

# Parent Council Head Teacher's Report

Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February







# Sarah Mitchell – Outdoor Learning



# Pupil Council!

- Isla – What a pupil councillor does (Teams)
- Sadie – What does a Pupil Council Meeting look like?
- Millie – What have we done this session?
- Elliot – What are we going to do? (Mural competition)
- Robbie – How is the Pupil Council role changing?



# Pupil Council!

## Isla – What a pupil councillor does



- Gather views from class;
- Meet together to share and discuss;
- Decide on Action Points;
- Communicate through Teams...



# Pupil Council!

Sadie – What does a Pupil Council Meeting look like?

- Share views and ideas from class;
- Check on progress of last action points;
- Decide on new action points...



# Pupil Council!

## Millie – What have we done this session?



- Got Mr McCutcheon to fix some toilet issues;
- Written to City of Edinburgh Council about our lunches;
- Met with contractors about our playground;
- Campaigned for more equalities meetings and badges for eco group...



# Pupil Council!

Elliot – What are we going to do? (Mural competition)

- Brighten up our stairwell (mural competition);
- Work with Playground Group on its development;
- Continue to bring forward the things that matter to us in our school...



# Pupil Council!

**Robbie – How is the Pupil Council role changing?**



- We have more of an impact on how things are doing at school.
- The meetings are a bit smoother and notes are taken.
- We use Teams to share ideas and photos.



# Maths Week was Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> – Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December



- We have evaluated our first Maths Week approach as a staff and have made some tweaks before trying again next year.
- It was wanted later in the year.
- Perhaps reconsider the storyline approach or make it longer.
- Almost all saw an improvement in the numeracy and maths being delivered in this week. 😊

# School Grounds



The school grounds are in need of some care:

- The structures in the wonder woods are not safe;
- The gazebo needs repair;
- Debris on the roofs (to which we are not allowed access..!)
- All items are in hand and have been referred to necessary contractors/technicians.

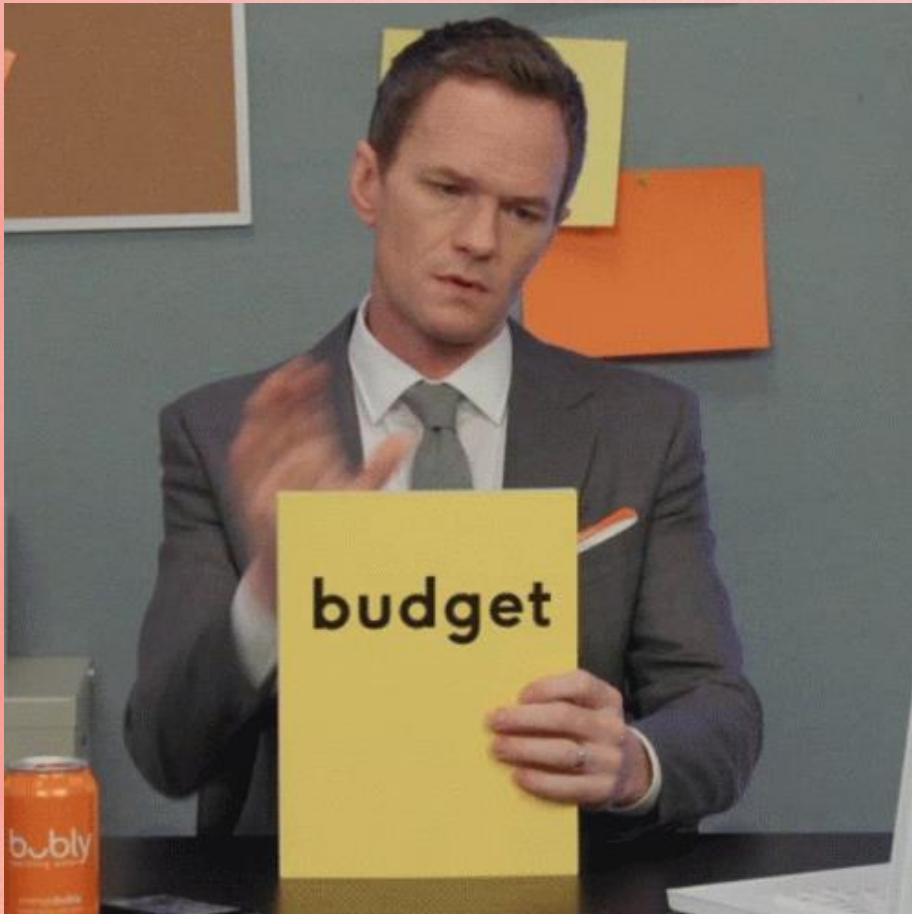


# School Grounds

- Some plans suggested for school playground beginnings.
- To be discussed at finance meeting next week.



# School Budget 2024-25



- The Finance Committee (Parents/Carers, HT, BM, PSA, Teaching staff) meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> March.
- Look at projected figures and costs for year ahead.
- We have a very small budget for the coming year.



# Staffing

- We have been informed that Gail Middlemiss is being kept at Dalmeny until October.
- School in consultation with the authority re staffing going forward.



# Staffing

- Mrs Paterson has had a baby boy – a little earlier than expected.
- We are hoping to have the extended maternity leave appointed soon.
- Mr Gardner is returning to us on March 18<sup>th</sup>.





# Next Year's Classes

- We are keeping 15 classes in the coming session.
- It is hoped that our 3 small P7s will be allowed to stand.
- We are 'bottom heavy' with P1 and P2 looking quite full.
- We have been informed that there will be a P2/1 composite to accommodate the number of P1s enrolling.



# Gentle reminders on communication expectations...

- Remember to address all emails to teachers or SLT through: [Blac-admin@blackhall.edin.sch.uk](mailto:Blac-admin@blackhall.edin.sch.uk)
- As per City of Edinburgh Guidelines, there is an allowance of 10 working days to respond to an email – 5 working days if it is a complaint.





# Coming up...



- Parent Staff Association Meeting – Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm on Teams
- Parent Consultations on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> March.
- P7 Show – Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March at Royal High School
- Spring Assembly at St Columba's – 28<sup>th</sup> March. Hoping for a multi-faith approach to this gathering.



THANKS FOR LISTENING

ANY QUESTION