

Newsletter

- For staff, parents, carers and the local community -

SCOTTISH OPERA

We are delighted that Primary 5, 6 and 7 are taking part in 'Fever', Scottish Opera's primary school outreach work. The children and staff have worked very hard to learn the songs and were delighted to welcome a member of Scottish Opera's team on Monday to rehearse with them. He was very complimentary about the work and the ability of the children. Their singing was fantastic and they are now looking forward to the second, and final, visit by Scottish Opera. This will be a full day during which the children will practice their songs but add in drama and finish up by putting on a production for the rest of the school and their parents. Parents will get an invitation shortly. The final dramatic production promises to be spectacular.

In terms of Curriculum for Excellence, 'Fever' covers Sciences, Health and Wellbeing, Literacy and English as well as Expressive Arts. We are grateful to the Parent Council for raising the money to fund this wonderful experience for the children.



NURSERY ENROLMENT

I would ask if you have a child who will be 3 years old over the coming year that you come to register them before 30th April. Applications made after this date are considered to be late applications and will only be dealt with by the admissions panel after the applications made prior to 30th April. Please pass this information to anyone you know who may have a child due to be enrolled in nursery. As always our Nursery admissions meeting will be taking place in May. Letters about the allocation of places will be sent to parents after this date.

Please be aware that only a parent can enrol a child and a full birth certificate and two recent proofs of residence are required. We would be grateful if you could phone and make an appointment to complete the application paperwork in order that someone is available to help you.

NEED TO CONTACT SOMEONE OR MAKE A COMPLAINT?

School Contact

Head Teacher: Pamela L. Easton Principal Teacher: Sharon Alexander Office: June Clydesdale

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Parent Council Chairperson

Gail Ramsay

Phone: 01555 840263 and your contact details will be passed on

Education Resources

Phone: 01698 454545



WEBSITE

Please visit the nursery and school website where you will find lots more information including photos

<http://carnwath-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk>

Achieved Rights Respecting School Award

June 2010



Achieved Fairtrade School Award

June 2010



Achieved Gold Health Promoting School Award

June 2007

and

Achieved Health Promoting

Nursery Gold Award



ONCE UPON OUR TIME

The Nursery and Primary 7 children have had a visit from Tony who entertained them with some Scottish songs and stories. After that the nursery children and their parents discussed with the Primary 7 children the sorts of things that the children like to do and told them a wee bit about their lives.

Tony worked with the Primary 7 children to tell them how he writes stories and to give them tips on how they could write their nursery child's story. Since then Primary 7 have been writing, with some fantastic results. They are nearly finished and ready for the editing process. They will continue to work with the nursery children by helping them to produce their pictures which will be used to illustrate their book. They will also go and share rhymes and stories with their child. A great experience for all involved!



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND SPORTS

Two benchball teams from Primary 4 and 5 and two netball teams from Primary 6 and 7 will attend the Learning Community event at Biggar High School on the 12th February. On their previous visit the children had great fun and I am sure they will do well on this visit.



Unfortunately our planned involvement in the Law and District Cross country on Saturday was cancelled due to the bad weather. This event will be re-arranged, however, and we look forward to seeing the children competing. Meanwhile their cross country afterschool club will continue on Thursdays. The children who have attended the afterschool club will also be offered the opportunity to compete in the Large Schools Cross Country in March.

Mrs Alexander and Mrs Coubrough have been running a lunchtime club for Primary 1, 2 and 3 children. They have used the 'Go Noodle' programme to get the children moving and having fun. This has been well attended and everyone seems to be having great fun.

Due to demand, Miss Oswald will be running the lunchtime chess club again this term.



ADVERSE WEATHER

I would be grateful if parents/carers could keep their contact details up to date, particularly at this time of year. This allows us to contact you quickly in the event that the school will not open, will open late or will close early due to adverse weather.

I would also be grateful if parents/carers would bear in mind that during adverse weather (heavy rain, snow, ice) that the school will not be open to children prior to 8:45am thus children should arrive as close to 9am as possible to minimise their time outside in the playground. I would also appreciate children wearing clothing appropriate to the weather conditions since they may well be out at playtime or lunchtime and they may also be out as part of a lesson during the day.

SCOTTISH CELEBRATION

Thank you to all the parents, family and friends who joined us on Friday for our annual Scottish Celebration. Once again the staff and children had worked very hard to put on an excellent performance, which was very entertaining. We had song, poem, dance, drama and some information regarding our language and how it developed. The audience were also questioned and put through their paces with 'Staun Up, Sit Doon'. Thanks go to all staff who helped the children prepare but particularly to Mrs Alexander who put the programme together and ensured it ran well on the day.



Fran and Anna joined us for the afternoon!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY

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| 1st | Scottish Opera visit for P5-7 |
| 4th | Youth Music Initiative for P5 children |
| 8th, 9th | February holiday |
| 10th | School closed for children: Staff Development Day |
| 12th | Bookbug to nursery Netball/benchball festival at Biggar High School |
| 15th | Scottish Opera with P5-7 children all day Parental show at end of Scottish Opera visit |
| 16th | 7pm Parent Council meeting |
| 18th | Nursery open day for parents Anti-bullying assembly: Alex Kelly |
| 23rd | 7 for 7:30pm Parent Council bingo night |
| 24th | Tony storytelling for Once Upon Our Time |
| 25th | Fairtrade assembly |
| 29th | Nursery Consultative Committee meeting |



MARCH

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| 1st | Nursery forest visit |
| 2nd | World maths day |
| 3rd | World book day |
| 8th | Nursery forest visit 7pm Parent Council meeting |
| 10th | Nursery assembly 9:15am for all nursery children, no afternoon session |
| 17th | Parents as Partners event at SLC headquarters, Hamilton |
| 18th | Large schools cross country event, Lanark racecourse |
| 22nd | Nursery Healthy Eating event |
| 23rd | P5/6 and P7 assembly Parental consultation |
| 25th and 28th | School closed for Easter holiday |
| 31st | Parental consultation |

APRIL

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| 1st | School closes at 2:30pm for Spring Break |
| 18th | School re-opens |

Please note that the above dates may change due to unforeseen circumstances. Parents/carers are very welcome to attend the class assemblies.

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

Once again, Sainsbury's are giving Active Kids vouchers when you shop with them. If you, or any friends or relatives, shop at Sainsbury's we would be grateful for your vouchers. These allow us to exchange them for games for the children to use in the playground.



EDUCATION SERVICES
Executive Director: Jim Gilhooly
Carnwath Primary School: Head Teacher - Pamela L. Easton