

# Pupil Voice—Learning Council—Our journey 2019-20



## Key Themes discussed and consulted upon with Learning Council:

- Vision, Values and Aims
- Organising voting for values and value characters
- Behaviour and Relationships Blue Print
- Feedback on Curriculum Rationale
- Self-Evaluation on key themes from how good is OUR School—themes 1 and 3



## IMPACT

- Vision and values now agreed—aims to be reviewed
- Values characters now voted for and currently being digitally designed based on children's drawings
- Behaviour and Relationships Blue Print—now in place
- Curriculum Rationale—agreed by learners and staff—parents to be consulted
- Self-Evaluation feedback informs next steps and confirms impact of the work they have undertaken.

# Celebrating Success & Achievements



## Celebrating Success

- Whole school assemblies
- Twitter
- Class Dojo
- Hot Chocolate Friday
- Certificates at assembly
- Wall display
- Engagement with DC Thomson to celebrate achievements & share learning
- Stickers & Certificates
- Positive Phone calls home





# Pupil Voice & Leadership

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## Young stars

### ECO PUPILS ARE TALKING RUBBISH

**Toddlers' freezing fishing lesson**

IT is hard not to notice the bitter air and the ice surrounding the city but the children at Tenite Tots Childminding have used the cold weather to learn about fishing – under ice.

The 'fishing' expeditions started when two of the children were pretending to fish in the garden with novel Christine Brown helping the kids to make their own magnetic fishing game indoors.

Christine said the topic of ice outside led to some frozen fishing. She said: "After making our 'pond' inside with water, fish, boats and hats we started to talk about the ice outside and discovered our pond had frozen over. This sparked conversations with the boys and girls and they talked about how they wouldn't be able to fish anymore."

"We watched a short clip about ice fishing and went outside."

"We talked about how hard it was to sometimes get the fish out and what people would maybe wear as it gets very cold."

**PUPILS from Baldragon Academy and Sidlaw View Primary School have teamed up to make their community a bit greener whilst the older pupils gain qualifications.**

Hailed by their teachers as "inspirations", a team of Baldragon pupils have volunteered as "eco prefects" for the school whilst choosing an environmental skills class which is awarded with SCOP points just like any other subject.

The class is led by teacher Heather Anderson however she says it is a team effort and the ideas come from the pupils about what they want to do. She said: "The pupils get to choose what they want to investigate and what changes they want to see made to the school to improve our environment."

"They are such a great group and hearing the passion they have is amazing."

"They inspire me every day with their drive to make a change."

Sixth-year pupil Mia McIntyre chose the environmental skills class as she feels that students haven't had the opportunity to before.

"The environment is such a big thing just now on social media so it is encouraging to see the school giving us the opportunity which we haven't had before," she said.

"In the skills class you pick a certain topic and show how you want to change the effects it has and what actions you would take to do that."

"I chose ways in which cutting out single-use items can help. I have focused on things like fast fashion and will be organising a clothes drive for people to donate the items they don't wear anymore to charities."

"The class also gives you SCOP points which is good for when you are applying to university."

Fellow pupil, 17-year-old Hugh Stane said the recent climate protests inspired him to try to tackle eco problems in the school and further afield.

He said: "When the climate strike happened in the town and we were encouraged to go and take part, I saw all the young people coming together and being really passionate about the environment and wanting to make a change."

"I think it is much less of an older person's problem now and more young people are getting involved and using their voice."

"To be honest it is going to be affecting us the most in the future – it's our world."

"Senior pupils are not just thinking about the effects on the planet, 17-year-old Kendall Smith is focusing on the positive effects on mental health that a greener planet could have."

The 56 pupil said: "At the school we are working towards our green flag and to get it you need to focus on three sections, one is health and wellbeing."

"I am currently trying to show the benefits that things like nature walks can have on of mental health and how a clean environment can be beneficial."

"We are focusing on gender equality and safe spaces at the minute so we are hoping to go out on nature walks together which ties in with the environmental aspect."

The basis of the school's aim have come from a review carried out by 56 student Abbie Dwyer who said she was shocked by what she found.

"I reviewed all aspects of the eco side of the school and was actually really shocked at how bad it was."

"It was especially bad with things like waste paper, plastic and food."

"We are now doing a lot of things that we need to improve on the review and change what was really needing worked on."

"It is going to benefit not just us but the incoming pupils."

Future pupils of Baldragon include Rebecca, Summer and Lincoln who are all pupils of Sidlaw View Primary.

They are currently volunteers at the school and each week clear up litter not only from the school but also in surrounding streets and gardens alongside Baldragon's eco prefects.

Rebecca Dink, 12, said: "I wanted to volunteer to save the turtles because lots of people have been talking about them recently."

While Summer Rowan, 9, added: "I would like to take the environmental skills class when I am older and continue the good work at Baldragon."

Sidlaw View teacher Graeme Stewart said: "It is not just about improving inside the school gates we are working with the community and the kids take what they have learned home too."

Winning run shows Glen is on the way up

WINNING his last four bouts has proved that Glen Addison is a young boxer on the way up.

The Fair City ABC 15-year-old has been in terrific form of late and climbed off the canvas in his last contest to secure a very hard-earned points victory.

Derrick Riley, chief coach at the Scene airport-based boxing club, said: "Glen was floored early on in a show run by Dundee's St Francis club but got back up and won rounds two and three on points to secure the verdict."

"It was a pretty heavy knockdown. He did well to get up from it and I was delighted with the way he came back."

Glen's career didn't get off to the best of starts as he lost his opening two contests.

Derrick went on: "I was unsure as to whether or not he would make it but he has dug in, worked hard, and shown he has what it takes. It has been hard going for Glen but he has stuck to it and is reaping the rewards."

Glen has been at the club for two years, having been brought along by his father. He trains three times a week and is among the most dedicated boxers at the club.

"There is no doubt Glen is a good prospect," Derrick went on.

"He has done better than I thought he would and the season will likely see more improvement coming from him."

**Baldragon Academy and Sidlaw View Primary School have teamed up to tackle rubbish in the community**







### Key Themes for staff training with partner

Providers **Aug—Dec**

- RWI & Fine Motor Skills—Literacy pedagogy team
- RWI Development Day x2 days
- Cooperative Learning
- Reflective reading
- Universal & Targeted Support ( effective use of visuals—LSG)
- Child Protection, Equalities & GDPR



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