**Head teacher weekly update**

**Friday 17th June 2022**

Dear Parent / Carer,

Here is the news for the week ended 17th June 2022:

1. **Parents’ Evenings in session 2022/23**

Thank you to all the parents (300+) who took the time to return our recent survey. One of the questions was around parents’ evenings, and whether parents wished to move to in-person or online. The response from parents indicated that most wanted to move back to in-person meetings, therefore we will go back to this in session 2022/23.

1. **Wider achievement awards ceremony**

On Tuesday 14th we held our first wider achievement awards ceremony. Thanks to pupils and parents who uploaded all of their achievements – the staff were so impressed with the range of activities the pupils are doing out with the classroom; so many young people do ‘extra’ either in school or in the community. It was brilliant to see young people proud as punch getting their certificate, house badge or full/half colours tie, depending on the hours they have committed or their level of specialism in their area. Massive thanks to Miss McGinley and her team of staff helpers for a great afternoon in school.

1. **Primary 7 three-day visit**

Wednesday to Friday was the primary 7 three-day visit. It was a great success, and I am delighted that we were able to provide this group of P7s with a positive transition experience. It was great to get them up, all together, for the first time in three years. Another big step towards ‘business as usual’! My thanks to Mrs O’Malley, the Pastoral team and the fabulous S6 befriending team who were simply outstanding in their care and support of the P7 pupils.

1. **School improvement**

Mrs Cole and I are busy putting together the school improvement plan for 2022/23. Again, thank you to the 300 parents who responded to our questionnaire which has helped us to identify our main priority areas, and identify areas / tasks within these that are important to parents. The priority areas are as follows, and I know most Renfrewshire high schools will be working within similar areas:

* 1. Learning, teaching and assessment
  2. Health and wellbeing
  3. Raising attainment and achievement

1. **Summer Concert**

On Tuesday 21st we will be having a summer concert in the evening. Tickets are on sale outside the assembly hall at lunchtimes. I’m really looking forward to hearing our talented young people who have had limited opportunity to perform in front of an audience, and I am also looking forward to meeting many parents, carers and friends that evening.

1. **Last week of term:**
   1. MONDAY 27th:
      1. Pupils on trips – all the information you need will come from the trip leader. Trip costs should be paid, and consent forms filled out and returned in good time. Pupils going on trips do not need to wear school uniform. Please make sure they are kitted out for the unpredictable Scottish weather (jacket / sun cream!)
      2. Pupils staying in school - we will collapse the timetable and pupils will take part in a range of fun activities in school. School uniform should be worn.
   2. TUESDAY 28th
      1. Last day of term is a non-uniform day, £1 suggested donation for charity / school funds
      2. School closes at 1pm but we will have an early lunchbreak and learners who are entitled to a free meal will be able to get their lunch.
2. **Next session**

At the start of each session, I write to parents with arrangements for the year ahead, and in the pack there usually contains:

* Welcome letter from Head Teacher
* Calendar
* Religious observance opt-out
* Photo/video permission
* Data check (your contact details)
* Parent council info and application etc

The pack will be coming out to you over the summer holiday period. **We will have paper packs for any families who prefer this, but the main communication method is now online, via ‘parent portal’. You can access this via the council website. If you have any issues with parent portal, please call the office on 0300 300 1331.**

With best wishes to you and your family,

Yours sincerely,



Lynne Hollywood

Head Teacher