



# Decision Making Groups Bulletin

## June 2019

### Learning Council

- Designed, developed and introduced our 'Keys to Achieve'.
- Developed a shared language of learning by identifying and sharing key phrases to support Keys to Achieve.
- Ensured all stakeholders have a shared understanding of Keys to Achieve - leaflet designed and shared with parents and carers.
- Child friendly L&T board sharing key points of SIP as identified by Reps.
- Contributed to learners developing a Growth Mindset through e.g. Assemblies.

### Community Explorers

This year we commemorated the centenary of World War I by creating remembrance stones for each soldier from Newtongrange who died and laid these at the memorial for remembrance Sunday; we also talked on the radio about this.

We worked with the whole school and nursery to create a Christmas Art Gallery to brighten up the former Swimming pool site in time for the lights switch on. We trialled the new sky maze and fed back to our classes.

Finally we contributed to the village masterplan sharing our thoughts about the village and giving feedback on the proposed plan for the village centre.

### Rights Respecting Schools Ambassadors

We have achieved our Bronze Award – this can now be seen on all our school letters. All learners and teachers in the school are aware that children have rights under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. We will be working towards achieving our Silver Award next session.

### Sports Award Committee

We have now set up our new Sports Award Committee and we are looking forwards to creating our first Action Plan in the new school year.

### Eco Warriors

This year we have:

- Achieved the Eco Scotland 'Green Flag' status after submitting all of our evidence in April
- Organised "Green Santa", donating lots of our unwanted toys, books and games to the cause, raising money and providing Christmas gifts to local causes such as Barnardos and Woman's Aid.
- Carried out a school audit to identify our steps for next year.

### Reading Reps

This year we have:

- Collected book tokens to gather books for our school library.
- Launched FMRC and explained our two challenges to the school.
- A bigger choice of books in our school library.
- A lunch time reading club in the library.
- Asked classes to create a reading themed game to encourage children to attend lunchtime reading club.

### Playground Reps

This year we have:

- Created new areas in our playground, including a 'quiet zone' and games zones.
- Completed a playground audit and recorded a 4-8% improvement in children enjoying their playtimes.
- Continued to introduce new equipment and ensure that our playground is a happy and safe environment for learners.

