

## **HT report for Parent Council – Tues 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

### **Staffing**

Whilst staffing has remained fairly stable throughout the session, at this time of year we are in the process of securing staffing for August. We will be saying goodbye to both of our newly qualified teachers (NQTs) at the end of term, Iona Henderson (P1H) and Alasdair Palfreyman (P4P), Sarah Williams (P3W) and Sophie Conley (P2C) who has job shared with Claire Campbell. Rachel Mackay (P7R) is awaiting placement following the centralised recruitment drive. Felicity Martin, DHT, who joined Trinity in November made the decision to leave CEC due to ill health. We wish them all well in the future.

Rebecca Boath is continuing to receive treatment. She is hoping to return to Trinity in August with a view to retiring in September. Claire Nisbet is now on maternity leave and Annette Baumann has taken up post of temporary clerical assistant. Katie Berry will be leaving at the end of June – an advert for the post of administrator is currently live.

We will be saying goodbye to Krystie Henderson, one of our PSAs, at the end of term.

### **Facilities**

Work is now well underway on the replacement of the classroom although the weather has resulted in the completion date being extended. I continue to be very grateful to all of our school community for their understanding with the situation as it is challenging. Noise, dust and lack of space are the biggest issues. We are now beginning the process of relocating classes and resources as all Trinity learners will be back on site come August. This involves a lot of planning and consideration as we aim to minimise disruption. As part of the project the temporary staffroom will be decorated and carpeted from the roofing budget and reinstated to being a classroom. Haddens have been appointed the contract to replace the kitchen roof – work is due to start in September.

### **Budget**

Ipad pens for P5 – P7 classes have been purchased and are being put to good use. The carpeting of one classroom has been put on hold until the Oct week. We are looking to improve the communal area between the entrance hall and early yrs corridor with the introduction of study and reading areas. We remain within budget for staffing.

### **Standards & Quality report and Improvement Plan for 24 / 25 – see separate agenda item**

### **Learning @ Trinity**

Since our last Parent Council meeting our learners have continued to experience a range of learning opportunities – karate and Gaelic football taster sessions, Jupiter Artland, Red Nose Day, P2 and P4 shows, cross country, a French café, swimming, Spring House Trinity Together event, Jaunt Roond Auld Reekie input, Newhaven harbour visit, Fun Run, skiing, My Bank input, transition events, Geowalks, able mathematician event, Sports day, Royal Mile visit, Newhaven lunch club support, Edinburgh Sculpture workshop, Trinity's Got Talent auditions, Hopetoun House, Athletics festival. Still to come is the 7 hills challenge, P7 out to buy lunch, Open Evening, Scottish Opera, Equalities event, netball event, Aberdour picnic, P7 Leavers' Do, P7 picnic, end of year celebration and Trinity's Got Talent final! It is a busy time.

**CfE attainment** : our attainment levels have increased slightly from last year. Whilst there are those not on track with national expectations all learners are making progress, we are very aware of the barriers to their learning and are providing support where possible.

	Reading	Writing	L & T	Literacy	Numeracy
P1	79	81	87	82	80
P4	84	76	91	83	78
P7	88	87	92	84	87

#### **SSE visit April 24**

Our SSE visit carried out by CEC validated our own school evaluation. There were many strengths identified and our next steps are in line with our own priorities. Partnership groups spoke very positively about our school. The report has still to be shared.

#### **Parent / Carer events**

Our **Internet safety event** lead by Leeanne Turner from CEC was well received. Whilst there will always be differing views about phone / computer / gaming use her clear message to parents and carers was to treat the internet as a place and to talk to children about 'where' they are going.

#### **Brew and Blether : supporting dyslexic learners**

It was great to have both present and past Trinity learners share their experiences of being a learner with dyslexia and what school and home can do to support.

The parenting course on **Raising Children with Confidence** was well attended and parents / carers provided very positive feedback. Kelly Tawake and Sandra Brown intend running the course again next session as it was oversubscribed.

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