



## **PPG Meeting – HT Report**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

### **Staffing**

This term we welcome Miss Sim as our P1/2B teacher and the return of Mrs Whytock who is covering NCCT for P1/2A, P1/2B and P4. Mrs Whytock is also doing some team teaching with Mrs Murray in P4 to support literacy and numeracy.

### **School Show**

We had a successful whole school show at the start of December. We raised £409 from ticket sales and donations for the programmes. It was fantastic to welcome families back in school along with giving the pupils an opportunity to perform in front of others.

### **School Transport**

The school transport situation appears to have been resolved for the moment. Transport have added an additional taxi to the run.

### **Poetry Competition**

This month Rothie School is having a Scottish poetry competition that is open to all pupils. Pupils will learn some Scottish Poetry and will be given the opportunity to compete in a poetry competition. The final of this competition will be held on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January. We are looking into prizes for the winners and asking members of the community to be on the judging panel.

### **School Improvement Update**

Priority 1: Literacy

Last term I undertook learning and teaching observations with a focus on reading. The focus of this was to ensure that reading was being actively taught, that there was a progression of skills throughout the school and that the lessons were engaging. Overall, findings were positive and teachers have since worked together to moderate tasks and will be participating in peer observations later this month to share good practice.

Continuing with reading, our reading book novels have all been banded using accelerated reader bands. This means that these novels are now ordered more appropriately than before in levels of difficulty which will help ensure pace and challenge.

Later this term teaching staff will be participating in Big Writing training to ensure that our teaching of writing is robust.



## Priority 2: Maths

In February, myself and the Maths Development Working group are meeting with some providers to explore options for mental maths resources. This is something that is planned to be a focus early in session 2023/24.