

Newsletter

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

Pupil Representatives

Last week gave the children the chance to vote for who they wanted to represent them on the Pupil Council and who they wanted to be their House Captain. The results are as follows:

House Captains:

Couthally:	Mathew Moffat
Langwhang:	Kayla Smith
Medwyn:	Louise Brownlie
Somerville:	Jamie Waddell

Pupil Council:

Primary 1/2:	Catherine Dickinson
Primary 2/3:	James Black
Primary 3/4:	Sam Graham
Primary 4/5:	Kacey Crawford
Primary 6:	Antony Murray
Primary 7:	Eilidh Logan

I am sure that all of these children will represent the views of our children well and will do their best to lead the school forward. I am delighted to be working with all of them.

Pupil Representatives

The assembly dates have now been agreed and I am delighted to let you know when the assemblies that parents usually attend will be to let you put them in your diary. Please be aware that the dates and/or times may change.

13th October	Harvest assembly, Alex Kelly, 10am
24th November	Primary 4/5, 9.20am
22nd December	Christmas assembly, Alex Kelly, 10am
26th January	Scottish Celebration, 1.30pm
9th February	Primary 7, 2.15pm
26th February	Primary 1/2, 1.30pm
9th March	Primary 2/3, 9.20am
23rd March	Nursery, time to be confirmed
29th March	Easter assembly, Alex Kelly, 10am
4th May	Primary 6, 1.30pm
8th June	Primary 3/4, 2.15pm
28th June	End of term and leavers assembly, 10am

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/>

Numeracy Parental Workshops



It was really good to see so many parents take time to come and work with their children to find out what they do in class to help them develop their numeracy and mathematics knowledge and skills.

Before their visit to class Mrs Easton gave a short talk about Growth Mindset and the importance of how we portray maths to our children. In order for your child to do well it is vital that parents and teachers are positive about maths and encourage the children to have a growth mindset - to believe that they can make progress by working hard and putting in the effort. It is also important that our children realise that mistakes are good. If they are making mistakes and working through these then the children are growing the connections in their brain and strengthening them. This is the way they learn. If work is easy then they are learning very little.

If your child is unsure of what to do with homework ask them to tell you what they know **already**. This is a good place for them to start and consider what they may do next.

Always remind your child that they don't know something **yet**. **Yet** is a very powerful word because it lets the children know that there is hope and that although they don't know it yet, with work and effort they will understand what they are doing.

Your child should have brought home a short A5 leaflet about numeracy and the resources we use in school. It contains an insert with some guidance for parents on how to help your child. Teachers worked hard to produce these and we hope you will find them useful.





Parent Council

Thank you very much to those who attended the Parent Council's 'Coffee, Cake and Conversation' event and to those who came to the AGM. It was particularly good to see one or two new members. I am sure that your representatives on the Parent Council will continue to work hard to represent your views and to raise additional money to allow the children to have the extras such as trips and visits from the theatre. As always we are grateful for all the support we get from parents.

The Parent Council are currently busy organising a Ceilidh evening which promises to be a fun evening. If you haven't ordered your tickets yet there is still time. They are also beginning to organise our annual Christmas Fair. If you have any free time I am sure they would welcome an extra pair of hands and some new ideas. Please just let the office know and we will pass on your details.



Breakfast Club



I have been trying to organise a rota for a breakfast club trial however we are struggling to get enough parents who can commit to a regular day each week. If you are able to help to run the breakfast club on a regular basis - even just one morning a week - please phone the office and let us know.

Many thanks to those who have already volunteered.

School Improvement: Literacy

While we continue to work on numeracy as a follow on from last year's work we are also beginning to take another look at our literacy. As was indicated in the Improvement Summary I sent out we are looking at a more Active Literacy approach. We already use this approach in our phonics and spelling but are now looking to improve our reading and writing by using a more active approach. With this in mind we have done some assessment of reading and comprehension in the Primary 2 to 4 classes. Some of the reading groups have been re-formed, as we do regularly throughout the year. You may find that your child is working within a slightly different group as a result of this.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEPTEMBER

27th P1 - 7 immunisations in the morning
29th Margaret Tough, Blythswood Care, talking to children at assembly

OCTOBER

4th School photographer
5th Childsmile to visit nursery and P1,2 to discuss tooth brushing
5.30pm P5 parental talk about Lockerbie Manor residential visit, P7 parents are welcome to come again
6th Parent Council ceildh
10th 7pm Parent Council meeting
11th P7 to forest
12th Parent - Pupil - Teacher consultations
13th Harvest assembly, Alex Kelly, 10am
School closes for October holiday at 3pm
23rd School re-opens
P7 to Lockerbie Manor for residential week



NOVEMBER

1st Open evening at Biggar High School for P7 parents and children
7th 7pm Parent Council meeting
13th Health Week, including Anti-bullying Week
15th P4/5 to visit Tall Ship, Glasgow
20th Staff Development Day, children on holiday
21st P7 Rotary Quiz
24th Primary 4/5 assembly, 9.20am
25th Parent Council Christmas Fair

DECEMBER

4th The Wizard of Oz, Hopscotch Theatre visit, funded by Parent Council.
13th Afternoon performance of Christmas Show
14th Evening performance of Christmas Show
18th P6/7 party
19th P4/5 party
20th P1/2/3 party
21st Nursery party
22nd Christmas assembly, Alex Kelly, 10am
School closes for Christmas holiday at **2.30pm**

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



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