

Newsletter

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

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WORLD OF WORK WEEK

I would like to express our thanks to all the parents, friends and professionals who came to visit during the week and spoke to the children about their job and the skills and qualifications they need in order to do it. This provided the children with a fantastic learning opportunity and really got them thinking about the skills they have and what they may like to do in the future.

All children in the school had the chance to learn how to conduct CPR which is really useful knowledge to have. They did very well and our thanks go to Michelle Graham and her colleagues who spent the day with the children.

Our thanks go to Miss Stewart who organised the P5-7 'Enterprise is the Business' day which was very popular and had the children working together to design, make and sell products. The buyers were very hard to please but the children really worked well with some fantastic results. Well done to you all.

At the end of the week the children shared their learning with each other and this really brought home to us all how much they had learned. They were able to discuss their skills and what they wanted to do in the future. They spoke about the kinds of qualifications they would need, eg a degree, a driving licence, and some of them had even looked into the future and were talking about a job, moving out of home, a pension. They had really taken on board what the visitors had discussed with them.



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



NEED TO CONTACT SOMEONE OR MAKE A COMPLAINT?

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

WORLD OF WORK WEEK continued

What did the children think of World of Work Week?

They were asked what they thought was good about the week:

- * The policeman allowing us to talk to the control room.
- * The farmer visitor was interesting.
- * Learned lots of interesting facts about jobs.
- * CPR was good because we learned how to save lives.
- * It was good to learn about the different jobs and what skills were needed.
- * I found it interesting to find out about the vet because I want to be a vet and now I know what skills and qualifications I will need.
- * I liked it when we went round the tables in the gym hall at the end of the day to find out about some people's jobs
- * It was good to have a little booklet to remind us of everyone's jobs.
- * I liked Sam Smart she was very intelligent and she inspired me.

They were also asked what could have made it better:

- ◇ It was the best it could be so I wouldn't change anything.
- ◇ Can we do another World of Work week?

In answer to the final question:

We are already thinking about next year. We will not do another World of Work Week as we did this year but we have started planning something different which will still give the children an insight into the world of work and what kind of skills they may want to develop. We will have a STEM Week: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. This will take place after the Easter holiday. We have already started organising events but please feel free to let us know if you have any ideas.

SCHOOL GROUNDS DEVELOPMENT

As you are aware we have been developing our school grounds with the help of the Lottery grant that we were given. The children from the Eco Forum, along with Mrs Cochrane, have planted a new orchard with the help of Gouldings Garden Centre. They very kindly delivered our apple and plum trees and then helped the children to correctly plant them. Hopefully in a few years we will be able to pick a bumper crop of fruit!



We have also been very lucky to receive support from BHC Ltd who very kindly built and installed our new bench seating. This looks great and we also have a storytelling chair which the children will be able to use. This will give the children additional seating at breaks but will also allow classes to go out and have an outdoor classroom area.

KEEP SCOTLAND BEAUTIFUL

As they have done in previous years the Eco Forum, led by Mrs Cochrane, organised a litter pick as part of the Keep Scotland Beautiful campaign week. All children have been involved in ensuring that areas of the school and community are tidy and litter free. This has once again been a huge success and a very worthwhile activity.

Our thanks go to Greggs who provided all children with a sweet treat as a 'thank you' for their hard work.



P6/7 picked the wettest part of the day to do their litter pick!

PARENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you very much to everyone who completed and returned a questionnaire about parental involvement.

We asked about our **Primary 1 transition**:

- * 86% of parents felt it would be good to organise a coffee morning for P1 parents during their child's first morning in school.
 - * 74% felt that having some P2 parents to talk to at this event would be good.
- We will take this on board and organise a coffee morning for the 17th of August.

We asked about **lunchtime and after school clubs**:

- * 98% said they would be willing to contribute £1 per session.

In August we will try to arrange some different clubs, taking into account the suggestions that the children made about the type of club they would like.

We asked about the **Parent Council**:

- * 87% said they knew about the Parent Council
- * 74% said they knew what the Parent Council do

As a result of this the Parent Council are in the process of making a leaflet for parents to let you know more about the group. This will be sent to all parents in the new session.

We asked your views about your knowledge of **what your child learns**:

- * 90% said they would value the opportunity to visit their child's classroom

When asked when you would prefer us to organise a curricular event you said:

- * 13% afternoon 51% evening 36% no preference

We will take this into account when organising our numeracy parental information session.

Additional comments:

- * I think the school does an excellent job with parental involvement, especially when I hear friends whose children are at other schools talking about lack of communication from the school.
- * Definitely good idea to communicate more re what children are learning and how to help them. Asking them what they learned today is no good - they invariably say 'nothing'!

Please remember to check our website for information regarding what your child is going to learn in class and for photos of what they have done.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE

- 1st Primary 7 to Biggar High School
P5/6 litter picking
P5 music
- 6th P4/5 hosting an enterprise art café for the Evergreens
7pm Parent Council meeting
- 7th 9.15am Once Upon Our Time presentation with nursery and P7 children
1pm P4/5 and P2/3 to the forest
1pm P6 on-road cycling
- 8th School closed due to General Election
- 9th Sponsored obstacle course for whole school, with Parent Council activities (please send your child with some money to spend to help us raise funds for school trips etc.)
- 12th New P1 children in school 1.15-2.45pm, parental talk at the same time
New nursery children in nursery 1.30-2.30pm
- 14th 9.30am Primary 1 assembly
1pm P4/5 to forest
- 15th 1pm Healthy Eating afternoon for next year's P1 children and parents
- 16th P6 camping
- 17th 9.30am P6s to be collected at school after camping
- 20th New P1 children in school 9.30-11.30am, 11.30am children and parents to sample school lunch
New nursery children in nursery 9.30-10.30am, parental talk at the same time
- 21st P5/6 and P6/7 to forest
- 24th Carnwath Gala Day: we hope the Gala Court have a day to remember and that all who take part have a fabulous day
- 26th Nursery graduation in the morning
1pm Carnwath's Got Talent
- 27th 10am End of Term / P7 Leavers assembly
1pm school closes

AUGUST

- 17th All children return to school

Please note that the above dates/times may change due to unforeseen circumstances.

Happy Holidays!



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