

HEAD TEACHER REPORT
ST MARY'S PRIMARY AND NURSERY DUNBLANE
PARENT COUNCIL MEETING 21ST November 2018

STAFFING UP-DATE:

- Mrs McMaster has started her post as Admin Support in our school office. Mon – Thurs 8:45 – 2:15pm. Mrs Mace is in the office on Fridays until 1:30 pm
- P5/6 currently have Mrs Gall until end of Nov. She is on placement from the Learn to Teach programme
- Miss Gardner is a student in our Early Years from Forth Valley College. Thurs and Friday morning she will be in the nursery followed by P1/2 in afternoons.
- Mr McAllister will be working with our Early Years team in the new year. 7TH January until 29th March

CURRENT SCHOOL ROLL: as of 12th November 2018

	NURSERY	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	Whole School P1 - 7
Current 2018 - 19	14 (+2)	9	13	5	9	12	13	10	72
Projection 2019 - 20		9	9	13	5	9	12	13	

Current Class Structure

P1/2	P3/4	P5/6	P7
22	14	25	10

Class sizes for composite classes are capped at 25 pupils

 Spaces

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE:

Recent work completed to ensure main door entry system is working effectively

Roof fixed above P7 door as there was evidence of water damage – this does need painted

CCTV - request for new camera and monitor as this is not working

New Fire Alarm is connected to the system and weekly Fire Alarm tests are carried out.

Fence around the pitch area has been made safe

Continued effort by all to maintain playground and school.

FINANCES:

- Jane Hamilton has been invited to attend to share our current financial position

QUALITY ASSURANCE:

- SMT - termly planning, learning observations, jotter monitoring
- Pupil Council – gathering pupil feedback for Learning Superheroes linked to SIP
- Each class creating own SIP display
- Validated Self Evaluation at Gartmore Primary School Thursday 22 and Friday 23rd November
- November Inservice days – working with Dunblane Learning Community on Moderation of Numeracy, social stories training for SLAs, Makaton training, Big Maths, Read Write Inc and Mindfulness
- Question of the month linked to Quality Indicators, also chance to give feedback at Parents' Evening
- SNSA for P7 will be completed by the end of term

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

- Parents Evening - Wed 14th November
- Pupil Reps visiting Edinburgh Castle 100 years of Education Act
- Wed 21st Nov Whole School at Panto
- Thursday lunchtime running club P6/7
- Tuesday Craft Club p1 – 3
- Breakfast Badminton Club
- Children in Need Friday 16th Nov and Save the Children Friday 14th Dec organised by Pupil Council – information has been sent out. events
- Weekly Responsibility Time
- Glee Club
- Whole school have been awarded Silver Sports Award and a renewal of our Green Flag. Special thanks to Mrs Currie and Mrs Pearson for all their continued hard work for these recognitions.

COMMUNITY LINKS:

- 24TH November – Nerys' Institution, open invitation to our school community to attend. All P7's have been invited.
- Library Visits - each class ensure they are making use of our library
- Memory Café – Mrs Holmes is visiting with a couple of pupils this term, in addition to this our whole school assembly this week will focus on Dementia as we support Dementia Friendly Dunblane
- Dunblane High School Transition
- Athletics P5/6 – pupils attended Dunblane High School to participate with our cluster schools, it was great to see past pupils help lead this event.
- Sports Leaders coming into school to teach badminton
- Thank you to Messy Church for wonderful Poppy Display around our school

REQUEST FOR FUNDS:

SIP Priority 4 Leadership at All Levels

Hi5

It is our intention for every child within our school to take part in this challenge. This will be supported in school by class teachers but can also be worked on at home to increase the time spent on pupil's personal challenge.

The Hi5 Award has been credit rated and levelled by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) on the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF).

To gain a Hi5 Award, young people choose a challenge, complete a minimum of 5 hours of activity, think about and comment on their achievements and gather evidence of their participation.

They will receive a certificate showing their name, challenge and special achievements. The certificate will also show the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF) level and credit points.

The cost for this is £6 per pupil

<https://www.youthscotland.org.uk/awards/hi5-awards/>

Scots Song Project

Scots Song Project led by tutor, Amy Lord

6 workshops with 3 classes in schools + performance in Tolbooth Wed 5th June 2019.

Cost to school: £300 contribution towards costs of and transport to final performance

The opportunity is mostly free to schools as it is funded by the Youth Music Initiative and managed by the Tolbooth (Youth Music Initiative funding is an allocation from Creative Scotland to Stirling Council for music opportunities for children and young people in and out of schools and is managed by Education who allocate the project funding, in this case to the Tolbooth). To enable the final performance we ask for a contribution of £300 mostly towards the cost of transport for bringing the children to the performance in the Tolbooth. All the other costs are covered through Youth Music Initiative funding. Scots song is an exciting and motivating way to introduce Scots language and culture to children and fits well with Curriculum for Excellence.