

FOCUS ON: THE WAYS WE REPORT TO PARENTS/CARERS

BlueSky

Across Falkirk Council, we have moved away from X/Twitter as a way of sharing the work of our schools.

[This document](#) from Falkirk Council explains the reasons behind the move and why BlueSky was chosen by the council as the platform for sharing the work of schools.

We use BlueSky as a way of sharing the day to day learning in our classrooms. Our teachers' main role is always the learning & teaching of the children in their class and we hope you understand that the number of updates to BlueSky will vary because of this. BlueSky is one of a number of ways we report to you about the learning taking place in the class. [You can access our BlueSky links here.](#)

Home learning Our home learning goes home at the start of each term. Children will be given set reading for home learning, spelling/phonics and a Sumdog task for mental maths. Reading may include resources from one of our reading scheme resources or novels. We have novels that we use at particular stages as class novels and additional group set novels as needed. This home learning supports children to practise and share their progress with you in these core areas of the curriculum. We always try to strike a balance between the value in practising these core skills with all the other valuable learning and wider achievement opportunities that children take part in beyond school such as clubs and sports. For additional reading opportunities, children also have access to an online e-book and audiobook resource (Borrowbox) using their GLOW login. [Find out more here.](#)

Curriculum leaflets These are sent home (paper copy) near the start of each term to outline the key areas of curriculum planning for the stage. This allows you to have an overview of the key learning that will be taking place that term. We plan across the four contexts of Scotland's Curriculum. [You can find out more about our curriculum here.](#)

Sharing the Learning Open Evening (September) We start the year with a whole school open evening where you can visit your child's class. This year, we changed this to involve pupils more as we are keen they play an active role in talking about their learning with you.

Open Afternoons (October and May) We invite parents/carers into school twice a year to have a classroom based experience during the school day. This year these will take place in Term 1 and Term 4. Please note the P7 event in May has moved date (from the original handout in September) to take account of the Braes HS transition programme.

Parents Evenings (November and March) We hold these in November and March. These are in person events. Bookings are online and information about this is sent home to parents/carers a few weeks ahead so you can book your own day/time.

Learning Cafe events (November and March) These are opportunities to learn about aspects of the curriculum and learning & teaching. These are informal workshops led by our P7 Pupil Leaders at our November and March Parents' Evenings. You are invited to drop in while you are in school for your child(ren)'s Parents' Evening appointments. In November, this will focus on ways we assess children's learning and ways you can support at home. We are hoping we will have our new library available for you to visit too. In March, we will share with you strategies to support your child's mental maths at home.

Annual reports (June) Our reports go home in mid-June. These provide an update on the key progress your child has made across the curriculum this session. Mrs Thomson is leading a group in Term 2 and 3 this session to look at improving these with pupil, parent and staff input and information will follow about this.

Newsletters We aim to publish a newsletter each term. We speak with our Parent Council members and this helps us to consider where we can focus on particular themes to share more about the school's approaches. Newsletters help us share pupil achievements, school improvement developments and upcoming events.

Parent Council and Parents' Association (PAWS) We give regular updates and discuss our curriculum, learning & teaching and school improvement priorities with our two parent groups. All parents/carers are welcome to attend these meetings.

Assemblies/Performances Our Primary 1 and 2 children perform a nativity in December. Our Primary 3, 4 and 5 children perform a class assembly - please see our annual calendar for dates. Our Primary 6 children perform with Scottish Opera. Our Primary 7 pupils lead and perform at a Burns Supper in January and at their end of year Leavers' Assembly.

Standards and Quality report Every September, we publish a report to parents/carers on the work of the school over the previous session. [You can find this on our school website.](#)