6 EPIC days and P7 visit to Benmore will all be happening soon. Plans are being put together for three biscuit and blether mornings with the first one on the theme of What Makes Trinity Trinity? This will be lead by our House Captains.

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