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* School building – Robertsons and Aberdeenshire are continuing to investigate further fencing of the astro-turf.
* Parents Evening Booking System – seems to be easier for both school and parents to book. Some teething problems with parents not getting the automatic email confirmations but this seemed mostly due to parents booking before it was officially open.
* Shoot Bamboo photographs - seemed to go well
* Fire Alarm – we had a problem with the bell during the fire alarm test this term which meant we had to get engines out to check before we could re-enter the school. This was a good practice for us – we went to the field and park but if the weather was inclement we would go to the village hall.
* Eilidh Whytock will be going on maternity leave after Christmas. Carrie Palmer will be back 3 days a week in March. JS in communication with resourcing officer regarding how to progress this.
* Nordic Skiing – JS has almost completed (just waiting on confirmed prices) a grant application for Run Balmoral fund to get money to deliver a block of Nordic/roller skiing lessons to P4/5 and both P5/6/7 classes following visit from Olympic athlete, Andrew Musgrave last term.

**Development Plan Updates:**

**Priority 1 – Leadership and Approach to Improvement**

* Visible Learning project is underway with a number of pupil focus groups discussing ‘What makes a good learner?’ Was interesting to see the progress in attitude to always giving things a go – great to see Growth Mindset had an impact last session.
* Various assessments have been carried out and these will be followed up on in order to measure the impact of approaches.
* Pupil Council (have surveyed opinions in classes re charities, etc. for this session), EcoWarriors, House Captains, BSL Ambassadors (leading Gilly Gilly… song), P7 Buddies and P2 Playground friends are all up and running again.
* Cycle safety assembly with Hazel went well,

**Priority 2 – Learning, Teaching and Assessment**

* Emerging Literacy training attended by 2 staff.
* Literacy and Numeracy event for P1 parents and information sent to those who could not attend
* Posters printed for making a display in nursery to support parents in ensuring they are making the most of opportunities for developing language skills in their youngsters. Will display these with associated photos once we have taken some. Will also make leaflets of the posters.
* Barefoot Computing training last week
* Teachers are requesting SumDog online license – JS to investigate costs. It is a lot more motivating and flexible than RM Maths.
* A number of parents were querying homework

Priority 3 - Ensuring Wellbeing, Equity and Inclusion

* DEN is working well so far, children responding positively to it.
* WOWW (Working on What Works) started with P3,4 class again
* More plants in school but still investigating minibeast opportunities.
* Zoolab visit to school – are PPG happy to support this (£399)?
* JS investigating First Aid for older classes
* SCARF (Health and Wellbeing) assembly
* POPP course going well
* ‘Why Play?’ course attended by 4 staff