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Dear Parents and Carers

**Assessments**

There are a number of planned assessments to be carried out between now and the end of session.

The Scottish National Standardised Assessments (SNSA) are now available to schools and local authorities. Over 64,000 have already been taken.

The main purpose of the assessments is to provide information for teachers on how well children and young people are doing in literacy and numeracy and to help guide learning and teaching. The assessments are also designed to produce national-level information about children and young people’s progress for teachers’ use in school and the Scottish Government at national level. National level information covers the whole of Scotland and not individual schools.

Children in Primary 1, Primary 4, Primary 7 and Secondary 3 will be taking these assessments. In our school we will aim to assess P4 before the Spring Break and P1 and P7 in the final term.

More information about this can be found at <http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0052/00523726.pdf?dm_t=0,0,0,0,0>

A parent leaflet entitled “Assessing Children’s Progress” can also be accessed on the school blog under the Learning and Teaching, then Assessment and Reporting.

Further to this, our authority requires schools to conduct standardised assessments at P1, P3, P5, P7 and S2 stages. To achieve this, an online digital assessment from the Centre for Evaluation and Monitoring (CEM) will be used to help assess progress in literacy and numeracy. The CEM assessment will be issued to all pupils at P3, P5 and P7 stages prior to the end of this academic session.

The results of this assessment will be held at school and local authority level and used to help inform teacher judgement about overall progress.

In our school, we aim to test P3 and P5 before the Spring Break and P1 and P7 in the final term.

This letter can also be found on the school blog.

Yours sincerely

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