

Enabling all our pupils to achieve their fullest learning potential

Parent Council – HT Update

22 November 2015

Focus Learning Week

Our first 'Focus Learning Week' for this school year will start on Monday 9th November. During the week, pupils will record evidence of their learning in their Personal Learning Plan. Your child's Learning Plan will come home prior to Parent Evenings for your information and for you to discuss with your child

We will be developing the use of Personal Learning Plans further this school year to include 'Learning Overviews' for each of block of learning that will give parents and pupils a flavour of the learning planned at the start of each block of learning. With the help of parents, we will also begin to use Personal Learning Plans to help pupils record their wider achievement and successes out with school.

Improving Learning Update

Last month (October 2015) we:

- Attended training on Modern Languages teaching with other Berwickshire primary schools.
- Developed a Modern Languages progression and have begun to trial this with pupils.
- Developed approaches to sharing planned learning with parents and pupils through learning overviews ready for implementation in Personal Learning Plans in January 2016.
- Developed a progression for teaching spelling in primary classes. This will be piloted by a working group of teachers with their classes in January 2016 before implementing in all classes for April to June 2016.
- Developed a mental agility progression for numeracy for all classes. This will be piloted by a working group of teachers with their classes in January 2016 before implementing in all classes for April to June 2016.

This month (November 2015):

- Mrs Reap will be working with other primary teachers from Berwickshire cluster schools on 'Critical Reading' approaches. She will be using these approaches on a 'test for change' basis with her Primary 5 class to develop a wider range of reading skills with her pupils.
- A group of teachers will continue to use 'Practitioner Enquiry' approaches to develop an aspect of their teaching practice and evaluate the impact of this upon pupils' learning.
- A group of teachers will continue to develop a teaching and learning progression for Religious and Moral Education.
- Some teaching staff are attending a twilight Child Protection Training Refresher at Ayton Primary School.

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In-service Days

Training planned as follows:

Thursday 12th November

Time	Teachers	Support Staff / Nursery	All staff
9-10.45	Writing moderation	Fine Motor Development	
10.45 – 11.10			Coffee
11.10 – 12.45			Inclusion: Ed Psy and PT Support Centres
12.45 – 13.15	Modern Languages:	Consultation with SFLT	Lunch
13.30 – 14.00	L1+2 Platform discussion	Parent update Resource organisation	

Friday 13th November

Time	Teachers - BHS	Support Staff
9-10.30	Teaching and Learning Workshops	Moving and Handling CPD Course
10.30 – 11.00		
11.00 – 12.00	Keynote – Donna Manson Service Director CYPS	Moving and Handling CPD Course

Parent Evenings

Parent evening appointments are planned for Monday 23rd November, Tuesday 24th November and Wednesday 25th November from 5pm to 7pm. Appointment times have organised by Mrs Gregory and will be sent home Monday 16th November.

Mr Paterson, our Kitchen Manager, will be providing an opportunity for parents to sample some dishes from our Dinner Menu as well as answering any questions parents may have around school meals. Whizzkidz After School Care will also be present in the canteen to share with parents information about their service.

Pupil Learning Council

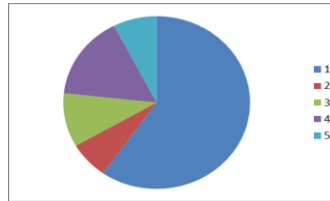
Homework survey

Members of our Pupil Learning Council will be gathering pupils' opinions on homework tasks over the next few weeks to evaluate the impact of the new homework approach launched earlier this school year. Results from the survey will be shared with parents at Parent Evenings (23-25th November) where parent views on the new homework approach will also be surveyed.

New Stage Curtains

The Pupil Learning Council has carried out a survey of pupils to gauge their opinion on a colour for some new stage curtains for the hall. The results were as follows...

1. Midnight Blue
2. Purple
3. Plum
4. Red
5. Orchard Pink



Midnight Blue was the colour chosen for new stage curtains by P1-P7 pupils.
Mrs Simpson is now going to start work on the new curtains!

Curriculum Network Update

Our curriculum computers in classroom will be updated next week, with work commencing on Wednesday 11th November and continuing on the in-service days. This arrangement will help to keep inconvenience to pupil learning to a minimum. Update has now been completed.

Building Works Update

The new infant toilet and canteen store build is due to be completed week by the end of November.

Kind regards,

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Headteacher