

Staffing

I am updating you on some short term staffing changes due to maternity cover, absence and the introduction of a nurture group which will be running daily until Christmas.

Primary 1b

We were delighted to learn that Miss Millar was pregnant at the beginning of the school year. She is planning to begin her maternity leave on 18th January. Mrs Laura Denson has been appointed as a permanent member of staff and will take over from Miss Millar in P1b. Mrs Denson will join the Cuiken family in December which will allow a period of transition and the opportunity to work alongside Miss Millar to build relationships and familiarise herself with the play based approaches we have been prioritising this session.

Primary 5

Ms Burns has been absent for the past week and will continue to be so for at least another 4. We know how important it is to ensure consistency therefore Mrs Cummings will teach P5 on Mondays with Mrs Pringle leading the class from Tuesday-Friday. A big thanks to Mrs Pringle who has kindly agreed to work an extra day to support us.

Primary 6b

As mentioned above Mrs Pringle will be teaching P5 Tuesday –Friday therefore Mr Palmer will pick up Mrs Pringle's teaching day in P6. Mr Palmer will be in P6 on a Tuesday for the next 4 weeks at least. Another big thanks goes to Mr Palmer who has also agreed to work an extra day to support us.

Primary 2/3 and Primary 7

As you know we have the introduction of a nurture group as a priority within our school improvement plan. Nurture groups are classes of between six and 12 children or young people and is run by two members of staff. Children attend nurture groups but remain an active part of their main class group, spend appropriate times within the nurture group according to their need and typically return full time to their own class within two to four terms.

I have taken the decision to run our nurture group Monday-Thursday until Christmas to support a group of our learners. As Mrs Galbucci is nurtured trained and this is part of her Acting Principal Teacher remit she will lead this group and be supported by Mrs Baird. Mrs Stirling will teach Primary 7 Monday-Thursday with Mrs Galbucci returning to class on Friday. Mr Abbott will teach in Primary 2/3 Monday-Thursday with Mrs Stirling leading a Friday.

I fully understand that staffing changes can be unsettling however we are incredibly lucky that we are able to cover the short term changes with staff already established in our school.

If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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