



# St Margaret's RC Primary School

Headteacher Report: Parent Council Meeting 13.1.16

## Activities

- Whole school Scottish assembly on 29.1.16- All classes participating and Drama group performing- free
- End of term - each class will have 'open class' to demonstrate their learning.

## Curriculum

- Catholic Education Week 29 Jan- 5<sup>th</sup> Feb
- Science- development officer from SSERC coming in to work with pupils and teachers in class
- Hilary Aitken is supporting Literacy development in all classes again this term.
- Classes have invited parent comments and suggestions towards future learning and have had many good responses. Thanks to those parents

## Staffing

### Staff development:

- Science resources- reorganising in the area.
- Shared classroom experience with Dalmeny Primary teachers
- Maths moderation in school and cluster.
- Literacy- writing- moderation in school
- PSAs- have completed 'Manual handling training'- lifting and moving resources

## Finance

- Report from Arlene

## School building

- School gate saga continues- AD is meeting with 'Safer Routes to Schools' and neighbourhood manager in order to resolve the issues with barrier placement/installation

## Resources

- Investing in ICT in hall moving the wiring to make it a safer environment. Also bought i-pad connectors to use them with Smartboards (£160 for 5 classes).

## School bus

- As part of gate discussions we are trying to obtain a dedicated bus space. This will be part of the safer routes to schools discussion

## Communication

- **Office staff** completed a week long survey of their activities logging every phone call and contact (internally and externally). Survey showed that between 8 and 9.30am in the morning there is 60 per cent of the contact. Can Parent council support us in finding a way to help parents use other forms of communication such as email / website for non- urgent enquiries?
- **Parent Focus Groups**- how can Parent Council help me to promote these. Only 1 participant for Health group in December and one for January. I will proceed if I have 3 participants.
- **Website**- Updated with newsletters. Now want to develop class pages.
- **Four Contexts for Learning**- communication of children's learning- replacing class information booklets.
- **Parent Council minutes**- emailed to Garry and he puts them on.