



PPG Meeting – HT Report

Thursday 5th Sept 2024

School Improvement Update

Improvement Priority 1: Literacy

Focus on phonics/spelling which will impact both reading and writing. Embedding our Talking Topic across the school community.

Improvement Priority 2: Numeracy

Embedding Big Maths across the school to provide a cohesive and progressive approach to numeracy and maths. Using the data from Big Maths and other assessment to identify gaps and next steps.

Improvement Priority 3: Health and Wellbeing

Continue to use the CIRCLE Framework which supports teachers to set up inclusive classrooms and identify and anticipate pupils' support needs. Develop our practice of using play to enhance learning. Fully embed the United Nations Convention on Rights of a Child (UNCRC) in our practice.

PEF Allocation and Spend

This session Rothienorman was awarded £10,800 in PEF, the aim of PEF money is to close the poverty related attainment gap. We plan to use our PEF money in supporting pupils attainment in literacy, numeracy and HWB through:

- ④ Funding of Pupil Support Assistant hours to support pupils learning and health and wellbeing – funding of 7.25hrs per week - £5001.
- ④ Introduction of ELS in P1 & P2 to raise attainment in the Early Years with spelling and reading - £6887
- ④ Play equipment to enhance Play Pedagogy - £1500
- ④ SCARF Health and Wellbeing resource access - £242
- ④ Accessible learning supports, for example, posture packs, ear defenders, sensory equipment, dyslexia friendly supports - £1500
- ④ Breakfast and snack items available over the year to ensure that pupils have access to healthy food and that all pupils start the day being given the best start to their morning- £500

Whole School Learning Contexts

Last session Rothie school led other schools with 'bundling' experiences and outcomes to ensure full coverage of the curriculum. Our approach to Interdisciplinary Learning, formally known as topic, will be that the whole school explores an IDL context, for example, Our Community but will take that context in different directions led by the pupils. This supports coverage of the curriculum and reduces gaps in the curriculum as the pupils journey through school. We will be

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exploring 'Our Community' for the latter part of this term and the start of next term. We are having a whole school walk on Fri 13th in the afternoon for the school. We've invited families to join us and a letter went out this afternoon with further details about the walk.

Reporting to Parents

This term we have an open morning and parents' night sessions. Our open morning is on Thurs 19th September followed by parents nights the week after. Mrs McKenzie is exploring the use of parents portal to set up the parents night appointments.

Lunchtimes

A new lunchtime is currently being trialled. The feedback so far from staff have been that it is allowing PSA staff to support learning more as they are in class more rather than supervising lunchtime for 1hr 40mins. I will be seeking the views of pupils, staff and families to see if this trial will become permanent.

Thank you

Ahead of the AGM, thank you to our committee members and parent forum. They have made a huge difference to our school community. They have shown their dedication to make Rothie School the best school for our community. The staff and I have felt very supported.

They have been instrumental in raising money for the school this year! They put on 2 disco's and even had Cheryl DJ at one of them! We also had a fabulous wreath making session and Annie Moon night as well as fundraising at the school shows. My personal favourite was the Rothie Rainbow Razzle Dazzle which really should be an annual event.

The time and effort that goes into all this to support our pupils and school is immense and we really are incredibly grateful for it. Thank you from everyone at Team Rothie!