

Midlothian



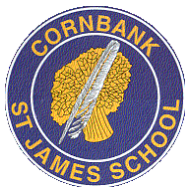
Cornbank St James Primary School

Parent Summary of our Standards and Quality Report 2022-23 Improvement Plan - Year 2023-24



The School Improvement Plan sets out our priorities for the year ahead. We aim to ensure all learners receive the best possible education and that our school continues to grow and develop. It has been written after gathering feedback from all learners, families and staff. As always, we appreciate your contributions and feedback.

A full and detailed copy of our report can found on the school website cornbank.mgfl.net



Our Priorities from Last Session 2022 -2023

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Digital Learning

- ✓ All staff achieved their Gold Award in Google Workspace Skills
- ✓ Read and Write Toolbar has been rolled out to P4-7 learners
- ✓ Development of Digital Safety skills has been led by Pupil Voice Group
- ✓ We are using the Midlothian Technologies Framework and development of curriculum, with focus on computational thinking and programming

Raised Attainment in Literacy and Numeracy

- ✓ All staff using the new Midlothian writing planners
- ✓ New PM Reading Benchmarking Tool has been introduced and all teaching staff are using it to support reading interventions
- ✓ Cornbank learners engaged in a range of different activities as part of Scottish Book Week
- ✓ Moderation has taken place for all areas of literacy to increase teacher confidence and ensure consistency
- ✓ All staff are utilising the Midlothian Numeracy Planners
- ✓ Staff are more confident in delivering numeracy using a wide range of strategies
- ✓ Cornbank have had access to a Numeracy Development Officer to support learners who are not on track

Health and Wellbeing:

- ✓ Two staff were trained to deliver Drawing and Talking interventions to support with the social and emotional wellbeing of our learners - 25 learners engaged
- ✓ Meet and Greets introduced at classroom entrances
- ✓ Our Positive Choice policy was revised and re-launched
- ✓ We continue to promote our RISE values across the school and the UNCRC rights
- ✓ Fix it Folders introduced to all classes to support a restorative approach to conflicts
- ✓ Nurture planned for as part of HWB curriculum
- ✓ Headteacher newsletters have addressed additional support needs across our school

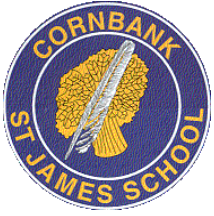


Some of our Highlights from Last Session 2022-2023

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- ☆ We were successful in achieving both our Digital Schools Award and our Digital Wellbeing Award
- ☆ As a school, we have returned to a full calendar of face to face meetings with our families including curriculum evenings, consultations, sharing the learning assemblies, shared starts, sports days etc
- ☆ Our Cornbank School Partnership hosted a number of successful events including our Christmas Fair, Friendship Disco, Fun on the Field, a whole school raffle etc
- ☆ In May 2023, our Primary 6 attended Whithaugh Camp for three nights
- ☆ Each class enjoyed a school trip this session which was also supported by the Cornbank School Partnership
- ☆ Our P5 learners enjoyed working with the Dunedin Consort on a music project culminating in a visit to the Queen's Hall and a whole school performance
- ☆ We continued with our successful transition programmes with children moving from ELC settings to P1 as part of the Midlothian wide 'Midmouse' programme, P2-7 classes took part in Meet the Teacher sessions in June 2023 and we worked closely with Penicuik High School to support young people moving to S1 with a number of successful enhanced transitions. We also invited a number of learners into school on In Service Days to support transition for those learners with additional support needs
- ☆ Following COVID, we have returned to a full calendar of Active Schools Sports events, which we have attended across the local authority. Staff have provided a range of lunchtime clubs over the year as we continue to work hard to maintain our Gold Sports Award
- ☆ We enjoyed a visit from Fischy music with a whole school performance and class workshops
- ☆ Our P7 learners performed Goodbye My Friend to the whole school community and families and were the winners of the Penicuik Rotary Quiz 2023
- ☆ **We are proud of sharing all our school achievements on Twitter and our School Website**



Our New Priorities 2023 - 2024



Raise Attainment in Literacy and Numeracy

We will:

- ⊙ Introduce teaching staff to the new Midlothian planners for Reading and support staff with the use of these and the Writing planners to ensure teacher confidence
- ⊙ Work towards becoming a Reading School as we re-launch our school library
- ⊙ Continue to embed Numeracy planners at Cornbank to ensure consistency
- ⊙ Develop all learners' skills in Numeracy, using a range of strategies to solve problems
- ⊙ Develop focused numeracy interventions to support learners who find numeracy challenging and upskill support staff to deliver these
- ⊙ Ensure consistency in assessment and moderation of children's progress by building staff capacity in ensuring that 'achievement of a level' judgements are robust
- ⊙ Work with our neighbouring schools to develop assessment capable learners, with most pupils able to identify their own strengths and next steps through consistent feedback
- ⊙ Ensure learning intentions and success criteria are consistent in all classes across the school
- ⊙ Embed formative assessment strategies in all classes
- ⊙ Revisit our Cornbank learner toolkit and relaunch across the school

Health and Wellbeing

We will:

- ⊙ Introduce whole school classroom visuals using essential Boardmaker symbols in addition to our daily timetable visuals
- ⊙ Design and create a whole school nurture space
- ⊙ Ensure all classrooms have a "calm space" using the Summary of Circle Inclusive Classroom Scale; with a whole school launch with clear expectations of how these are to be used to support learning and the wellbeing of our learners