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Carstairs Junction Primary School and Early Learning & Childcare

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Head Teacher's Report – 21/11/24

J Armour



Welcome

School Improvement Plan Update

Raise awareness of global citizenship and outdoor learning through curriculum development: The ELC Team are well underway with their Woodwork training. We were fortunate to be selected to be part of the professional learning group arranged by SLC. We look forward to putting this into practice in the ELC soon.

Continue to develop features of highly effective practice: Planning meetings have taken place with Mrs Armour, Mrs Seaton and keyworkers/teachers over the past two weeks. We are using a new tracking system as part of our 'Improving our Schools Focus'. We have used this right across the board from ELC and all classes. Our meetings are more succinct with staff increasing their use of data.

The ELC Team are also part of a pilot scheme in SLC to extend NELI (Nuffield Early Literacy Intervention) into the ELC. We introduced NELI into Room 1 last session with very positive impact. This will commence in January for learners who would benefit from this programme.

Maths Recovery Professional Learning: During last session and this session we have planned for teachers to engage in Maths Recovery training. There are only 3 teachers still to be trained and this planned for Spring time. This will ensure consistency of approach. Mrs Seaton is also supporting the ELC team and Support Staff to share with them the key resources and strategies.

Targeted intervention Groups (TIGs): These groups are underway in the afternoons, with support staff working on NELI (Early Literacy intervention), Code cracker (phonics), Writing and Maths Recovery. The afternoons are busy with lots of focused learning going on.

Attendance: We have also further enhanced our tracking and monitoring of attendance. Teachers were given stage by stage attendance overviews and this provided teachers with a clear understanding of patterns of attendance etc from August to November. Attendance letters will be issued this month, celebrating positive attendance and offering support as appropriate through our YFCL.

Current average attendance (Nov 2024): 95.34%

Session 23/24: 90.1%

Session 22/23: 89.2%

Parental Engagement

Our Community Cycle session took place last week. Thank you to Gerry from Healthy Valleys, Elaine (YFCL) and Ms Nayer for planning this.

As part of Book Week Scotland we have held parent workshops this week (Bookbug, Read Write Count), with a Makaton Book bug session taking place next week.

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