

# Curriculum Newsflash

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Welcome to the second curriculum newsflash of the year where we update you on the progress we are making with our improvement plan. If you require any further information on any aspects mentioned in this newsletter then do not hesitate to contact us here at the school. Charlotte Officer (DHT)

## Improvement Planning

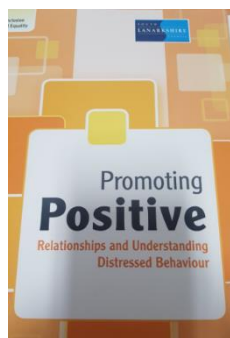
This year our improvement priorities are to focus on the following areas:-

- **Implementation of new teaching approaches to further raise our whole school writing attainment.**
- **Enhance teaching and learning in numeracy, through the development of a whole school progressive approach to the teaching of mental maths skills.**
- **In partnership with all stakeholders, develop a new, positive and inclusive playground behaviour policy, which is underpinned by our school vision and values, encompassing the 'Treat Me Well' policy and 'Making Rights Real'.**

We are continuing to develop **Talk for Writing** across the school. Now almost all our teaching staff have undergone South Lanarkshire training and the approach is being implemented in all classrooms. We welcomed parents in to our classes to see Talk for Writing in action and the feedback has been very positive. The SLT are looking forward to getting into the classes and working alongside the teachers and children.



We have spent more time discussing our **school values** with the children. We asked them to talk, draw and write about what '**Confident**' and '**Happy**' look like for them in Woodside.



During our INSET day on 12<sup>th</sup> February we spent time familiarising ourselves with the South Lanarkshire's approach and strategy for 'Promoting Positive Relationships and Understanding Distressed Behaviour'. This is part of our work on developing and improving our playground.

All staff worked in groups to discuss certain chapters from a book by Paul Dix. We reflected on what aspects of his advice are most important for our school and which rules will be most suitable for our playground and school.



Our next step is to consult with the children and you, the home adults, to get ideas and encourage your creativity. Please take time to complete the parent's survey sheet attached to this newsletter. All returns will be entered into a draw with 20 lucky pupils receiving a voucher for a free family swim.



