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“When you believe in yourself, anything is possible.”

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“You are capable of amazing things.”



PUPIL PARTICIPATION NEWSLETTER

The primary aim of this newsletter is to provide you with information about opportunities that our pupils have been given to help lead the school forward. Their voices are important and their contributions are valued and used to influence school improvement.

ECO GROUP

This has been a very busy time for our Eco Working Group as the pupils have been working hard in their individual sub groups to complete the targets on their specific action plan. We submitted an application to Eco Schools Scotland for our 3rd Green Flag at the end of January so fingers crossed we are successful! Please see the Eco Group page on our school website for more information about what we've been up to!

Biodiversity Sub Group

The Biodiversity group has been working hard on learning more about birds in our local environment. We have been working closely with Jen, Countryside Ranger, who has been supporting us with our remaining targets. Since August, we have:

- Surveyed and mapped the bird feeders in the school grounds
- Kept the bird feeders topped up
- Created simple bird feeders with the nursery children for their outdoor space
- Participated in the Big Schools Bird Watch for the RSPB
- Identified the trees in our school grounds through inspecting twigs and leaves
- Identified quiet spaces in our school grounds where pupils can observe and enjoy biodiversity



Transport Sub Group

We have been working hard, exploring the different methods of transport people use to get to and from school and how we can improve aspects of this. Since August, we have;

- Carried out a survey to find out how people mostly travel to school and produced a graph to display this data.
- Checked that there is sufficient bike/scooter storage and that this is secure.
- Created posters to encourage pupils to walk/cycle/take scooters to school.
- Worked alongside the Health Group to begin creating a School Travel Plan which will be shared with parents/carers.



Litter Sub Group

In Litter, we have been looking at ways to improve the school's recycling and understanding of importance of disposing of litter responsibly

- Carried out an audit of the litter that we have found in the bins.
- Discussed how we could decrease the litter in the bins.
- Created a video of how to responsibly dispose of litter.
- Discussed as a group how to reward children for getting it right with litter.

HEALTH GROUP

One of the actions for the Health Group this year is to develop a School Travel Plan (STP). This is a careful process that requires planning, auditing, data evaluation and reporting skills. Pupils are now in the reporting stage of the plan and will publish the final document in term 4 in conjunction with the Eco Group. The aim of the STP is to ensure that pupils, staff, parents and visitors can travel safely and sustainably to and from the school building within an infrastructure fit for purpose.

Sportscotland Gold Sport Award

Pupils were involved in a presentation evening for sport volunteers within the school. Our leaders spoke confidently at this event about the opportunities participation in sport had given them.



PUPIL COUNCIL

We have been working with our Young Leaders of Learning to try and make improvements around the school. Our linked school, Kingswells, had their Young Leaders visit Hazlehead and together they observed our lunch times. Our visitors made recommendations which our Young Leaders wish to take forward. The Pupil Council are in the process of making posters and creating slogans related to our values to encourage an even better lunch time atmosphere at Hazlehead.



COMMUNITY GROUP

Our Local Library

Pupils have been working in partnership with Airyhall library to promote using the local library to improve their literacy skills and love of reading. All pupils will be visiting the local library during summer term.

Our School Garden



We worked with Daniel from Aberdeen City Council, developing the middle section of our playground. Children have planted spring bulbs, cornflowers and honeysuckle

Friends of Hazlehead

Pupils are currently designing a banner for Hazlehead Park events field and a sign for the entrance. Pupil designs will be voted on by the school community to select the winner.

GLOBAL GROUP

95 Things to do before you leave Hazlehead is in the process of being finalised and the Global Working Group are excited to introduce this to the rest of the school in the coming weeks.

During our Working Group sessions, the children have been busy putting into place ways of advertising this to the school and wider community. This has included creating matching designs for each of the challenges, which will be painted onto materials such as sliced tree trunks for our school playground. We've also been using technology to design posters on Google Drawings for all stages of the school to visualize what each challenge looks like, and how to achieve them.

The children are also enjoying the process of creating our five values characters using felt and their sewing skills. This would not have been possible without the help of our parent volunteers, and their continued support is greatly appreciated. Each class will receive a set of these characters to further promote our school values. Teachers will continue to reference the values daily, and remind the children about the importance of setting themselves goals and challenges throughout the year.

Barbara Jones 😊