



Carlibar Primary Newsletter

October 2012

Welcome to the New School Year!

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new school session and the first newsletter.

We had a quiet few first days in August where the focus was on settling all our new Primary 1 children. However, the diary of events has now begun to start and once again the whole school is busy and bustling.

We have welcomed a couple of new members of staff to the school – Mr McPhilemy to Primary 6 and Mrs Cant, a Pupil Support Assistant to Primary 1b. As well as our Primary 1 children we have had a few new pupils join us at other stages too.

The children all seem to be happy to return for a new year and I have thoroughly enjoyed catching up on all their news over the holidays.

I appreciate that lots of letters and forms come home to you at this time of year, consents for this and consents for that! Please may I ask that these do come back to us as soon as possible because some of these forms cover your child for the whole session.

Once again we would like to move to sending our newsletters home by e-mail. That way we can ensure you receive the information you require. Only one family requested this last session, so, there was little point in setting up such a small distribution list. If you would like to receive your newsletter electronically, please complete the tear-off slip on the reverse and return it to us, or, e-mail the school with your e-mail address.

To try and plug some of the black holes (also known as schoolbags!), we will send you a text to let you know that a newsletter has been given to your child that day. Maybe if you know it is there, you may get to it before it disappears.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Best Wishes

Mrs Stephanie MacIntyre – Head Teacher

Meet the Teacher

Thank you to all the parents who came along to all our afternoon sessions. I hope you enjoyed hearing how your child will learn, how you can support homework and how your child's class is organised.

I know your children just loved showing off their work to you and how much having you in class meant to them.

Parents' Nights are next month. I look forward to having a chat with some of you when you are in school.

HOUSE CAPTAINS 2012 - 2013

This year we had a very difficult task in selecting our Primary 7 House Captains and Vice Captains due to the number of interested applicants and the high standard of their application forms.

All children and staff had the opportunity to listen to the candidates' speeches and then vote for the person that they thought would be the best representative for their house. It was a very close result, one Vice Captain post had to be put to a second ballot. The successful candidates were introduced to the pupils at our recent assembly and were presented with their badges. We wish the following pupils every success in their new posts. We know that they will be an asset to the school.

Levern - House Captain – Peter, Vice Captain – Kyle. **Fereneze** - House Captain - Lee MCT, Vice Captain – Katherine. **Craigie** - House Captain - Callum H, Vice Captain – Iona. **Kelburn** - House Captain – Marcus, Vice Captain – Stephanie.

CLASS OF THE MONTH FOR AUGUST 2012

Class of the Month - Primary 1b and Primary 5 and Primary 7 (tie)

All of these classes did not lose any minutes of Golden Time.

SCHOOL DIARY

October

Wed 3rd - Pupil Council Reps meet
Director of Education

Tues 9th - Parents' Night 5.30 - 8.00pm

Wed 10th - Parents' Night 3.15 - 5.45pm

Wed 10th Harvest Assembly – donations
will go to the Salvation Army

Fri 12th - School Closed for pupils
– Staff In-Service Day

Mon 15th – Fri 19th - School Closed for October
Week Holiday

Wednesday 31st - Whole school Hallowe'en Party
1.30 – 3.00pm

** Parents are invited to join us at 2.45pm for the
Fancy Dress Parade in the dining hall*

November

Wed 7th - Parent Council Meeting – 1.30pm

Fri 30th - St Andrew's Day Assembly

Fri 30th - Christmas Fayre (evening)

December

Tues 4th - CCC Coffee Morning – 10.00am

Wed 5th - Parent Council Meeting 1.30pm

Wed 12th - P1-P3 Infant Nativity

Thurs 13th - P1-P3 Infant Nativity

Mon 17th - Family Centre Nativity (am and pm)

Tues 18th - P1-P3 Parties (afternoon)

Wed 19th - P4/5 & P6/7 Parties (afternoon)

Thurs 20th - Christmas Service - 9.45 (in school)

Thurs 20th - Family Centre Parties – am and pm

Fri 21st - Pantomime for all children – 9.30am

Fri 21st - School closes at 2.30pm for Christmas

Monday 7th January 2013 – School re-opens

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Junior Road Safety Officers and Junior Road Safety Assistants

The aim of the group is to promote road safety across the whole campus. The children will meet the Road Safety Officer from East Renfrewshire Council in October and will then work together on a range of projects supported by Mrs Fleming.

They will have a notice-board to maintain, encourage pupils to enter competitions organised at authority and national levels and highlight safe travel at assemblies/class talks.

This year Primary 6 and 7 pupils have had the chance to nominate themselves for the role of JRSO/ JRSA.

Voting then took place in P7 and P6.

The successful candidates were:

Primary 7 JRSOs - Craig and Lauren

Primary 7 JRSAs - Davey and Keir

Primary 6 JRSO - Jake H

Primary 6 JRSAs - Zander

Annual Data Checks

Please can you return this to school if you have not already done so?

May I also ask you to let us know throughout the session if any of that information changes – especially mobile phone numbers. It is vital we can reach you in the event of your child becoming unwell.

Lunch Money

A new system has taken effect as from September. If your child's account has no money in it and we supply a voucher for a meal, the cost of that meal will now automatically be deducted when you top up your child's account.

There is no need to directly pay back the office as you needed to do before.

Eco School Committee

The Eco School Committee worked very hard during Term 4 to continue all the green work being done in and around Carlibar Primary School. They entered a competition to make a short video to show how green our school is.

Over the summer they heard they won first prize and were awarded a £500 prize which will be used to continue to make Carlibar an Eco School and gain our first Green Flag.

The new Eco School Committee has just been formed and they are already working on an international litter campaign to raise awareness about the damage litter does when not disposed of properly.

The committee will be continuing to meet our three targets which are: litter, waste minimisation and school grounds.

Focus on class of the month – P6

This term in Primary 6 we have been using 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' by Roald Dahl as a focus for our learning.

We have improved our literacy skills in a number of ways. In writing; pupils have created newspaper reports to inform readers of the 'Golden Tickets' which have been won throughout the story. We have also created posters to promote Mr Wonka's new sweets and have even communicated with Mr. Wonka through letter writing! In reading, we have used the novel itself to improve our understanding of comprehension and cloze skills. Our listening skills have been developed by hearing the class teacher read the book, as well as using an audio CD and by watching the film version of the book on DVD.

In art, pupils have worked in pairs to create some of the characters from the novel and have even taken the time to re-create a 3D model of the 'Chocolate Room' that is described by Roald Dahl within Willy Wonka's Chocolate factory. Over the coming weeks, pupils will be investigating line drawings and will use these to illustrate scenes and characters from the story.

In numeracy, the class have been learning about multiplication tables ranging from the 2x table to the 9x table, we will continue to reinforce these throughout the school year in class and at home. Groups have also been investigating time, shape, addition and subtraction. We have been using a range of learning strategies from mental calculations, textbooks, to active learning activities and stations.

Dressing For Excellence

A huge thank to you all for supporting the Parent Council and the local authority as we try and raise standards of uniform throughout the school.

As the children started school they looked so smart. It was a pleasure to see virtually all the children in school uniform.

May I remind you that the main school uniform is a white shirt and tie with black trousers or a black skirt.

We agreed last session that school shoes should be black and should not be trainers.

Unfortunately, this is the part of the uniform that children seem less keen to support.

Please could you ensure that your child wears appropriate shoes wherever possible, for their own safety as much as for supporting our dress code.

Your child will know their gym days and it will be written in his/her homework diary.

Please could you also ensure your child has a PE kit for those days.

It would be helpful if earrings and other jewellery remain at home on these days.

Potatoes & Blackberries

Primary 4 enjoyed delicious baby potatoes and blackberries in class this week, grown themselves in the school garden.

In P3 the children worked with Mrs Kirk to plant potato seeds and fruit bushes in the school garden. This week, they enjoyed the result of their hard work. Scott and Chelsea Anne, washed the potatoes and, with support from Mrs Clarke, boiled them in salted water in the kitchen.

The girls and boys in class then enjoyed them with just a little butter (honest) and agreed they were very tasty. The blackberries were washed and eaten, this time with mixed reviews although most children loved them.

We kept a few of the berries to have a go at making berry ink to write hieroglyphics using a pen on the papyrus paper we had previously made in class.

LET US KNOW...

If you have any suggestions, complaints or particularly liked anything your child has been learning about at Carlibar, please let us know.

Alternatively, you could email us at schoolmail@carlibar.e-renfrew.sch.uk

If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, could you complete your email address and return this to us, or, e-mail the school.

Your child's name: _____ Class _____

Contact email: _____

