



Education Resources
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Carnwath Primary School and Nursery Class

Term 2 Newsletter



We have had another busy and productive term. We launched our Talk 4 Writing approach to teaching writing throughout the nursery and school with some excellent results. We have also had a number of fun events on the lead up to the holiday. I secured the permanent position as Head Teacher and I feel privileged to be part of the team here. I look forward to working closely with you all in the future.

Mrs Bradford

Parent Council

The Parent Council meet once a month to discuss various ways to support the school. The meetings are currently virtual and if you choose to be part of them, you can decide to give as little or as much time as you choose to working with us. There would never be any pressure to give time you do not have. The meetings are always positive and it's a great opportunity to contribute to the life of the school. If you would like to be part of the Parent Council, please contact the office and we'll make sure you have an invite to the next meeting. The meetings for this term are planned:

Tuesday 18th January
Tuesday 22nd February
Tuesday 22nd March

Sports Leader Training

Some of our P6 and P7 children have generously offered their time to train to be Sports Leaders so they can run lunch-time clubs for the younger children. Mhairi Lake, our Active Schools Co-ordinator will provide the training for them in January.

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Class News

P1/2

P1/2 have loved helping the fairies of Fairyland by learning traditional tales and taking part in lots of exciting activities. There's been lots of magic in our everyday learning and the fairies have inspired us to read more and be kind.

Mrs Struthers

In PE, the children have completed a block on football, learning skills such as dribbling, passing, shooting, turning, tricks and playing matches against each other. For Health and Wellbeing upper school have been learning about diet, eating well, energy, digestion, cooking, food origins, food commodities and healthy sustainable diets.

The younger classes have been learning about food and drink, food choices and eating well, cooking, the importance of activity and where food comes from.

P4

P4 led the way during kindness week, sharing suggested activities with the rest of the school. They all enjoyed receiving happy notes from their peers. In science, they completed various experiments with magnets and carefully recorded their results.

P2/3

Primary 2/3 have had an exciting term. We started this term off by learning the enormous turnip story and recreated our own stories using this. We were surprised by some fairies to start off our fairyland topic, they sent us some magic beans and they have been sneaking into our classes. We learned some traditional tales to help save fairyland! We have also been surprised by our cheeky class elf, Max, who loves getting up to mischief!

P6/7

P6/7 chose 'The Stone Age' as their topic this term and have enjoyed learning about life in the past. We had a great time creating hunting weapons, making models of homes and designing clothes, using what they had available in the Stone Age. We have worked hard on our writing this term through our Talk for Writing block about Warning Stories and have produced some great Winter Wonderland portal stories too! In maths the children have shown confidence tackling new topics such as time and equations. What a busy term!

Mrs Alexander

Our nurture groups have been making fruit kebabs and making drinks coasters as gifts for loved ones on Kindness Week.

Nursery

The nursery children have been participating in lots of festive learning experiences over the past few weeks and have created some fabulous art work to decorate our Christmas doors and wall displays. They have also been exploring lots of wintry weather conditions outdoors and have been talking about the changes in season from Autumn into Winter and have shown an interest in frost and snow. They also had a surprise visit from a very special guest last week which was very exciting! They have been practising party games in the gym hall and are very much looking forward to having fun at their Christmas party next week.

"We have been singing songs and playing Christmas games for our Christmas party - My favourite is Musical Statues" - Rowan 😊

P5/6

P5/6 created and recorded a performance that included lots of facts about the Titanic, the events that led up to it sinking and considered the people on board and how they were treated during the sinking. In science, they were learning about the structure of the earth and created diagrams to show their understanding.

Christmas Jumpers

As another festive season comes to a close we are already looking ahead to next year to consider how to make it as fun and stress free as we possibly can. With this in mind we would like to appeal to you all to send in any Christmas jumpers you have that the children are likely to grow out of before next year. We will store these and add them to our pre-loved clothing stock next November. This means that parents can collect a Christmas jumper for their child without having to worry about the cost. It's also a great way to ensure the jumpers are re-used rather than being discarded – ensuring that we are working towards a more sustainable way of life. Please send any donations into the office before the end of January.

Thank you



Pupil Council

The Pupil Council did an excellent job this term helping the nursery and classes plan their alternative advent. The challenge was to think of something better than chocolate advent calendars. They organised a dress down day to raise some funds and raised an amazing £131. This was used to provide all classes and the nursery with a reusable advent calendar but also provided the snacks for the Christmas Parties. A huge thank you to them for all their hard work!



Eco-Committee

The Eco-Committee continue to maintain the many initiatives that have earned us so many Green Flags. These efforts were recognised during COP26 when the school was featured in an article in the Climate Emergency Newsroom; a South Lanarkshire initiative that focuses on the good work being done in South Lanarkshire Schools as well as investigating and reporting upon Global Issues and sharing their research with pupils throughout the authority.



Junior Road Safety Officers

Ryan and Lewis prepared a presentation to share with the whole school about the importance of being bright to be seen when you're out and about on dark, winter nights. They also ran a competition to raise awareness of this.



House Captains

The House Captains have been working hard keeping the school community informed about how many house points have been earned each week. They also did an excellent job of helping to arrange the Santa Saunter. They selected the routes and carried out a risk assessment to ensure it was safe.

Important Dates for Term 3	
Wednesday 5 th January	All staff and pupils return for Spring Term
Wk beg. 10 th January	Online Enrolment week for P1
Tuesday 18 th January	Parent Council meeting 7pm
Wednesday 2 nd & Thursday 3 rd February	Clydesdale Primary Dance Festival
Monday 14 th & Tuesday 15 th February	February Break
Wednesday 16 th February	Inservice – children should not attend
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day
Friday 18 th March	P5/6/7 Cross Country Event
Thursday 31 st March	Parent Consultations (subject to restrictions – dates may be amended)
Friday 1 st April	School finishes for Spring Break at 2.30pm
Tuesday 19 th April	First day of Summer Term

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Guid New Year. We look forward to seeing everyone back in January.

Thank you