



Dear parents and carers

Welcome back!

We hope that everyone enjoyed the midterm break. It was lovely to see everyone returning yesterday. We are looking forward to this term and to all the learning and experiences that it will bring.

The team here at Campie returned on Monday and we had a busy day looking at different aspects of our School Improvement Plan. As this is the beginning of the new term. I thought it might be useful to update you on some of our work.

Improvement Plan Progress



Priority 1: Raising Attainment

As well as this being a priority within every classroom, we also have key staff providing additional and targeted support to assist all our learners in making good progress. This is funded through our Pupil Equity Funding (PEF) and Scottish Government Recovery Funding. Key staff who lead this support and their areas of focus are:

Miss S Mason	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •P1-P3 •Spelling and reading intervention groups
Miss A MacFarlane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •P4-P7 •Writing Focus
Miss A Elgin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •P3 •Reading Recovery



As part of our in-service plan, we reflected on the planning and interventions that have been in place to date and what we plan to implement this term. This was focussed work and we were thinking about the three levels of support:

- Universal
- Additional
- Targeted

Tracking Progress and Achievement

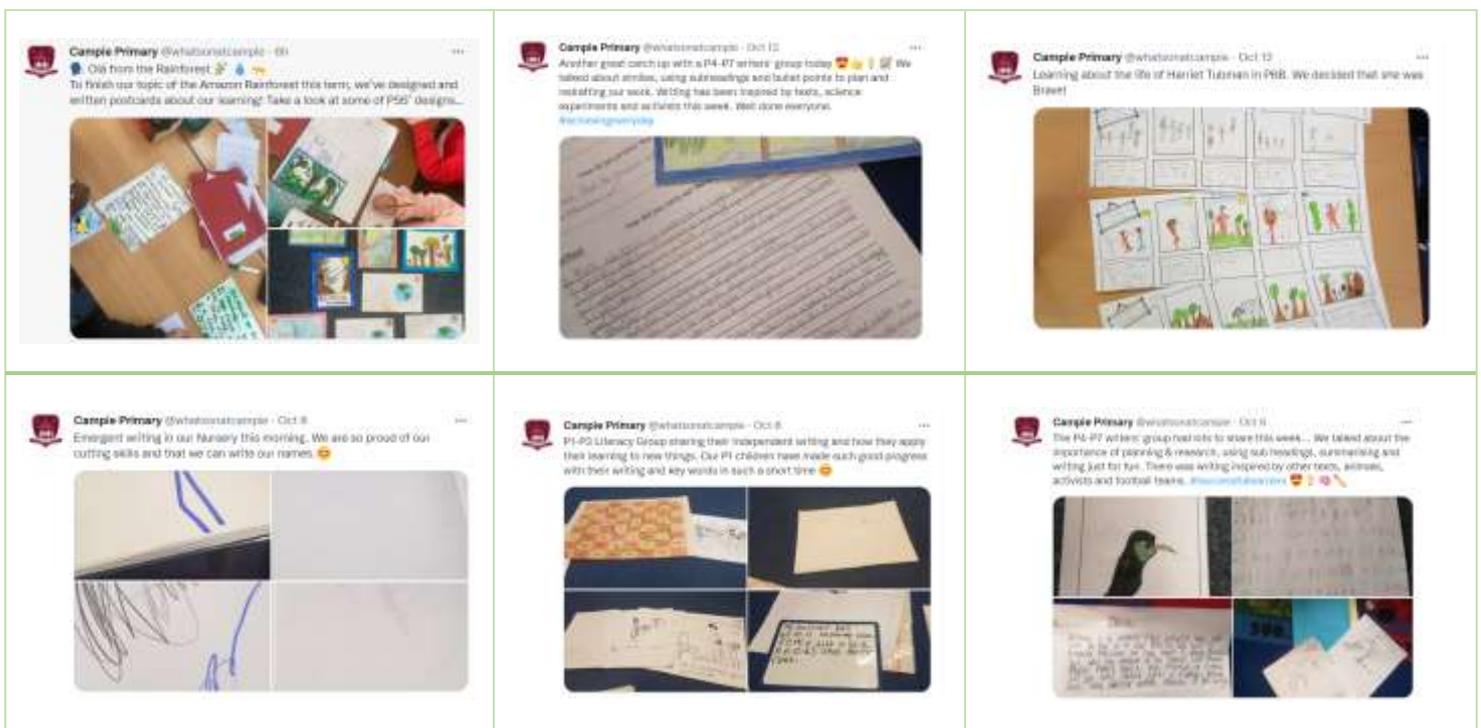
We also spent some time looking at progress and achievement in literacy and numeracy and used evidence of learning to moderate our professional judgements ensuring a consistent approach across the school

Priority 2: Learning Teaching and Assessment

We are reviewing our approach to writing and looking closely at the importance of developing skills and confidence in listening and talking which are fundamental to supporting the writing process.

As well as increasing opportunities for our learners to write for a variety of purposes we are also finding creative ways to broaden the audience that that they write for.

Our social media provides some insight into what has been the experiences so far. It showcases a range of genres being explored and the skills and knowledge that our learners are building.



Priority 3: Ensuring Wellbeing, Equality and Inclusion



Last term the teaching team worked with a representative from 'Show Racism the Red Card.' This was a productive session where the facilitator provided accurate information and knowledge, enabling us to tackle racism and challenge racist attitudes. This is part of the wider focus linked to the Respect for All Policy and as part of this work we will be revisiting our anti-bullying approach.

We will participating in Anti-bullying Week. To get us started on Monday 15th November your child may want to wear odd socks to school to celebrate individuality and uniqueness?



Priority 4: Our Nursery



Our nursery team are being very creative and looking at ways that they can keep you updated about your child's progress. Every child has their own Learning Log. This is a file that your child can easily access and, as they make progress, key observations and examples of learning are recorded in it. The team are shortly going to share these with you. This will be fantastic opportunity to celebrate your child's successes with examples of learning and notes of observations to stimulate discussion and reflection.

I will continue to provide updates as we progress through the session.

Kind regards

Handwritten signature of Pauline McKay.

Pauline McKay

Children in Need

Friday 19th November 2021

Yes! It's that time of year again! Children can come to school:

- in fancy dress
- dressed down
- in spots
- in stripes
- in all or some of the above



We ask that no sports strips are worn.

We will decorate our school with Pudseys, work out with Joe Wicks and each class will fill their morning with lots of Children in Need fun.

Every year our Campie families generously donate to this very worthwhile cause. While we understand that things are different and possibly more difficult this year, we hope that as many of you as possible can make a small donation. To avoid children bringing money into school, we have set up a Children in Need payment on the i-pay system, which will be open from **Monday 8th November until Friday 26th November.**

Safe school travel

School travel routines have changed over the last year and it has been great to see so many children walking and wheeling where they can. It is hugely important to us that this journey to and from school is as safe as possible for all pupils, regardless of how they travel, although we recognise that some children do need to be dropped off by car. With that in mind, we wanted to remind parents of the importance of safe driving and appropriate parking around our school.



Traffic congestion, dangerous driving and illegal parking remains an ongoing challenge in East Lothian, placing our children at risk. We know that all parents and guardians want a safe environment for children and therefore ask for your support in achieving this by doing the following:

- Walk, cycle or scoot to school where you can.
- If you have to drive, leave in plenty time and park as far from the school gates as possible.
- Do not park on double yellow lines or zigzag markings.
- Do not park on pavements or around junctions, where you will block children's view of the road and make it harder for them to cross safely.



Absence Line

In the event of your child being unwell and not able to attend school. Please call and leave a message on our absence line.

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Do you want to find out more about the wider work being done to support the school improvement processes?
Why not consider joining a Parent Council Meeting?

There is a meeting tonight that you can access from the comfort of your own home!

Time: 7-8.30pm
[Join the Meeting](#)