



Cardenden Primary School

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Dates for your Diary ...



19 – 27 September	Maths Week Scotland
Wednesday 23 September 6.30pm	Parent Council Meeting
Friday 25 September	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 9 October	Dress Down Day / End of Term

A message from Mrs Stewart ...

It has been a busy couple of weeks settling back into the routines of school. One thing that has been amazing is the effort everyone is making with school uniform. Thank you for supporting this.

You will see some photos at the end of the things we have been up to since we came back. We are also looking for your feedback on Family Learning and what we can do to help you. Please take time to click on the link further down this newsletter to let us know your views and opinions.

It would seem that it's not just our pupils and staff who have come back to school ... we have had a few reports of head lice.

Head lice are a common part of childhood and can affect anyone. A quick regular check with a detection comb can help spot them early, and prompt treatment helps prevent them spreading. Thank you for your support with this.



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MEET THE TEACHER

We had our Meet the Teacher on Monday 31st August but did not have a lot of parents turn up for this. We are keen to know the reasons for this and if there is anything we can do differently (see below).

FAMILY LEARNING

Would you be interested in attending family learning sessions in school? What sort of sessions would be helpful? You can give us some ideas by clicking on the link below.

[Family Learning and Engagement at Cardenden – Fill in form](#)



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Child Protection and Safeguarding

At Cardenden Primary School & Nursery, the safety and wellbeing of every child is our highest priority. As part of our safeguarding responsibilities, all staff are required to record any information that a child shares which may indicate they are at risk of harm or that they need additional support. This includes comments made during conversations, class activities, or play.

Sometimes children disclose information about events at home without fully understanding that what they are describing may be a concern. When this happens, staff have a professional duty to record and share this information with the appropriate safeguarding leads. These records help us build a clear picture of a child's wellbeing and ensure that children and families receive the right support when needed.

We would also like to remind families that physical punishment, including smacking, is illegal in Scotland. The law protects children from physical punishment in the same way that adults are protected, and schools are required to respond appropriately when a child discloses that they have been physically punished.

Our aim is always to work in partnership with parents and carers. In most circumstances, we will discuss concerns with families and seek to provide support wherever possible. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, and by working together we can help ensure that every child feels safe, respected, nurtured, and able to thrive.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep all children safe.





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Climate for Learning at CARDENDEN

Together we create a safe, respectful and inspiring place
where everyone can learn, grow and achieve.

ETHOS

- Inclusive, nurturing and child-centred
- Relationships built on trust and respect
- Everyone feels safe, valued and heard
- We celebrate strengths and promote kindness

EXPECTATIONS

- We are respectful, kind and resilient
- We take responsibility for our actions
- We follow instructions and routines
- We show pride in ourselves, our learning and our school

ENGAGEMENT

- Lessons are meaningful, relevant and active
- Pupils are curious, motivated and involved
- We listen, collaborate and share ideas
- We celebrate effort, progress and success

UNIVERSAL SUPPORTS

- Consistent routines and predictable environments
- Nurturing relationships with all staff
- Inclusive practices that meet the needs of all
- Early support to remove barriers to learning

HIGH EXPECTATIONS

- We believe in every learner
- We challenge, support and stretch
- We expect effort, progress and excellence
- We don't put limits on what we can achieve

SCHOOL VALUES

Our values guide everything we do and help us to be the best we can be, every day.

OUR SCHOOL VALUES

RESPECT

We treat everyone with respect and value differences.

KINDNESS

We are kind, compassionate and look out for others.

AMBITION

We aim high, work hard and never stop trying to be our best.

Respect Kindness Ambition

Together, we are Cardenden.



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🌈 A big thank you from the Parent Council! 🌈

Thank you so much to everyone who came along to our Colour Run. The bairns looked like they had a ball, and it was great to see so many families getting involved too.



We had a technical hiccup when the DJ's microphone decided not to cooperate, so getting everyone organised was a little more chaotic than planned! Thanks for bearing with us.

💬 WE NEED MORE PARENTS AND CARERS TO GET INVOLVED

We have just five members, soon to be four, and one of our remaining members has a child in P7. It's really important that we start building a wider group now so the Parent Council can continue to support the school in the years ahead.

It's not a huge commitment. We meet around four times a year with the Headteacher, with some chats and planning through WhatsApp in between.

FIRST MEETING 26/27 – WEDNESDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 6.30pm

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Over the last while, the Parent Council has helped with:

- ☁ Wellies and waterproofs
- 🎃 Halloween and Christmas discos
- 🎄 Christmas Fayre
- 🎵 Christmas party DJ
- 🎬 Christmas movie night
- 📦 Selection boxes for every child
- 🎊 Money for class Christmas parties
- 🎵 Tonie Boxes
- 📖 Nursery story bags
- 🌱 Funding to improve the nursery garden
- 🎨 Painting and building furniture
- 🚌 Coach hire for school trips
- 🌈 Our Colour Run

We also help give families a constructive voice in school life, discussing wider issues with the Headteacher such as wet-weather breaks, school uniform and behaviour concerns.

It's about building a positive relationship between families and the school and working together to make things better for our children.

★ No special experience is needed. We just need people who care about the school and want to help make a difference.

✉ Interested in joining or finding out more? We can send you our welcome information pack.

✉ Cardendenprimaryparentcouncil@gmail.com

Thank you again to everyone who came along and helped make the Colour Run such a fun afternoon! 🌈



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Look at what we have been up to since we came back to school!

