

Curriculum Newsflash

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Welcome to my first Newsflash! I have been taking some time to learn what has been going on in Woodside and this is my chance to give you the first curricular update for this session. On the back, you will read about what the children are working on in every stage from our "Class Reporters"! If you require any other information regarding our development work, please feel free to give me a wee call. Charlotte Officer

Improvement Planning

This year our improvement priorities were to focus on the following areas:-

- **Improve attainment in writing especially in P 5 - 7**
- **Improve attainment in numeracy specifically with targeted pupils**
- **Further engage parents by developing curricular knowledge of literacy and numeracy to enable them to support their children**

So far we have created a 'Parental Engagement Calendar' to make sure that we are offering a range of opportunities for parental involvement across the school year. It was great to see so many of you at our last couple of workshops. If you haven't yet attended one of our workshops, look out for the February date.

All the teaching staff spent time reflecting on teaching and learning in writing, at the INSET day on Monday 19th November. We will be trying out some different approaches and organisation for writing in our classes. As we have Ms Lennox and Mrs Ferguson out of class they are working in partnership with all teachers to support the teaching of writing. We have been using our monitoring and tracking data for Literacy and Numeracy to ensure that our Support Staff are targeting some children with the '5 minute box' resource.

Looking for more information?

Our Parent Council has produced a parent friendly version of last year's Standards and Quality Report, which includes this year's Improvement Plan Targets. You will find this on our school website. Some P6 girls have also produced a pupil friendly version of our Improvement Plan too.

Learner Journals

Staff reviewed the Personal Learning Plans and have updated the format and renamed them as 'Learner Journals.' This new format encourages reflective chat between children and their teacher. We hope you enjoy looking at these with your child during the open afternoon – remember to leave a wee feedback comment for them.



Mrs Reilly's

Science Spot

Second Level Science

Primary 5-7 have been creating scaled diagrams of the solar system investigating the distance from the sun and the size of the planets. They have also been researching the life of astronauts including their life and work in space and presenting this in a Google Slide presentation.

First Level Science

Primary 2-4 have been learning about gravity and the effects it has on us on Earth. They designed mini parachutes to demonstrate this and discussed how we could explore this investigation further by changing size and materials used. They have also been looking at some topical science including deforestation and the effects it has on humans, animals, plants and our planet.

Early Level Science

Primary One have been exploring why the number of daylight hours changes over the year and discussing the seasons. They have been participating in some fun STEM challenges and exploring some topical science including deforestation.



Numeracy and Maths

Many classes are participating in a 'Sumdog' competition this week and we are looking forward to seeing where our school is ranked in South Lanarkshire by the end of the week. Please remember to encourage your child to

In Primary 1, in maths we have been learning number stories 4 and 5. In Primary 2, in maths we have been learning about 2D shapes and 3D objects and counting and adding up to 20. In P1, we have been learning new sounds like g, d, a and s and our reading book has been 'What a bad dog!'. In P2 we have been reading non-fiction.

Edith P1 and Jamie P2 Room 4

We have been working on adding/subtracting 4 digit numbers and time in maths. We have been reading poems and writing our own. Some people from Japan came in to our class as part of our topic. They taught us Japanese words, a song and showed us a clip about Japanese festivals and places. In PE we have been enjoying playing games and scoring goals in Rugby with a volunteer from Hamilton Rugby Club. Olivia and Emily R11 and 12 P5

In P6 we have been learning about different ways to add and subtract. We are enjoying revising our times tables. However, it's not in the usual way...we have been singing our tables – our Maths 'rocks' this year! In writing we have been learning all the different types and features of poems. In topic we have been learning lots about the Victorians and are reading a Victorian book called 'Street Child.' While we read, we focus on a range of different strategies including comparing, visualising and summarising. In PE we have been learning netball and all the different types of passes. Grace and Emily P6 R13 and R14

In Primary 7 we have gone all out in maths with adding and subtracting 3,4 or 5 digit numbers using mental and written strategies. We have been enjoying reading 'Stormbreaker' from the Alex Rider series. We have learned a lot about WW1 and different battles, including the Somme. Finally, we have been doing gymnastics in PE and having fun using the wall bars. Fraser and Mia R15 and 16 P7

In Literacy we have recently been doing alphabetical order and work on adjectives. In Numeracy we have been working on multiplication, division (with remainders) and addition within 100. In our topic we have been learning about Vikings and enjoyed our trip to Vikingar where we found out about living in a long house. In Health and Wellbeing we have been learning about keeping safe; awareness of stranger danger and crossing the road.

Benjamin and Emily R8 and R7 P3

In maths we have been adding numbers up to ten. We loved the book 'Toy's Party' because we love Kipper and he is our favourite. In PE we like the ropes and the monkey bars which are hard work. The emergency services came in and showed us their gear. We loved the police.

Ayda, Millie and James R1,2 and 3 P1

We have been adding to 20, subtracting within 10 and doing work on weight. We are reading 'Hodegheg' by Dick King-Smith which links to our topic on road safety. We have been doing gymnastics in PE and we are now practising dances. Sophia R5 P2

We have been adding and subtracting to 1000 and looking at how to record this. We have been reading 'Billionaire Boy' and 'Gangsta Granny' by David Walliams. Our topic has been on the rainforest and we loved it when 'ZooLab' came in to visit us and brought some friends from the rainforest – like big spiders and centipedes. We went to visit the Emirates Arena to see some tennis being played by professionals and now we are working on tennis skills in PE. Evie R9 and Lucy R10, P4

We have been working on subtraction within 20 and we have been learning about weight and money. We are reading 'Hundred Mile an hour Dog' and focusing on predicting and visualising. We have been doing gymnastics in PE. We focused on our community for our topic and we enjoyed our visit to Silverton Short Breaks Iona P2 R6

