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Term 3 2022-23



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Keeping You Posted

Primary 4/3

Happy New Year! Term 3 has begun and the children are already making excellent progress, and work very hard! This term will be full of exciting opportunities, including children immersing themselves with Scottish history, culture, and traditions. Exploring the religion of Judaism a, participating in meaningful discussions. Alongside, children will become scientists exploring the topic of electricity making their own circuits and inventions, embracing orchestral music learning about how to use instruments, and much more. Gym will take place on Wednesdays and Fridays; children should bring gym kit, including indoor shoes, and remove any jewellery before coming to school if possible. Miss Galashan will be teaching the children fitness and we have a coach teaching the children football on Fridays. Homework goes out on Mondays, to be completed for Fridays; this is posted on the children's Seesaw. I look forward to seeing you all again at our parents' nights later in the term.

Miss Massey



Reminder

Home Learning & Digital Approaches

You will have received a copy of your child's log in details to the three platforms above. Teachers will use these to share information with parents about their children's learning and to set some homework activities in reading and numeracy. Please save these websites or download from your app store on electronic devices at home to further support your child's learning. Please contact the school if you require any assistance to access these.

Parent Pay & Parent Portal

Your child has been issued with log in details for both platforms. Please ask Mrs MacAulay at the school office for another copy if you do not have these!



ParentPay



parentsportal.scot

Parent Pay is the online payment solution used in all mainstream primary and secondary schools in Glasgow. ParentPay is used to pay for all school trips, meals, concert tickets, uniforms, etc and will enable us to remove all cash and cheques from schools. In addition, you can now pre-order your child's lunches.

Parents Portal will provide access to information about school, allow you to complete the annual data check, update your child's details, view the school calendar and complete electronic permission slips and forms. This will reduce the need printing of letters and use of the costly texting system. We will be phasing out the use of texts and letters, so please sign up to this as soon as possible.

Health and Wellbeing

Our focus for Term 3 is January: NURTURED, February: ACTIVE and March: RESPECTED. Miss Galashan will teach fitness to class on Wednesdays and we have a football coach on Fridays for the first 6 weeks of term. We are continuing our work with PATHS, building on our work on Term 2 and this term we are focusing on exploring a wider range of feelings and emotions.

Expressive Arts

The class will be participating in exciting art activities throughout the curriculum. The class social studies topic is Scotland, and the focus this term for art will be explore the artworks created by Charles Rennie Mackintosh Children will be learning how he created his work using a range of visual and will have the opportunity to use these techniques to create pieces. In addition, the class will learn how to discuss and respond to art through sharing their thoughts, feelings and perspectives. The children will be exploring a range of musical instruments, listening and exploring how these instruments are used. Also, children will be participating in drama in which they will retell stories from religion, history and literacy. Children will

Religious & Moral Education

Our themes for Term 3 is Judaism.. Children will explore stories from Judaism e.g. the Creation story, the Exodus story, explore the lives and beliefs of significant figures from Judaism, e.g. Abraham, Moses and can discuss what they believed explain how and where Jewish people worship and can identify and explain the purpose of artefacts, e.g. sacred texts, clothing . In addition, children will have

Social Studies/Sciences/Technologies

This term the children will exploring the topic of Scotland, learning about the history through exploring and investigating historical figures and key events e.g., St Andrew's day and Burn's night. In addition, children will immerse themselves within Scottish culture and traditions, having the opportunity to explore Scottish poetry, music and food. Children will be focusing on the topic of electricity, investigating hat electricity is, how its produced and its purpose. Chiildren will participate in plentiful scientific experiments becoming real-life scientists. In addition, children will have access to IPAD's allowing them to use technology across the curriculum to enhance their learning e.g., making presentations, 3D models, graphics, videos and as a source for researching and gathering information.

Numeracy & Mathematics

We are working on fractions this term, with a particular focus on the links to multiplication and division. The children will be exploring number patterns. We will also be focusing on telling the time using analogue and digital clocks. We will be revising our knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes and their properties. We will be completing some art work by tiling different shapes. Children will participate in many opportunities to complete problem-solving questions, linking their learning to real-life contexts.

Literacy

Reading: We are focusing on the following reading strategies in Term 3: inferring, cause & effect, fact & opinion, point of view and clarifying.

Writing: Our focus this term will be:

- FICTION – Character
- NON-FICTION – Report, and Explanation

Children are also given opportunities weekly for cross-curricular writing and pupil choice writing activities. This allows them to apply skills they have learned previously.

Attendance & Latecoming

Overall attendance and late coming statics at Camstradden Primary are not where we would like them to be. Every child has a right to an education and it the expectation that every child will attend school each day on time. Being late for school impacts on many things including pupils attainment as well as their social and emotional development.

We have identified poor attendance as being our biggest barrier to learning. Almost all class teachers have shared that if the children who are regularly absent from school were in school on time each day, their attainment would improve significantly. As such a relentless focus for us this term will be on improving attendance and reducing late coming. This focus is supported by the HMI Inspectors who visited us in December which will be highlighted in their upcoming report. We have provided further information within this months newsletter in relation to late coming and attendance.

Each month we will share with families the average late coming and attendance rates for each class on our website. We hope that this, alongside our Improving Attendance Action Plan, will help to improve attendance at Camstradden Primary and significantly reduce late coming.

Attendance & Latecoming October - December 2022

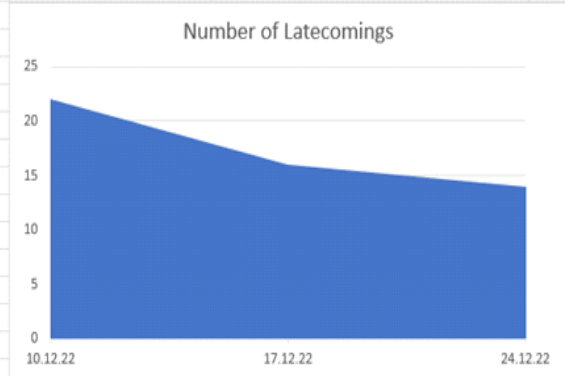
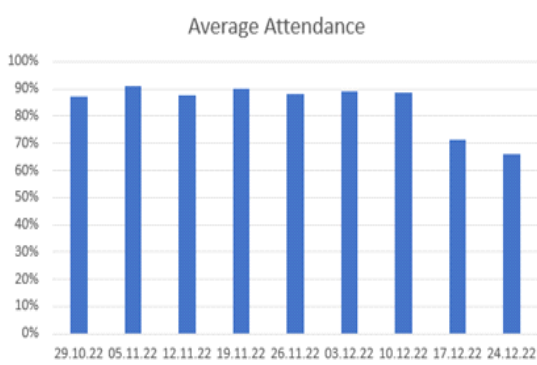
Weekly Attendance Primary 3

Week Ending	Average Attendance
29.10.22	87%
05.11.22	91%
12.11.22	88%
19.11.22	90%
26.11.22	88%
03.12.22	89%
10.12.22	89%
17.12.22	71%
24.12.22	66%



Weekly Latecomings

Week Ending	Number of Latecomings
10.12.22	22
17.12.22	16
24.12.22	14



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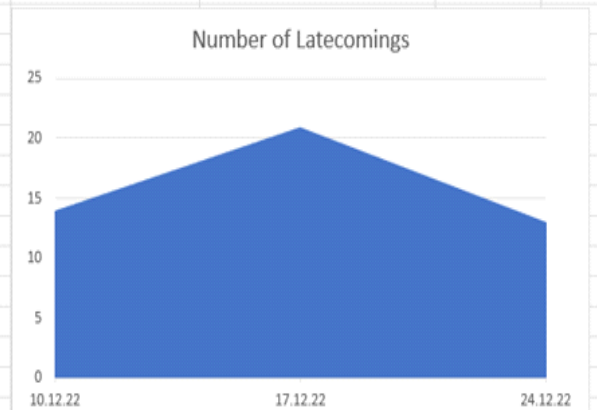
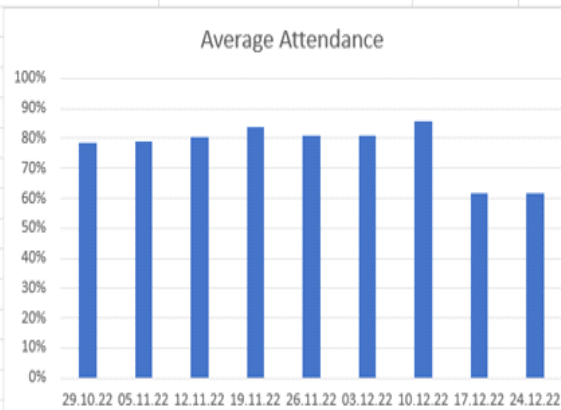
Weekly Attendance Primary 4

Week Ending	Average Attendance
29.10.22	78%
05.11.22	79%
12.11.22	80%
19.11.22	84%
26.11.22	81%
03.12.22	81%
10.12.22	86%
17.12.22	62%
24.12.22	62%



Weekly Latecomings

Week Ending	Number of Latecomings
10.12.22	14
17.12.22	21
24.12.22	13





Reporting Absence

How to report your child absent from school:

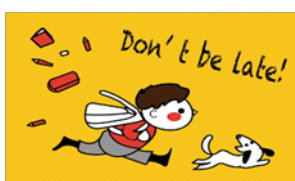
You should call the Pupil Absence Reporting (PAR) Team on: 0141 287 0039 to report your child absent from school. You can call the line every school day from 8:00am. You should call the absence reporting line before 9.30am on the first day of your child's absence.

Please do not use Seesaw to report your child's absence as this may not be seen by school staff and is not GCC protocol for reporting absence.

School Pick Up

At Camstradden Primary our primary goal is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all of our pupils. As such school staff ensure that children in Primary 1 to 4 are escorted from the building at 3pm. All children from Primary 1 to Primary 7 are reminded by their class teacher and through assemblies that if there is nobody there to pick them up or they are unsure of the travelling home arrangements they should remain with their teacher or member of school staff who will contact their parent/carer to clarify. We kindly ask all families to reiterate this message to all children.

We would also like to remind families that school finishes at 3pm. Whilst we appreciate that on occasion circumstances such as traffic or appointments may result in you collecting your child late from school however we kindly ask all families to adhere to the schools opening and closing times and collect their child on time from school at 3pm. We are seeing increasing numbers of children being collected late from school sometimes up to 50 minutes late. This is not something that can be managed by the school long term. All late collections are recorded and where concerns arise we will arrange a meeting to discuss this and any further action with the relevant parent/carer.



Office Opening Times

Monday – Thursday 8.30am to 4pm

Closed from 12.15pm until 1pm for lunch

Friday 8.30am to 3.30pm

Closed from 12.15pm until 1pm for lunch

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