

## HOW CAN PARENTS/CARERS HELP?

We are keen to involve parents and carers in the life and work of the school. There are many ways in which you can help your child and support the work of the school.

Talk through your child's homework with them and support them.

Support the school's positive relationships policy.

Get involved with the Partnership Group.

Volunteer to work for an hour or so every week supporting in a class, or occasionally accompany children on outings.

Lend your skills and talents to support learning throughout the school.

## Our Priorities for 2023-2024

Please see our school priorities on a page document for parents and carers.



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# St. John's Primary School

**Standards & Quality Report  
2022-2023**



COURAGE

DETERMINATION

FAITH

GRATITUDE

KINDNESS

RESPECT

## STANDARDS & QUALITY REPORT 2022-2023

### ATTAINMENT AND ACHIEVEMENT

In Literacy (*Listening and Talking/ Reading and Writing*) and Numeracy & Mathematics, with Most pupils are attaining relevant levels. In session 22-23 we continued the focus on Reading for Enjoyment and introduced the new approach to the teaching of writing in P5-P7 through the Talk for Writing programme. We refreshed our School Values and created a shared Curriculum Rationale.

### HOW WELL DO WE SUPPORT OUR PUPILS?

We have very effective transition arrangements in place as children move from Nursery to P1, from stage to stage and from P7 to Secondary School. Children with additional needs have very good support at St. John's Primary School. Class teachers differentiate work well for pupils in class and ensure that appropriate support and challenge is put in place. Staff use a variety of resources to support children's social and emotional needs. P7 pupils are buddied very effectively with P1 pupils. Almost all children at St. John's enjoy being at school and feel they are progressing well. Staff ensure a happy, safe, secure environment where high quality learning and teaching take place in preparing our pupils for future challenges and responsibilities. The Meraki and Wellbeing Wednesday Clubs provided a safe space for pupils who were experiencing difficulties at school, either with friendships or just wanting a quiet space from the hustle and bustle of the playground. Our Participatory Budget initiative of Cycling Playtimes has been very popular and a great success.

### LEARNERS' WIDER EXPERIENCES IN ST. JOHN'S

Most children in St. John's Primary are actively involved in their own learning and demonstrate increasing skills as learners, and have confidence and high aspirations. Most pupils are fully motivated and are engaged in a range of learning activities. Responsive teaching approaches ensure that tasks and activities as well as the learning environment are differentiated to meet the needs of almost all learners. We have developed our Outdoor Learning curriculum and created a framework, which will allow teachers to plan fun and engaging learning opportunities outwith the classroom. Visiting specialists increased the health and wellbeing of pupils. This year pupils experienced visits from the SSPCA, 12-week swimming block for P5 pupils, coaching from Biggar Rugby Club, football, netball, judo, and multi-sports. There was a whole school educational excursion to Blair Drummond Safari Park. Our Health Week and Wellbeing Week provided a focus for developing healthy lifestyles and raised awareness of the importance of good mental health. Our school Nativity, 'Christmas Counts' and Christmas Café/Craft sale were well received. We received our Cycling Schools Award and Digital Schools Award during session 2022-2023. Our P7 Pope Francis Faith Award pupils achieved their awards in June 2023. All of these ensured that pupils had increased in confidence and made good progress achievements.

### THE CURRICULUM

The focus of the curriculum is to provide well joined up experiences for pupils, which are coherent and enjoyable and enable our young people to fulfil their potential. Our priority in 2023-2024 is to develop further, a flexible curricular programme, which is led by a refreshed clear rationale, developed in tandem with pupils, parents and staff to ensure we are delivering a broad general education for all pupils. We also look forward again to giving pupils the opportunity to share their learning with their peers, parents/carers and the wider school community, at our Curriculum event, the Nativity, learning showcases and Summer Show. Opportunities for family learning will also take place. Parents and Carers are kept informed through our Class Curriculum and school newsletters, our website, X (formerly Twitter) and the School App.

### PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT

We continue to look at ways to encourage all members of the St. John's family to contribute to session 2023-2024. Please consider ways in which you can support learning at home and across the whole school by becoming involved in events which take place throughout the year. If you have any ideas please contribute these by contacting Mrs McCart or your child's teacher.