



Condorrat Primary

October/November Newsletter 2021

Bun-Sgoil Chondobhrait

Cuairt Litir An Dàmhair/An t-Samhain 2021

Respect



Ùrram

Growth Mindset



Mòr
Eanchainn

Feeling Safe



A' Faireachadh
Sàbhalte

Àrach



Nurture

Ag Obair
Còmhla



Teamwork

Coimhearsnachd
Toilichte



A Happy
Community

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have had a great start to term 2, and everyone has already settled back in to the school routine. This is an exciting and busy term for all of our pupils as we have all the fun of Hallowe'en, Children in Need and Christmas to look forward to, as well as all of our usual activities.

Luchd-obrach/Staffing News.

Mrs Charnley will be joining our staff on Monday the 25th of October. Mrs Charnley is a Gaelic teacher and will be supporting pupils in the Gaelic Stream of the school.

Seachdain Gnìomhachd Clas 7/P7 Activity Week.

Our P7 pupils enjoyed a fantastic last week of term taking part in a variety of outdoor activities at Strathclyde Park. A variety of fantastic photos were posted on twitter. By Friday they were all exhausted - I am sure that they were all glad to have a week off school to recover!

Caipitean agus Iarr-chapitean/House Captains and Vice Captains

Elections for our House Captains were held before the October break. P7 pupils who wanted to take part recorded a video of their speech and all classes watched them before voting. The results were as follows:

Bruce - Captain Lara Hughes, Vice Captain Ewan Winchester, **Burns** - Captain Isla McNab, Vice Captain Carly Hall, **Fleming** - Captain Ava Gall, Vice Captain Logan Newall and, **Mackintosh** - Ian Carnegie, Vice Captain Roman Lyall. Well done to everyone who took part. Mrs Marshall will work with our Captains and Vice Captains to organise a 'House' activity every month. All children have a coloured badge to show what house they are in, if they come home with one you will know what it means!

A Mhòid Nàiseanta/The Royal National Mòd

A huge well done to all staff and pupils, former and current, who took part in the National Mòd during the October break. Samuel Duke (P3) was commended for his poetry performance and Mrs Macleod our DHT reached the final of the Gold Medal competition - Glè Mhath!

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Aithisgean & Frithealadh/Reports & Absence.

You will all have received your child's report for last term. Many of you have returned the comments sheets - thank you! There is still time to do so if you haven't already.

Many of you will have also received an attendance letter. Please remember that in line with NLC Policy, anyone who has an attendance below 95% will receive a letter. Attendance is monitored termly, so last term's report covers August to October. Due to this one absence was counting as around 3%. One day counts as two absences, so many of you will have been surprised by the figures. This term attendance will be taken from August to December. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you wish to discuss your child's attendance.

Gàrradh Mothachaidh/Sensory Garden.

The area between our top and middle playground has been transformed into a sensory garden. A wooden stepping stone trail has been created as well as two tree trunk seated areas. Grass and wild flower seed has been sowed, spring bulbs have been planted and several beautiful plants are in place. We are awaiting some wood carvings to add to the area. There are before and after photos on twitter. The children are already loving the trail, and we cannot wait to see it change with the seasons. A **massive** thank you to George Jackson, and George Leslie Ltd who cleared the area, and TS4 Land Services who created the finished space and areas.

Atharraichean Gu Dòighean-obrach Covid/Changes in Covid Procedures

We are continuing to review our covid procedures in line with NLC guidance, and will be making a few changes from Monday 25th October.

Morning breaks will now run as follows: P1-P4 10:00-10:15, P4/5-P7 10:20-10:35. Lunchtimes will run as follows: P1-P4 12:00-12:45, P4/5-P7 12:15-1:00. All lunches, including packed lunches will now be eaten in the hall, and when not eating pupils will be outdoors. Pupils will be called in to eat at staggered times. Our Playground Squad will re-start to provide outdoor activities during lunch break.

Pupils will now be able to hang their coats in the cloakroom, with only one class in the cloakroom at a time. All other procedures remain in place, including where pupils stand/wait before 9am.

Portal Phàrantan/Parent Portal

Please remember to register for this as all communications will be coming home via this in the near future. This is a NLC wide system that will be utilized in all schools. Instructions on how to register can be found via this link [Parents Portal | North Lanarkshire Council](#)

Dealbhan Clasaichean/Class Photos

These will be taken on Thursday the 28th of October. School uniform and big smiles needed on the day!

Ainmean Air Aodach/Labelling Clothes

A little reminder to put names on all clothes as we are building quite a collection of unclaimed clothes, and we do not know who they belong to!

'Swap' Aodaich & Banca Aodaich/Clothes Swap & Uniform bank

Due to covid restrictions we have had a delay in setting up our uniform bank. If you would be able to help with the practical element of setting this up in school please get in touch. Thank you to those who have already donated items for this.

We are also thinking about having a bank of previously loved but outgrown Christmas jumpers in preparation for the festive season.

If you can donate to any of these banks we would be grateful - please ensure all items are washed before donating.

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Am Bòrd Òir/Golden Table

P6E sat at the Golden table in September for good behaviour in the playground and lining up quickly when the bell goes - well done! The next Golden Tables are on the 28th October and the 25th November.

Latha Gun Aodach-sgoile/ Non-Uniform Days.

As we informed you before the break, non-uniform day in October is for fancy dress. This is on Friday the 29th of October. Lots of spooky activities are planned! In November non-uniform day is Friday the 26th of November.

Comhairle Nam Pàrantan/Parent Council

We have Parent Council meetings planned for Tuesday the 26th of October and Monday the 15th of November. These meetings are virtual. If you would like to attend or raise any issues please contact the Parent Council at condorratpc@gmail.com.

Oidhche nam Pàrant/Parents' Night

We have planned for this to be on the 10th of November. It is likely that restrictions will still be in place so the meetings will need to be either virtual or by telephone. This may mean that the appointments run across the week rather than on one night. We will inform you of what format these meetings will take nearer the time.

Clann Ann An Èis/Children in Need

This is on Friday 12th November 2021. Details to follow. Whilst we want to support this charity, we will keep costs to a minimum for our families, and whatever events are planned **ALL** pupils will be able to join in the fun.

INSET

The school is closed to pupils on Monday the 15th of November, as this is a staff training day.

Please do not hesitate if you wish to discuss the contents of the newsletter, or indeed any other school matter.

Yours sincerely,

*Julie-Ann Price,
Head Teacher.*