**CARGENBRIDGE PARENTS ASSOCIATION (CPA) NEWS & REVIEWS**

“The CPA wishes everyone a Happy October Holiday”

October 2017

**Annual Finance Report**

The Treasurer reported that the balance on 27th September 2017 was £3,802.76. Come along to the next CPA meeting or email the CPA to share your ideas on how this money can be spent. Martin McGarry has kindly offered to apply for funding on behalf of the CPA. If you have any ideas of projects at the school email the CPA. Congratulations to Martin who has been appointed the regional advisor for the Scottish Parents Teachers Council (SPTC) for the South and South West of Scotland.

**Your Child’s Online World**

Kirsty Little and Gail Currie attended a short course delivered by the NSPCC and the Council regarding children’s online world. This initiative is sponsored by O2 and the NSPCC to help parents/carers keep your child safe online. There is a ‘Net Aware App’ you can download, to stay up to date with the latest 50 apps, websites and games your child uses: net-aware.org.uk.

For advice and support on setting up parental controls, adjusting privacy settings, understanding social networks and more - call the O2 and NSPCC online safety helpline 0808 800 5002

**NEXT CPA MEETING**

At the school 6.30pm on Thursday 9th November**.**

All parents and carers welcome!

**Halloween Disco Night**

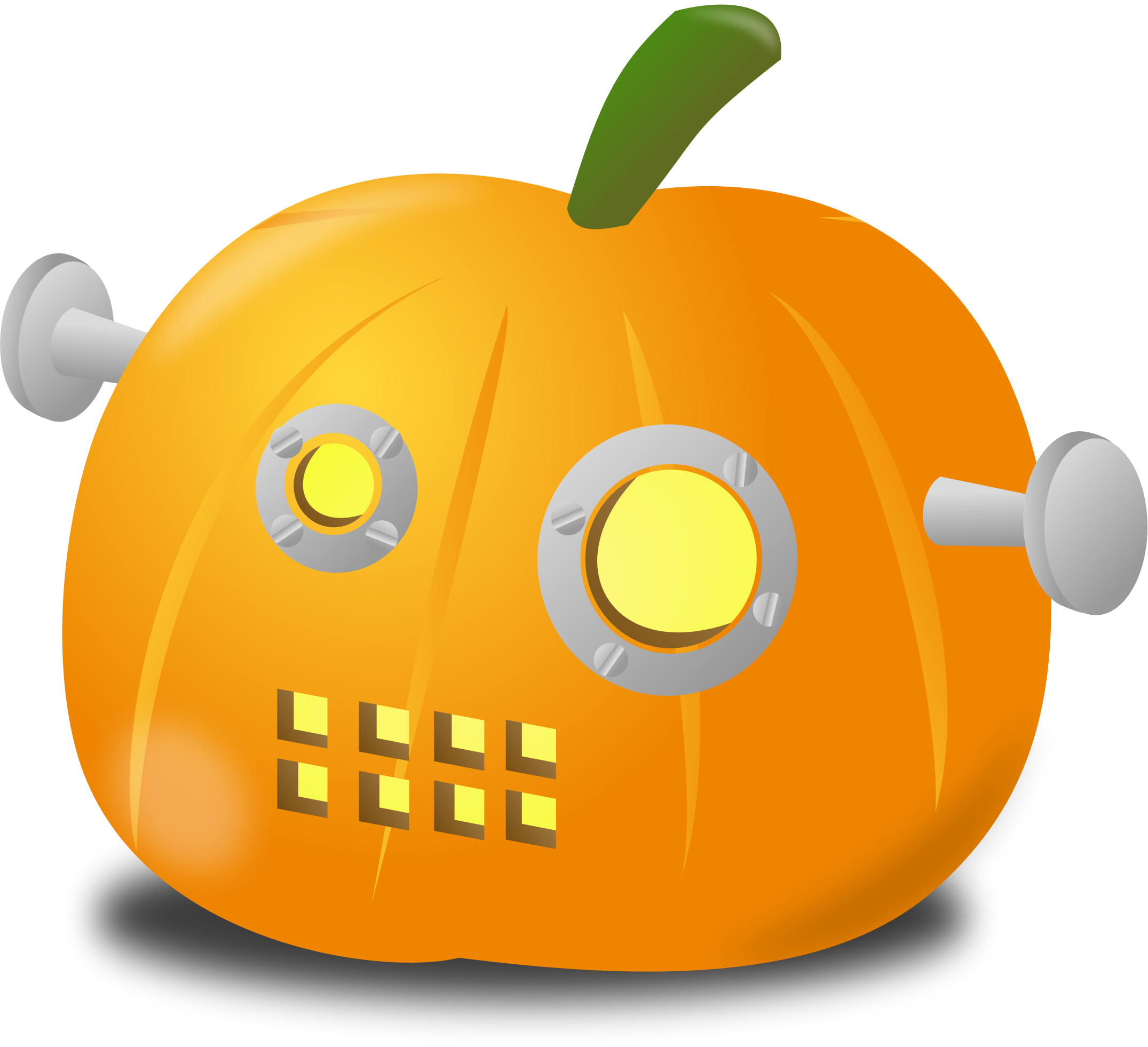
The CPA have organised a Halloween Disco on Monday 30th October at the school. Huge thank you to Mrs C for finding ‘BJ Sounds’ at late notice, who will entertain and get the children dancing! Thank you so much to Andrea Haggarty who will be entertaining the nursery children with their very own ‘Molly Mixture’ party.

Nursery… 4.00 -5.00pm

P1-3… 5.15 - 6.30pm

P4-7… 6.45 - 8.00pm

This event is free for all pupils and includes juice, crisps and a sweetie. This year the cost is being covered by the CPA. A night full of dancing and traditional Halloween games. There will be a pumpkin carving competition and a fancy dress competition for all 3 age groups, and a fancy dress competition for the best overall adult! Bring along your carved pumpkin, and if you can…pop a torch/battery operated tea light inside to make it look spookier! Come if you dare…Scott Drennan will email all those on the distribution list for helpers, or please email the CPA asap, as we will need to know how many parent helpers we have in advance of 30th October.



**CPA Role Bearers**

At the recent AGM on Wednesday 27th September 2017 the following role bearer positions were filled:

Chairperson – Kirsty Little

Vice Chairperson – Gillian Dunn

Secretary – Scott Drennan

Treasurer – Martin McGarry

There are currently 18 CPA committee members. And, 29 parents/carers are on a distribution list who have volunteered to help organise events etc. If you would like to be added to this distribution list please email cargenbridgecpa@gmail.com

**AGM Minutes and CPA Minutes**

Draft minutes of each meeting are emailed to all CPA committee members, and put forward for approval at the next appropriate meeting. In the case of the AGM minutes these will be approved at next year’s AGM. Minutes are also displayed on the school ‘blog’, the yellow playground noticeboard, on the parent’s nursey noticeboard and in the school on the noticeboard in reception. The AGM minutes include the Chairperson’s report, the Head teachers report, the Treasurer’s report and the election of the role bearers.

**Cargenbridge CPA Gmail Account**

Thank you to Donna Kirk and Talisa Irving for setting up this account.

Scott Drennan will regularly check and oversee this account.

To contact the CPA email: cargenbridgecpa@gmail.com

**Facebook**

Search for Cargenbridge Primary School Parent Forum on facebook.

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**Large Slate Planters**

Tesco’s Lockerbie store donated 2 planters for the school playground.

Specialist help was needed…GTR very kindly uplifted these, placing them either side of the double gates beside the playground. Sincere thanks to Gary and Tanya Russell for organising this, it is very much appreciated. Thank you to local farmer Dave Gribbon who has managed to pull out the old tree root out, and has soil to help fill up the containers.

A final thank you to Fiona Gibson for providing the trees!

**Christmas Cards**

Thank you to all those who have ordered and paid for Christmas cards designed by the children. Many thanks to Fiona Martin who collated the order forms and money. These will hopefully be printed by the Council print centre during the holidays. Thank you to Chari Laurie who has kindly organised the printing of the cards. If you would like to help count and bag each families order please let us know.



**Standard Wish Tokens**

Last year we raised £168.57 which paid for short tennis rackets and badminton rackets. Unfortunately, the ‘Standard Wish Appeal’ is not being run this year. If you hear of any other appeal or have ideas on how the CPA could raise funds, please get in touch.

**Chat Shelter**

You may have seen the chat shelter which was purchased from ‘Barrs of Heathhall’ by the CPA, and erected at the far end of the playground. Special thanks to Tesco’s in-store technicians Bob and Bill from Dumfries Extra and Lockerbie Stores, who kindly built the structure one Saturday afternoon

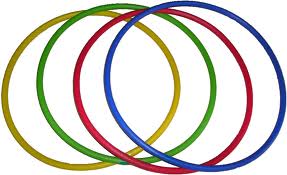
Wishing the pupil’s hours of fun!

**Donation**

Marion and Ronnie Walsh residents of Cargenbridge, very generously donated £50 to CPA funds, which will be put to good use in the near future.

**Playground and Muga Equipment**

The CPA funds have paid for the following equipment including scooter boards, bopper cars, netball stands, skipping ropes, hula hoops, basketball, netball, bats and balls, a badminton set and a storage shed. We have had positive feedback from parents/carers, and we hope to continue adding items to this growing collection!



**School Safety Barriers**

In our previous newsletter we stated that two short sections of safety barriers were to be installed near Waterside Road. Unfortunately, due to financial reasons within the Council, the barriers have not been fitted. Meanwhile the CPA and Louise Hastings will continue to work with the Council, to progress this with the aim of getting the barriers installed.

These types of safety barriers have been installed outside most other primary schools in the region, near busy roads.

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**Troqueer Landward Community Council (TLCC)**

**Defibrillator Training**

This took place on Wednesday 4th October at the school, and was attended by school staff, community councillors and members of the public. Training was led by Councillor Iain Howie, using an informative video and a demonstration on how to use a defibrillator on an ‘Annie’ dummy. An automated external defibrillator (AED) is a portable device that checks the heart rhythm and can send an electric shock to the heart to try to restore a normal heart rhythm. AEDs are used to treat sudden cardiac arrests. Though the new hospital is only a few minutes away, ambulances will continue to be dispatched from Maxwellton Industrial Estate. Research shows that if a defibrillator is used and effective CPR is performed within 3-5 minutes of a cardiac arrest, survival chances increase from 6% to 74%. You do NOT need training to use a defibrillator as the automated voice box will take you step by step through each stage. .

**Improved School and Community Links**

Information about school events will now also be displayed each week on the green community noticeboard outside the Cargenbridge shop. It was felt that the local community would be more aware of events happening in advance at the school, which the community could possibly link up with.

**www.troqueerlandwad.org**