

Hawthornden Primary School

Standards and Quality Report 2021-22

School Improvement Plan 2022-2023

Our Standards and Quality Report reviews the progress we have made over session 2021-22, with our School Improvement Plan setting out priorities for this session, 2022-23. Our priorities are in line with government and local authority priorities but are focussed and relevant to our context at Hawthornden. Our School Improvement Plan has been written after gathering feedback from learners, families and staff. As always, we appreciate your contributions and feedback. Please make any comments/suggestions via email to Hawthornden_ps@midlothian.gov.uk



Standards and Quality Report – Summary of key successes 2022-22

Digital

- All pupils received their digital devices as part of the Midlothian *Equipped for Learning* programme
- Staff received training in order to support pupils with learning using their 1:1 devices and a particular focus on Google Classroom

Nurture

- With funding from a local councillor we opened our Sensory Room *The Zen Den* to support children with self-regulation
- Class Teachers and Support Staff engaged with *The Leuven Scale* in order to monitor levels of involvement and wellbeing of all pupils
- Programmes to support pupils with anxiety management and change, loss and bereavement ran throughout the session

Pupil equity

- Class Teachers and Support Staff worked together to ensure that the learning environment was inclusive and met the needs of all pupils
- Our Youth Worker introduced a walking bus to reduce absence/lateness levels
- Our breakfast club continues to run 5 days per week
- All Primary 7 children who wanted to, attended a residential camp

Improve attainment, particularly in Literacy

- All staff participated in training on the use of visuals within classrooms to support children with understanding what learning is planned for them
- We opened our Enhanced Classroom *The Nest* to support pupils learning and wellbeing
- We refined our tracking systems to ensure that we are closely monitoring pupils progress across Literacy and Numeracy
- Working with Speech and Language, we introduced interventions to support pupils ability to listen developing their social skills
- We worked closely with a Literacy Recovery Team to support pupils across P3 and P4 with their reading and writing

Other

- We continued to develop links with our community, including Lasswade High School Centre, Community Police, Springfield Bank Nursing Home and singing at the Bonnyrigg Christmas Lights Celebration
- We established our Pupil Council across P2-7 who worked towards their action plan
- Our P7 pupils canvassed for the role of House and Vice Captains. They successfully supported aspects of school improvement
- We ran a range of focus weeks throughout the session – Diversity, French and an Activities week



School Improvement Priorities 2022-23

Improve Learning & Teaching

- All staff will be trained on new programme *Read, Write, Inc* to support reading and phonics acquisition
- Staff will carry out research activities to improve their understanding of different theories around teaching & learning
- Staff will gather a range of evidence of pupils work to ensure that children are making appropriate progress

Raising attainment

- Recovery teacher to support targeted groups of pupils
- Introduce new programme *Read, Write, Inc* to support reading and phonics acquisition
- Upper school pupils targeted to support reading and numeracy recovery
- Staff will participate in moderation activities to ensure consistency across teaching & learning

Digital

- Staff will be trained in order to ensure they are adequately equipped to use technologies to support teaching & learning
- Support will be offered to parents and carers to ensure that you can support your children at home to access digital resources and information
- Technology will be used to support learning in all classrooms

Partnership Working

- Monthly coffee and chat sessions will run
- PAT PALS, Stay & Play and curriculum related information sessions will run across the session
- Surveys will be issued to parents & carers on aspects of school life