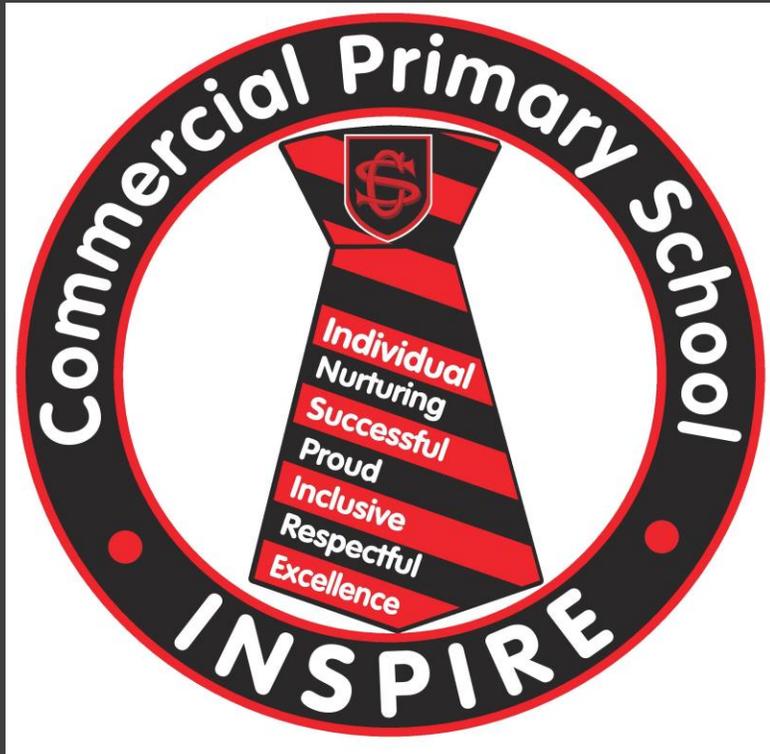


Commercial Primary School

Curriculum Rationale
November 2020





Our Values

At Commercial PS our curriculum is underpinned by our school values.

- INDIVIDUAL
- NURTURING
- SUCCESSFUL
- PROUD
- INCLUSIVE
- RESPECTFUL
- EXCELLENCE



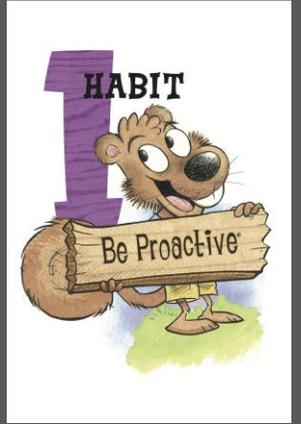
7 Habits

We are a 7Habits school. This means that all learners develop the life skills of:

1. Be proactive
2. Begin with the end in mind
3. Put first things first
4. Think win win
5. Seek first to understand, then to be understood
6. Synergise
7. Sharpen the Saw

Habit 1 – Be proactive

At Commercial we are proactive by



- Being independent
- Meeting parents early in school year
- Make time to have conversations
- Encourage pupils to resolve issues
- Promote a Home Learning Ethos
- School wide leadership roles
- Encouraging pupils to complete work, or make time to complete it
- Encourage pupils to pass on messages to parents
- Independent lunchtime routines
- Initiatives led by pupils (e.g. Bake Sales)
- Encourage the language of learning
- Encourage Cool in School language
- Promote leadership with House Captains and Vice Captains

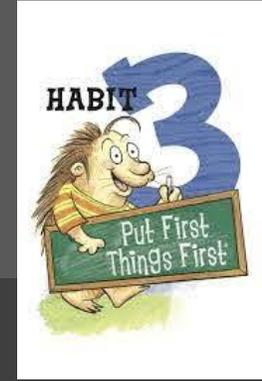
Habit 2 – Begin With The End In Mind

At Commercial we...



- Every class has a Mission Statement
- Children make individual Mission Statements
- We have an annual calendar for parents and staff
- Stage partners plan together
- The children assess their progress termly with their 'Take 5'
- The pupils complete KWL grids at the start of each topic
- Visual Timetables are used in every classroom
- Roles and Responsibilities across the school.
- Primary 7 show and awards
- Fantastic Friday
- Pupil Voice groups – Eco, RRS, Digital etc
- Positive behaviour management tools
- Learning Intentions and Success Criteria used across the school
- Outdoor Learning – John Muir Awards and Natural Connections Awards
- Enterprise topics

Habit 3 – Put First Things First At Commercial we...



- Daily visual timetable in all classes.
 - Leadership roles encouraged in all pupils to develop independence.
 - Open and honest conversations encouraged
 - Children are encouraged to take responsibility
 - Children's organisational skills developed
 - Teachers encouraged to plan together
 - Collaborative working encouraged across the curriculum
- Mission statements for both individuals and class to encourage collaboration
 - Seeking feedback from whole community
 - Class learning assemblies
 - Primary 7 show
 - Shared expectations for both teachers, support staff and pupils
 - Encourage parents to interact with learning – meet the teacher event in August

Habit 4 – Think Win Win At Commercial we...



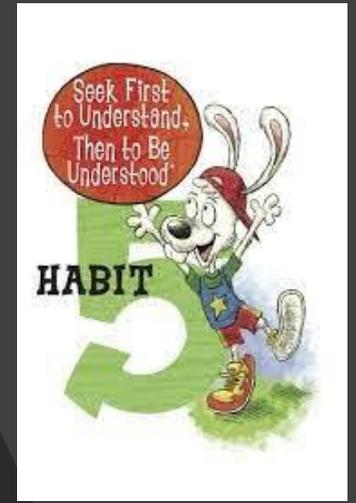
- Develop leadership skills at all levels in all pupils
- House Points
- Sports Day
- Fantastic Friday
- Emotional Bank Account
- Wellbeing indicators
- Support and encourage each other to succeed
- Restorative approach to behaviour management

- Primary 7 awards
- Feedback given across the curriculum
- Children are aware of where they are in their learning
- Kitbag sessions for individuals and groups
- Resilience approach across the school
- KWL grids at the start of a new topic
- Cross curricular learning is encouraged
- Cooperative learning tasks planned

Habit 5 – Seek First to Understand, then be Understood

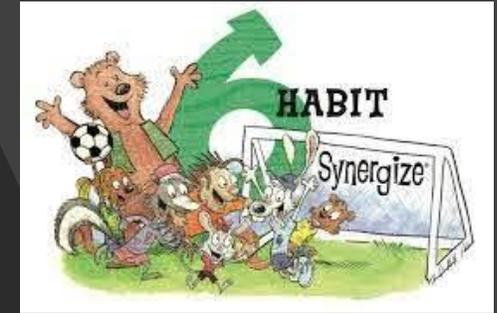
At Commercial we...

- AifL strategies at all levels
- Leader In Me assemblies
- Inclusion – Odd Sock Day, Anti-bullying week
- CPD to upskill staff about variety of topics- dyslexia, ADHD, Anxiety
- Pupil Voice Group – class together time
- Kitbag sessions for individuals and groups
- CBT group/Seasons for Growth
- Outdoor Learning
- UNCRC rights explicit across the school – Gold Award
- Responsive learning opportunities to meet specific needs
- Health & Wellbeing – Cyber bullying/antibullying
- Restorative conversations encouraged across the school
- Volcano In My Tummy/Circle Time



Habit 6 – Synergise

At Commercial we ...



- Parent Council
- Children being self motivated - organising fundraising
- Ardroy in P6 and P7
- Staff team support and work together
- Older pupils running clubs for younger ones
- Peer feedback encouraged
- Community links – Babcock, rotary club, Carnegie Trust, Plastic Free Dunfermline, Canmore Lodge
- Cooperative learning and team work encouraged
- Welcoming students to work alongside classes
- Summer/Christmas fairs
- Everyone is encouraged to develop leadership skills
- P7 show – auditions held
- Athletics tournaments
- Sports festivals
- Quad time
- HWB – team games
- World of Work Skills developed through enterprise opportunities and challenges

Habit 7 – Sharpen the Saw

At Commercial we...



- We value play opportunities and experiences
- School excursions
- Quad free play opportunities
- Rewards to allow people to enjoy their success
- Outdoor learning opportunities
- Curriculum and learning opportunities are responsive to learner's needs and interests
- Growth Mindset displays across the school
- Lunchtime clubs – Lego, gardening, mindful colouring, arts and crafts
- Pupil Voice groups and Kitbag/circle time opportunities to share feelings and thoughts
- Use of technology to stimulate and engage learners
- Fairs encourage family engagement and socialising
- Mindful colouring
- Use of grounds and local park
- CBT groups to alleviate anxieties
- Prioritising self-care
- Resilience approach across the school
- Brain-breaks and time-out
- Wellbeing highlighted across the school



Skills based curriculum

- Our curriculum is build around developing skills for learning, life and work. All lessons have a skills focus and explicit reference is made to:
 - Communication
 - Creativity
 - Leadership
 - Organisation
 - Resilience
 - Responsibility

Nurturing Approaches

- All our staff are highly trained and skilled in nurturing approaches. This ensures that any child who needs additional support can receive it, when they need it most.
 - restorative approaches
 - Trauma informed practice
 - Kitbag
 - Mindfulness
 - CBT
 - Anxiety sessions
 - Seasons for Growth



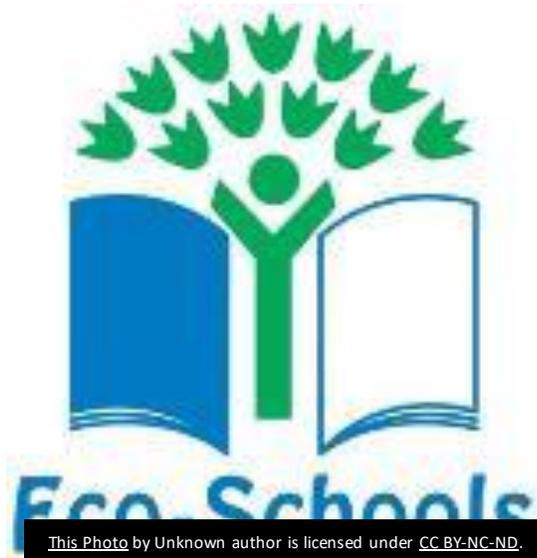
Inclusion



ASL Act

Our pupils experience a truly universal approach to the learning experiences. This is delivered through:

- Use of IT
- Clicker 8
- Personalised learning programmes
- This means that our learners needs are met within the class and supported by adults, as required. This allows for meaningful and true inclusion, enabling everyone to meet their potential.



Outdoor Learning / Eco School

- All learners experience outdoor learning at least weekly in school. There is a progressive programme which goes from P1-7, culminating in pupils working towards the nationally recognised John Muir Award and Natural Connections Awards. Outdoor learning develops resilience, skills, communication, leadership and communication as well as being very good for their emotional wellbeing. All of this leads towards a strong environmental awareness. This leads our learners developing a strong sense of responsibility towards our environment.



Digital Learning



- **We were awarded the Digital Schools Award in March 2020. Our learners experience opportunities to develop their digital skills throughout the curriculum.**