Inclusion Ambassadors Update

The termly newsletter sharing the work of the Inclusion Ambassadors

March 2024

Welcome to the latest edition of the Inclusion Ambassador Update. In this edition we share some of the groups recent focus on behaviour in schools, an article from 2023 Success Looks Different winners, Williamston Primary School and highlight changes to how we will be sharing news from the group.

What we've been up to

So far this year, the Inclusion Ambassadors have been discussing experiences of behaviour in schools.

In January, we heard about what behaviour looks like and what the Ambassadors would like to change. Then, we spoke about why people behave in different ways.

In March, we continued our discussions about behaviour and talked about how we would like schools to support young people with behaviour and promote positive relationships.

Coming soon: Relationship and behaviour resource

Sharing a guide to the Inclusion Ambassador's views on supporting relationships and behaviour in schools based on the discussion we have had in our recent meetings.

In the news: Success Looks Different Winners 2023

Article: How we make sure our neurodivergent pupils are heard.

Following their win in the Success Looks Different 2023 (Primary) category, Sharon Blair of Williamston Primary School, comments on how schools should focus more on what neurodivergent pupils can do, not what they can't do in this article for TES Scotland.

Read the article

Scottish Parliament Committee Inquiry: Additional Support for Learning

On Monday 19th of February, three members of the Education, Children and Young People Committee joined an online meeting with the Inclusion Ambassadors.

The Committee wanted to hear the Inclusion Ambassadors' views as part of their Inquiry into Additional Support for Learning. The group shared their views on a range of topics, including support planning, positive relationships and availability of staff.

A member of staff from the Scottish Parliament took note of what the Inclusion Ambassadors said, which will be used in the Inquiry and will later be published on the Scottish Parliament website. This was a great opportunity for the group to feed into the inquiry and the Commitee have told us that they found the session really helpful.

And finally....

This will be the final Inclusion Ambassador newsletter in it's current form.

We will continue to support the group to share their news and resources and encourage you to sign up to the bi-monthly newsletter from Enquire, the national advice service for additional support for learning, who will be sharing the work of the group. Sign up here

You can also find resources for professionals on the Inclusion Ambassador's webpages on Children in Scotland, as well as the professionals section of the Enquire website.

Don't forget to tell us what you are doing

We love to hear about how schools are supporting the Inclusion Ambassadors, using the resources and demonstrating inclusive practices.

Contact Sophie Elliott if you have anything you want to share.