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Term 4 2023



Keeping You Posted

Primary 4/3

Welcome to the last term of Primary 4/3! Another exciting and busy term is ahead of us. Gym days this term are Tuesday and Wednesday; children should bring gym kit, including indoor shoes, and remove any jewellery before coming to school if possible. Homework goes out on Mondays, to be completed for Fridays; children will continue to be given their green homework jotter and reading book to take home.

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 4 is: May—Responsible and June—Included. We will continue to work on PATHS. This term we will be completing the RSHP lessons which in P4 are: Safe And Happy Online and How Human Life Begins, Pregnancy And Birth. Miss Galashan will continue to take the class for PE on Wednesdays and on Tuesday the class have Determined To Dance.

Religious & Moral Education

Our themes for Religious and Moral Education this term are beliefs, values and stories from different religions around the world. The class will be using maps and atlases to view other countries where these religions are practiced. The class will also be learning about the religion of Islam, understanding the values within this religion, as well as exploring the cultural and traditional practices.

Expressive Arts

This term the class will be using a variety of percussion instruments learning about tempo, melody and rhythm. The class will have the opportunity to create their own music and share this with their peers, celebrating their success. The class will also explore music from different countries around the world, exploring various styles of music. In art, children will be exploring different styles of art: Pop art, Minimalism, Expressionism and Surrealism, having the opportunity to create art pieces inspired by these styles of art. In Drama, children will be exploring script writing, reading lines for a variety of different roles learning how to bring characters to life using tone, expression and action. The children will also have the opportunity to write and star in their own plays.

Social Studies/Sciences/Technologies

For social studies topic, the class will be exploring climate zones around the world, and will compare and describe how climate affects living things. In Science, the class will design experiments to find out what plants need in order to grow and develop, recording their findings and grow plants of their own. In technologies we are focusing on using the internet to research and gather information to create group projects and presentations about our learning.

Numeracy & Mathematics

We will be focusing on the four operations, children are being encouraged to try learn all of their times tables, with weekly challenges being set! Children will also be learning how to use money, this will involve adding combinations of coins and notes, and learning how to give change. Sumdog homework will focus on times tables for the next few weeks. The class will also be focusing on the topic of shape, learning 2D and 3D shapes. The class will also continue to focus on problem solving activities.

Literacy

Reading: We will be consolidating all reading strategies we have learned throughout the year. We will also be doing digital literacy tasks, focusing on a range of strategies.

Writing: Our focus this term will be:

- FICTION – Character and Setting
- NON-FICTION – Report and Persuasive

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

Attendance & Latecoming

Overall attendance and late coming statistics at Camstradden Primary are not where we would like them to be. Every child has a right to an education and it is 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 month's 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.

April 2023



Primary 4

Average attendance
78.46%

Lowest three pupil
attendance rates

17.14%

35.71%

39.64%

Highest three pupil
attendance rates

100%

100%

99.29%

Attendance = Attainment = Wellbeing

April 2023



Primary 3

Average attendance
86.38%

Lowest three pupil
attendance rates

37.86%

40.71%

57.78%

Highest three pupil
attendance rates

100%

100%

98.93%

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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.

Office Opening Times

Monday – Thursday 8.30am to 3.15pm

Closed from 12.15pm until 1pm for lunch

Friday 8.30am to 3.15pm

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Contact Us On—0141 944 2971