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Carstairs Junction Primary School and Early Learning & Childcare

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Head Teacher's Report – 24.4.25

J Armour



Welcome Mrs Armour welcomed and thanks everyone for their attendance.

Achievements We are delighted to have received our Cycling Friendly Award from Cycling Scotland. This will be celebrated at Get Together this week. This is in recognition of all the hard work across the school and ELC.

Bikeability 1 & 2 are now complete. Many thanks to Ms Nayyer, Ms Martin, Gerry & Adrienne (Health Valleys) for leading these sessions. Certificates and badges will be presented shortly to pupils.

School Improvement Plan Update

Through 'Improving Our Schools' improvement priority, teachers are taking part in trios, visiting each other's classes, with a focus on Numeracy & Differentiation. This will run over the coming weeks.

Targeted interventions in Literacy & Numeracy continue for identified groups and individuals with positive impact.

Elaine has been in touch with families this week as part of our focus on attendance. There has been positive progress for many families and parents have been thanked for their support in this. As of end of March 2025, average attendance for whole school was 93.4%, this is a dip from Nov 2024 but an increase on the past two years (Session 23/24: 90.1% Session 22/23: 89.2%). Teachers are engaging well with the data (SLC attendance tracker used). This is being rolled out to ELC and I look forward to engaging with ELC staff on this.

Staff Development/Training

Mrs Joyce and Elaine (YFCL) attended 'Play on Pedals' training at Carluke Lifestyles yesterday.

All ELC Staff have engaged in in-house moderation as part of the Pre-school NELI this week.

Mrs Gordon has been attending Maths Recovery training this week as part of our School Improvement Plan. By the end of session, all class teachers will have been trained.

All staff have engaged with CIRCLE Framework as part of our School Improvement Plan, with teachers attending a Lanark Learning Community meeting last night.

At the INSET next week, we look forward to reviewing our School Improvement Plan for 24/25 with all staff, recognising the progress made over the year.

Transition

ELC to Primary 1

Elaine will be working with our current P6s this term, developing leadership skills as 'P7 Ambassadors'.

Pre-School learners will attend Get Together Friday afternoons weekly- 2.15pm commencing this week.

Transition letters will be issued to P1 parents in Mainstream and ASN classes this week.

Mini Movers sessions will commence next week for our Pre-school children.

Enhanced transition visits begin next week for our pre school children who will be commencing P1 at Carstairs Junction. This involves pupils visiting the Room 1 classroom, getting accustomed to the class etc.

'Multiply' sessions commencing on 7th May. A flyer will go out to all Early Years parents this week. There will be 4 sessions in total.

P7 to Secondary

Pupils are well underway with their Transition Missions from Lanark Grammar, as well as P7s in supported classes attended their secondary school or being visited by staff.

Enhanced transitions are planned for some pupils these sessions as part of Lanark Grammar's enhanced transition model.

Pupil Support Teacher from Lanark Grammar will visit mainstream P7s on Wednesday next week.

Mainstream and ASN Step Up Days will be noted in the Newsletter which will be issued this week.

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