



PPG Meeting – HT Report

Thursday 19th May 2022

Staffing

We have had a couple of long-term absences this term. Mrs Barrow remains off in the school office and Mrs Murray has been absent in P1. We have tried to fully man the office but this has not always been possible. The families of Rothienorman school have been very supportive and understanding during these times.

Reporting Calendar

Our school reports were issued last week via email. This was a time-consuming task and, in the future, we would like to issue reports via parents portal. Not many families have signed up to parents portal, information will be sent out later in the term/early next term to encourage families to sign-up. We would also like to use parents portal for scheduling parents evenings and for annual data forms.

We have parents evenings organised for next Tuesday and Wednesday. These will be in person appointments with teachers.

I have developed a seesaw guide where every teacher shares learning from literacy, numeracy or another curricular area each week. This may have been impacted by staff absence to a degree but hope the parents find it useful.

Staff Development

Following on from our last meeting, the staff have been working on developing a cohesive and progressive approach to learning, teaching and assessment. We are working on developing a Learning and Teaching Policy. Thus far, the staff have collaborated to develop a learning and teaching framework which includes what should be included before, during and after learning. We are also looking at different elements of good practice and implementing these cohesively.



House Points

This term we introduced our house point system. Pupils receive house points for demonstrating our school values. We have also tackled areas in the school that we would like to improve, for example, the quality of walking around the school and lining up and also the dining hall. The points are counted at the end of the week by our house captains and vice captains. We have had our house and vice captains join an assembly to promote positive choices for their houses.

Upcoming events

We have a very busy term this term.

We have our P7 participating in bikeability sessions in the next couple of weeks. Aberdeenshire Life Education Centres (ALEC) are visiting the school next week to teach pupils about health and wellbeing, parents should have received information about this visit earlier this week. There are 4-day trips organised for our P7 pupil in June and they also have their 3-day visit to Meldrum Academy. We have our step-up day planned for Wednesday 15th June, but this date will be confirmed nearer the time as it is dependent on when our classes are confirmed. Our Sports Day will take place on Tuesday 21st June in the morning. This will comprise of a potted sports and races.

School Improvement Planning

We will be looking at evaluating our current school improvements and developing our improvements for next session. School improvements are developed annually but can take longer than 1 year to implement. Our improvements have not yet been finalised but will include the work that we are doing to improve learning and teaching and will align with Aberdeenshire's 4 Education Priorities of improving learning, teaching and assessment, partnership working, developing leadership at all levels and improvement through self-evaluation.