



Education Resources
Executive Director **Tony McDaid**
Carnwath Primary School

Acting Head Teacher: Jennifer P Semple

Carnwath Primary School and Nursey Class
Term 1 Newsletter



Welcome to the first newsletter of the session. It has been a busy term and I hope you find this update useful. First of all, I would like to say a huge thank you to the staff, pupils and parents of Carnwath Primary School for making me feel so welcome this term. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here alongside an extremely hard-working staff, your fabulous children and parents who are genuinely interested in their child's education.

Miss Semple

Parent Council

The Parent Council held their AGM on Tuesday, 14th September and the Elected Members for the year are:

Chair Person: David Knox-Welsh
Vice Chair: Audrey Hartland
Secretary: William Wilson
Treasurer: Ilka Graham

Their next meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday 19th October and all parents/carers are welcome to attend. Please contact the school office if you would like invited.

Parking



A gentle reminder that the entrance to the school is very busy with children arriving and leaving at the beginning and end of the school day. If you are dropping your child at school by car, can you please be mindful of our neighbours and avoid blocking driveways – even if it is for a short period of time. Can you also avoid driving into White Crow Court as this then means you are required to reverse when you are leaving and this poses a significant threat to the children arriving on foot. Thank you.

White Crow Court, Carnwath, ML11 8GZ, Lanark.
Phone: 01555 840263
Email: gw14carnwathpsoffice@glow.sch.uk



**INVESTORS
IN PEOPLE**



**Healthy
Working
Lives**

Class News

P1/2

P1/2 have settled amazingly into class routines and have been learning about feelings/emotions and how to manage them. P1 have been learning their sounds and numbers. P2 have mastered EasiMaths and writing sentences. The class have loved learning the Mr Men stories and have been linking these to emotion works and learning how to draw.

Mrs Struthers

Children have been learning about road safety. Children in the upper school have looked at topics such as blind spots, stopping distance, laws around road safety and the advantages and disadvantages of different travel methods. Lower school have been learning about the Green Cross Code, wearing bright clothing, road signs and the different types of crossings.

In PE, the children have been learning skills such as passing, receiving, marking and dodging.

P4

P4 enjoyed reading their class novel 'The BFG' by Roald Dahl as part of their Literacy work this term and are now being introduced to various reading strategies (e.g. summarising and visualisation) to help develop their comprehension.

In Numeracy, the children have been working on place value and estimating and rounding numbers.

Other learning this term has included finding out about the changing states of water in Science, learning about Harvest in RME and working on resilience in Health and Wellbeing.

P6/7

We have been very busy this term and have enjoyed learning about inheritance in Science. One of our favourite activities was making marshmallow monsters based on chromosomes passed down from marshmallow monster 'parents'. We have also been learning about climate change and Mrs Cochrane has been working with a small group on a project about COP26.

P2/3

Primary 2/3 have been super busy this term. We are loving being back at school and in Literacy we have focussed lots on our new friend, Paddington Bear. We have written letters, postcards, drawn pictures and read lots of books about Paddington. We also have been busy learning about our numbers to 100 (P2), 1000 and 10,000 (P3) in Numeracy. In Health and Wellbeing, we have focussed closely on Resilience and have been doing lots of tasks that help us build our own resilience toolkit. It's been a really fun but busy term, and we cannot wait for all the magic and excitement of Term 2.

Nursery

In nursery, we have been learning traditional fairy tales and doing lots of fun activities linked to these. We have been building houses with straw, sticks and bricks, making gingerbread men and planting beans to see if we can grow a beanstalk to climb up.

We have been really enjoying spending time in the gym hall experimenting with different ways to move our bodies.

We have also loved being out and about in the local community. We visited the local Co-op to buy ingredients for pancakes and soda bread – they were delicious!

P5/6

This term we have been enjoying learning different reading strategies and developing our writing through our class novel 'Wonder' which all the children have really enjoyed.

We have also been learning what causes natural disasters and the impact they have on people's lives. The children are currently researching and creating their own powerpoints on a natural disaster of their choice.

Homework Consultation: Results

Thank you to everyone who took time to participate in our recent homework consultation. Children and parents were asked their opinions on homework. The findings included:

- Less than half of our pupils said they do their homework all of the time.
- 56% of children think that homework is 'okay' with nearly one third admitting they do not like it.
- Spelling is the least popular type of homework with children.
- The comments left were generally positive but children would like more time to play and relax.

- 90% of parents said they needed to support their child to complete homework.
- Just under one quarter of parents stated that too much time is spent on homework.
- Parents also stated that spelling homework can be tricky.
- The main pressure for completing homework is time – homework being issued on a Monday and due to be completed for the following Monday would help with this.
- All parents who responded, read with their child.
- Currently, only 30% of parents make use of online resources for homework.

Whilst homework can be a link between school and home with regards to what the children are learning, evidence suggests that it has no positive impact on a child's academic achievement until they are at secondary school. The staff are currently working on a school-wide homework policy that will take into account the opinions we have from parents and pupils and this will be shared with you next term.

Pupil Council

Members for this year's pupil council were recently selected. They are:

P1/2 – Maeby Graham and Layla Stewart

P2/3 – Archie Howie and Harry Moffat

P4 – Jareth Kerr and Aaron Knox-Welsh

P5/6 – Rebekah Greenan and Callum McCarron

P6/7 – James Black and Johan Jensen

These children will consult with their classes and work with Miss Semple on aspects of school improvement important to the pupils.



Eco-Committee

Members for this year's eco-committee were recently selected. They are:

P1/2 – Brodie Early and Kray Turner

P2/3 – Finlay Black and Eden Camara

P4 – Abbie Robertson and Emily Bowie

P5/6 – Zoe Clark and Ben Graham

P6/7 – Jack Gorman and Alfie Morrison

These children will consult with their classes and work with Mrs Coubrough and Mrs Cochrane to maintain our excellent Eco-status



Junior Road Safety Officers

Congratulations to Ryan Baxter and Lewis Gardiner who were recently selected as our JRSOs.



House Captains

Well done to this year's House Captains. They had to prepare a speech to share with the whole school in order to convince the other pupils to vote for them. They are:

Aden Ogulbali – Somerville

Katie Wilson – Medwyn

Louisa Dick – Langwhang

Cole Dunbar – Couthally

Look out for some exciting House Events in the coming year.

Important Dates for Term 2

Unfortunately, it looks like we won't be able to invite you into the school this term or have classes join together for various events. However, we will endeavour to make it as fun and as exciting as the lead up to Christmas should be for our children.

Monday 18 th October	Return to school
Tuesday 19 th October	Parent Council Meeting, 7pm, contact school for invitation
Thursday 21 st October	Nursery and P1 vision screening in school
Friday 29 th October	Hallowe'en Themed Day (more info to follow)
Monday 15 th November	Inservice – children do not attend on this day
Tuesday 16 th November	Parent Council Meeting, 7pm, contact school for invitation
Thursday 9 th December	Christmas Show (in school only – we'll investigate ways to share with you)
Friday 10 th December	Christmas Jumper/Dress Down day
Tuesday 14 th December	P6/7 Christmas Party
Wednesday 15 th December	P5/6 Christmas Party
Thursday 16 th December	P4 Christmas Party
Friday 17 th December	P2/3 Christmas Party
Monday 20 th December	P1/2 Christmas Party
Tuesday 21 st December	Nursery Christmas Party
Wednesday 22 nd December	School finishes at 2.30pm

We are all looking forward to welcoming the children back after the October break.

Thank you