

The Redmyre Review

SEPTEMBER

And just like that we are almost at the end of our first term. As usual, at this time of year we have been busy setting up our pupil groups. We have had to think carefully about how we are going to do this given the current restrictions and our need to adhere to government guidelines. We have made the decision to not run our lending library at the moment to try to reduce the need for too many things going back and forward between home and school and clearly our termly Community Café is not going to be able to function this year not least because our hall is being used as a class. Some of our groups are a mixture of children from across all the classes and, for this reason, we have decided that our Pupil Council meetings and our Rights Respecting School Steering Group meetings will be held in our wildlife garden so the different 'bubbles' of children have got room to socially distance. Let's hope for a mild, dry winter!!

Miss Carroll leads our ECO group and she too usually has a group from across all the classes but instead, she is going to assign tasks to all the classes on a monthly basis so we can have everybody focussing on ECO issues.

Our pupil groups for this year are as follows...

After a tough election campaign our Pupil Council are Eilidh (P7), Lindsay-Rose (P6), Fraser (P5), Sam (P4), Ross (P3) and Saffron (P2). We held our first socially distanced meeting this week where we discussed what our plan is going to be for the year.

Our Junior Road Safety Officers are all of our P6s, Alfie, Annabel, Ellie, Theo, Lindsay-Rose, Mercedes and Mrs Donald is the staff representative on this group.

Our Rights Respecting School Steering Group are Charlie M (P2), Blair (P3), Ben (P4), Fraser (P5), Lindsay-Rose (P6), Georgina (P7) and Emily (P7). Miss Green has already had them for a meeting and is feeling pretty confident that they are going to have our Rights respecting School reaccreditation in the bag.

I am taking a Garden Gang this session also which is made up of all the interested children in P6/7 (all but two). We will meet once a month to keep the gardens tidy and to hopefully get some serious growing done come spring. I hope they know more about gardening than me!

New P1s

In our last newsletter I promised you a photograph of all our new P1s who have had a brilliant term. Given the fact that they didn't have any of our usual transition activities which we hold for new entrants they have all settled beautifully and have risen to every single challenge of being in such a new environment like absolute rock stars. Here they are....



I like staying at school and playing with the rocket. I call it the discovery rocket.
C.J

I like building with the Lego at school.
Daniel



Phone the Parents Night

Thank you to everyone who requested a phone call for our 'Phone the Parents' night. Staff were very keen to re-engage with our parents face to face but our 'Gazebo Evening' which we thought we might get away with was not permitted unfortunately. So, although a call wasn't how we would really like to engage with our parents and carers, for the time being, it's the best we have. I'm just relieved that the Skype telephony worked!

Café Afternoon

We held our first Hot Chocolate Café last week for children who wanted to spend their 'respectful behaviour' stamps on a voucher for this. To be honest, I'm not sure who was more excited about the café, the children or me. It was such a lovely afternoon that I think most of the staff felt it would be a good time for children who wanted to spend their stamps on getting outside for a game to do exactly that.

Here is a picture of our senior class enjoying their hot chocolate.



A Visitor

We were very excited to have our first visitor of the year to the school. Our new Police Liaison Officer, Officer Cook, made a visit to our senior class where he spoke to them about internet safety and how to behave responsibly online and on social media platforms. The children very much enjoyed the visit and were eager to question Officer Cook about all the issues discussed. I think they were just pleased to see someone different in the school to be honest!

We learnt about what to do in an emergency and what service we would need to request in a 999 call. He also told us about what not to do online, like not giving away passwords or speaking to strangers.
Georgina P7



You should all have received an email regarding the annual Blythwood Shoebox appeal. This year more than ever there will be people in some countries of the world who have so, so little who will be desperate for a little cheer this festive season. I know that for some families' things perhaps haven't been particularly easy but if you can pack a wee box it would be very, very much appreciated. Boxes **must** be handed in by Monday 26th October as they are being picked up on Thursday 29th and they need to be quarantined for 72hrs. before collection.

Parent Council AGM

We held our first Parent Council meeting of the session via Teams last week. Unfortunately there were only three of us on the call but we did manage to re elect Dr Smith to her current post of Secretary and Mrs Matthews to her current post of Chairperson. I understand that it probably seems a little off putting to join a meeting if it has to be done online but please be reassured that our meetings are always very informal and are actually a good opportunity for a nice chat. The Parent Council are always looking for new members, if you would like to get involved please get in touch with Louise Matthews through the parent council email address which is

<mailto:redmyreparentcouncil@hotmail.com>

Dates For Your Diary

Last Day of term	9 th Oct
Back to school	26 th Oct
Blythwood Shoebox Appeal	26 th Oct
Children in Need	13 th Nov
In service Day	20 th Nov
Christmas Jumper Day	11 th Dec
Last day of term 2	18 th Dec