

## PC HT Report 18 March 2024

### Staffing

Mrs Cameron will continue with her seconded post for a few weeks after Easter. This will not change any staffing within school with Mrs Thomson continuing to cover the HWB role.

### Budget

The new sound system will be in place before financial year end. We continue to liaise with IT regarding the projector.

The financial year end processes are complete and submitted. We anticipate new budget statements from around the end of May.

### 2024-2025 Class Structure

It is very likely that we will continue to have composite classes across P1-3 classes. This usually means a restructuring of the current classes due to the changing maximum class sizes for different stages. We always consult with class teachers where a restructure is required. The West Lothian Council policy for composite classes can be found on our website under Education Policy and Procedures and will be shared with parents and carers when we know more details.

### School Improvement

- We have been working on our action points from our SIF and are confident we can address priorities identified and evidence progress by June 2024. I am currently working with other HTs from a range of other authorities towards tracking and monitoring processes that are meaningful and manageable for other areas of the curriculum beyond literacy, numeracy and HWB. We have a visit from our Education Officer at the end of May where our work will be shared.
- The pilot with Children First in Scotland is due to be completed before Easter with an action plan following for school improvement. Mrs Young has been working with Education Scotland about Building Racial Literacy, I have been working with them around learner agency in developing the curriculum and Mrs Thomson has been leading UNCRC action planning towards Gold. We have a plan to pull these together which will form a significant part of our development work next session.
- We have whole school sharing learning event planned for Friday 3 May from 11-12 where we will be celebrating our diverse school. All are welcome. IMS will be playing at this event.
- We have been given 4 bikes and helmets to support our Bikeability work in recognition of our robust programme for P6 and P7 pupils.

### Car Park

This continues to be an issue with some parents and carers continuing to ignore the guidance issued. When we have had Police visit, this has not been initiated by us, but by known issues in the wider community. We do receive complaints about parking in the wider community as well as having our own concerns for the use of the car park. They have advised that we continue to encourage parents and carers to follow the guidance for the safety of all. Mrs Thomson and I met with a Community Policeman last week to discuss Park Smart. We had begun to look at this with the children and we have a plan in place for them to lead a Park Smart campaign after Easter.

### Sports Leaders

Letter shared.

### Idea for future meetings to discuss with PC

Would Parent Council find it helpful to have a focus for meetings to share more about our school and how we work? Ideas we had considered that may be useful could include -

- curriculum - what do we mean and what does this look like at Williamston
- how do we plan interdisciplinary learning (topic or project based learning) – linked to school trips where relevant to learning
- maybe asking challenge questions from HGIOURS led by children or HGIOS4
- exploring our positive relationship policy and anti-bullying strategy
- Building racial literacy work we are currently developing
- meeting learner needs
- learner participation
- pupil equity funding - what it is and how we use this for targeted support

These are just a few ideas we had thought about, with perhaps one focus area depending on where we are with our improvement plan cycle. Open to other ideas and thoughts that PC would find useful to know more about. By discussing these, it may address some of the questions we have had at PC in the past, for example, trips; Cost of the School Day; etc.

We found it really helpful last time to have questions before the meeting to allow us time to find specific details in advance. If possible, having agenda items 24 hours before the PC meeting would allow us to fully respond. We would always welcome any specific concerns or queries coming to school before Parent Council for us to work with individual families around their query first.