

PAPDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARENT COUNCIL AGM – HTs Report
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Introduction

2015-16 was another busy session for the school. Our new Primary 1 and Pre-school children settled in to the routine of school quickly and with relative ease having visited the various new settings prior to the start of the session. Our Pre-school has now changed its title to Nursery and has children starting at 3 years with the option of staying for lunch on their full day sessions which they have in the dinner hall.

Staffing

Our school roll began to rise again over the session and our year groups with only two classes have continued to stay at around 30 children (the maximum being 33). We began the year with two NQTs but one chose a different route to full registration at the end of term 2 and the other secured a job in a school in Glasgow at the start of this session.

School Improvements

Our School Improvement Plan (ScIP) and Standards and Quality Report (SQR) give a full account of our key priorities for our school which we decide on through consultation with our children, parents and staff. The SQR gives a full report on how we have progressed with these priorities and it helps plan the next steps for the school.

These two documents are on our website and if anyone would like a paper copy they can get one from the school office.

Orkney Tapestry Project

Last session saw our teaching staff working together in TLCs on the second year of the OTP which provided opportunities for them to work together collegiately and share professional dialogue, skills and knowledge about teaching and learning.

Residential Trips

Both P6 and 7 went on their residential trips which once again were very successful and enjoyed by the children going on their feedback! The P6s went to Hoy and the P7s to Lagganlia.

Congratulations/Successes!

One of our P4 classes entered a Business Gateway enterprise competition and won the Orkney leg going forward then to the Highlands and Islands round which they also won. Two of their children along with their teacher and SfLA travelled down to Inverness to receive the award – a great achievement as they were up against around 70 primary schools across the north of Scotland.

Our P3 year group held an Art Exhibition in The Orcadian Gallery in Albert Street following visits from local artists, authors and musicians. The children then created their own paintings and wrote their own books.

As part of the WW 1 commemorations and in particular the Battle of Jutland and the sinking of HMS Hampshire we held an exhibition in the foyer of WW1 memorabilia and memories from children's families and indeed staff members families. A whole school 'piece' was created called Many Hands for the exhibition in Picky during the Battle of Jutland event here in Orkney. The exhibit involved every child in the school drawing round their hands and cutting out the shape and sticking the names of the thousands of sailors who lost their lives at the Battle of Jutland.

P7 once again planned organised and ran a very successful Children in Need fund raiser and a huge thank you must go to parents and friends who supported this annual event.

In June we held another very successful summer concert in the Orkney Theatre. We were supported by former pupils and friends of the school and a very receptive audience!