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Term 3 2022-23



Keeping You Posted

Primary 4

Happy New Year! Term 3 is another busy term in P4. Gym days this term are Wednesday and Friday; children should bring gym kit, including indoor shoes, and remove any jewellery before coming to school if possible. Mrs Gillies will be doing dance, fitness and rugby and we will have a coach doing 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 Gordon



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

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. Mrs Gillies takes the children for PE 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

We are doing a topic called 'The Boy And The Bunnet' which is written in Scots, but also has an expressive arts theme. The children will be exploring a range of musical instruments as well as learning some different Scots dances. There are drama opportunities for the children to retell the story and to 'hot seat' some of the characters.

Religious & Moral Education

Our themes for Term 3 are Christianity and Judaism. In Christianity we will be looking at the festivals of Lent, Easter and Pentecost. The children will also be learning some stories from Judaism.

Social Studies/Sciences/Technologies

This term the children will be doing an enterprise topic and will be producing a healthy recipe book. The focus will be on decision making, calculating money aspects and the range of jobs involved in a business but the children will have opportunities to apply learning from HWB and maths from Term 2.

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. Mrs Gillies will continue to focus on problem solving activities on Wednesdays, giving the children opportunities to apply previous learning.

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.

Listening & Talking: We watch Newsround regularly which gives the children the opportunity to discuss topical events. This term a lot of our listening and talking will be done through our enterprise topic, where the children will have to work and make decisions

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

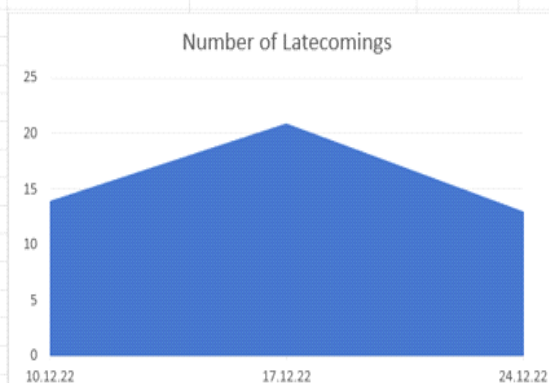
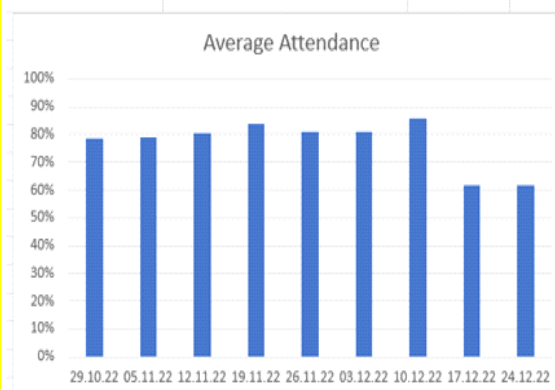
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Week Ending	Average Attendance
29.10.22	78%
05.11.22	79%
12.11.22	80%
19.11.22	84%
26.11.22	81%
03.12.22	81%
10.12.22	86%
17.12.22	62%
24.12.22	62%



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

Contact Us On—0141 944 2971