

So that was April

Children have been out and about on their latest project. It's a local study of 'Coatbridge'. They've been interviewing neighbours and local businesses about their jobs. They are looking at the local history and the land use and are visiting holy buildings to interview the priest and ministers. Their studies will also have them looking at farming and food journeys.

The pupils in the Rights Respecting Steering Group looked at our school vision again as our HMIE Inspectors advised. They have come up with "Thrive & Flourish" and a flower logo with the petals show what we want for our weans ie a family, friends and a future. The stem and the leaves say what a school is all about i.e. learning, achieving and growth. The roots, which we are adding to show our values honesty, fairness, respect and resilience. These are taught and reinforced in lessons. The group made the frieze, taught the rest of the pupils and our Reece has drawn a version for you to look at close up.

We'd love to hear your responses or any suggestions. Please add them to the suggestion sheet.

The lads will explain things in detail when you visit in June for parent's afternoon.

Staff are already busy writing the reports in preparation for this.

The children are busy completing the CEM tests which are one gauge of progression in the children's reading, spelling and maths.

Staff also use other diagnostic assessments and the teachers are always learning. This month we've had staff train in the new SNSA assessments, outdoor learning, Read Write, Link and Literacy coaching. Again, they will answer questions when you visit.

School Council are busy deliberating on our end of school trips.

The Scouts have been bag packing to raise funds for their many adventures.

The football tournament on the 26th was a success. The lads who represented us behaved beautifully and were a credit to us.

The P7 children are beginning their phased visits to High School and 3 of our lads are doing exceptionally well and are now full time back at mainstream.

We are already welcoming the parents and teachers on visits about our new recruits for August.

And bear in mind we were off for a fortnight in April!

Speak soon

Carla