

Newsletter

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

ASSEMBLIES

Last term Alex Kelly came to join some of the children and staff to discuss the theme of the assemblies we would provide over the course of this year. We agreed to our assembly list and the children made some excellent suggestions about the topics for Alex to have as the theme for his assemblies. He has conducted our Harvest assembly and will also conduct our Christmas assembly. He will also tackle 'Believing in Yourself', 'Friendship' and 'Why are people not equal, why is the world so ill divided?'. This last theme was taken from some of the 'big' questions that the children asked during our Health Week last year. I feel that the children have chosen some very good and thought provoking topics this year and look forward to the assemblies. Our thanks to the children who helped us decide.

OUTDOOR LEARNING

We are gradually taking delivery of some equipment for the school grounds. We have benching which we will install as soon as possible, a mud kitchen and some decking to help us extend our outdoor growing area. We hope to gradually introduce the new things over the next few months. Use of the local forest by Ms Stormonth is of huge benefit to our children and allows them to take part in outdoor learning that is different from what is on offer within the school grounds. We have noticed lately that there have been several incidences of vandalism in the area the children use - littering, fire setting and damage to the area. We encourage the children to respect the area because it is important to us as a school and to their education. We would appreciate your support in making others aware of the benefits the forest gives our children and in asking them to help us keep it a nice, safe place for the children to visit.

NEWSLETTERS

As an Eco School it is important to us to reduce the amount of paper we use whenever it is possible to do this. We are trying to use our website as often as possible to draw your attention to events and to let you look at photographs of things that the children have been involved in. If you have not already had a look please take time to go on and see what you think. As a result of the amount of information which is on the website I will be issuing paper newsletters less frequently. The website is updated weekly with information that you would find useful, notification of events, photographs of what the children have been doing etc.

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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WEBSITE

Please visit our website where you will find lots more information including photos
<http://www.carnwath-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk/wordpress/>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER

7th	Dyslexia Awareness Week P3/4 to forest
8th	Nursery to forest 7pm Parent Council meeting
10th	Flu Vaccinations in school P5 Bikeability
12th	Parent Council Christmas Fair, 12 - 3pm
14th	Health and Anti-bullying Week Netball / benchball for P4-7 children at Biggar High School
15th	Nursery Consultative Committee meeting Better Movers, Better Thinkers parental workshop, 6-7pm Biggar Primary School
18th	Children in Need day
21st	School closed to children for Staff Development Day
22nd	P6 swimming starts P7 Rotary Quiz Dance event at Lanark Memorial Hall 4.45 - 6pm
28th	P2 skipping festival at Biggar High School
29th	Nursery open day



DECEMBER

1st	Hopscotch theatre group to school
6th	Christmas lunchtime arts and crafts session for nursery children and parents
8th	P3/4 to Dynamic Earth
12th	Visual screening for nursery children Christmas show dress rehearsal
13th	Christmas Jumper Day
14th	Christmas show afternoon show
15th	Christmas show evening performance
16th	P6 and 7 Christmas party
19th	P4 and 5 Christmas party
20th	P1, 2 and 3 Christmas party
21st	Nursery Christmas party
22nd	10am Christmas Assembly by Alex Kelly, parents welcome 2.30pm close for Christmas holiday



JANUARY

9th	School re-opens
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Please note that the above dates may change due to unforeseen circumstances.



Jack and the Beanstalk

We were delighted, last week, to be offered a fantastic show for the children. M and M Productions offered us a free showing of Jack and the Beanstalk which both children and staff thoroughly enjoyed. This was very kind of them and our thanks go to them for the opportunity. The children in Primary 1 have been looking at Fairytales and have a beanstalk growing along the wall so they particularly enjoyed the live performance!



EDUCATION SERVICES
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