

LPPC: Headteacher's Update 17th November 2021

1. New Staff Update

Six new Pupil Support Assistants have been appointed:

- *Ms Sara Gatton**
- *Ms Sabia Begum**
- *Ms Julia Gavilan*
- *Ms Yvonne Thomas*
- *Mr Stuart Paul*
- *Ms Sara Shafiq*
- *Mr Kevin Matthews** (until Christmas)

Additional CEC funding for support with play-based pedagogy in schools means that *Mrs Stewart* from nursery will support Primary 1 with learning through play and *Ms Clodagh Weir* will begin supporting Primary 3 with learning and development from Monday in addition to the PSAs currently in those classes.

Plans for additional support groups targeting numeracy, literacy, social, emotional and communication skills across all year groups have been made to start as soon as new staff are in post.

Elsbeth Edwards has been successfully appointed as our new PEF funded Pupil Support Officer with a remit of supporting targeted nurture and positive mental health interventions for pupils and linked support for parents.

An additional PEF funded class teacher will soon be appointed to enable class release for teachers to lead on a range of school improvements including:

- Embedding the Leith Primary School Learning and Teaching Toolkit
- Development of pupils' numeracy skills in P4 and P5
- Developing Outdoor Learning opportunities for pupils
- Driving forward digital learning across the school and nursery
- Targeted support for Primary 5 with social & emotional skills and writing
- Further targeted support for Care Experienced pupils and Young Carers
- Raising pupils' aspirations for lifelong learning and the world of work

2. Parent School Development Group (formerly Curriculum Group)

Interested parents are warmly welcomed to join the School Development Group. The group would meet once each term to find out more about what the school is doing to reach our aims of delivering high quality learning and teaching, raising attainment in numeracy and literacy and supporting all pupils to reach their full potential. We are also keen to have increased parental input into our school development work, supporting us with evaluating the work within our yearly School Improvement Plan and contributing to the development longer-term plans. Members would seek to represent the views of the wider parent forum and would share progress at Parent Council meetings each term. In time, we hope members will be able to collaborate with our pupil council and contribute to making key decisions about the direction in which we take the school. Please get in touch with Fiona C or Lauren and Emily if you would like to know more.