PPG 3/09/18 School Report Julie Symington

* School building – various classrooms, corridors and other areas have been painted over the summer holidays.
* We have 32 children registered for our nursery, 17 new P1 pupils and a new P5 pupil. Transition activities seem to have gone well for P7 pupils to S1 as well as those starting in nursery and in P1.
* Our Glow pages from last year have been archived so pupils can still access them if they want to see photos etc. P1 parents will be made aware of Glow again at our P1 curricular afternoon.
* Like last session, we are part of a project working on ‘Emerging Literacy’ which has been developed across the Northern Alliance (project between authorities) where we are using Highland Literacy materials to identify where our children are doing well and what we need to work on, and how, to support them in their learning further.
* Our DEN (Developing Emotionally through Nurture) will be starting tomorrow with a small group of children working with a teacher and PSA to develop and build on certain skills with the long term aim of them being able to use these skills in the classroom situation.
* We also have a POPP (Psychology of Parenting Project) running in school on Tuesday afternoons for a group of parents with children between 3 and 6 years old. This provides families with an opportunity to discuss a variety of strategies which may help in parenting their children.
* Visible Learning is another big focus for this session with JS attending 2 days training during the holidays and all teachers attending further training in November. This is a Meldrum Cluster project. This is perhaps something we will share more about on our open afternoon in term 3.
* Aberdeenshire Life Education Centre (ALEC) was in school on 30th and 31st August with a mobile tent rather than a mobile classroom due to funding cuts. All classes took part in one of these lessons.
* Ride the North – Hazel Riddell is going to visit school to speak at assembly about her bike accident and the importance of wearing helmets. PPG agreed with JS that it was ok for Hazel to show x-rays of her injuries and to discuss the tragic accident of Gordon Stewart.
* Bikeability - This year’s P7s started this before the summer as Mr Wood had some free time when last year’s P7s were at the academy. They are continuing with this on Thursday afternoons this term.
* Parents Evening Booking System – JS and MB to attend training tomorrow so this should be up and running in time for our October parents evenings.
* Shoot Bamboo in school for families and individuals on Monday 17th Sept.