



Condorrat Primary Bun-Sgoil Chondobhrait

November Newsletter 2022/ Cuairt Litir An t-Samhain 2022

Respect



Ùrram

Growth Mindset



Mòr
Eanchainn

Feeling Safe



A' Faireachadh
Sàbhailte

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 into the school routine. This is an exciting and busy term for all of our pupils as we have all the fun of Halloween, Children in Need and Christmas to look forward to, as well as our usual activities.

Luchd-obrach/Staffing News.

Miss Hannah in P7G got married during the October holiday and is now Mrs Paterson - congratulations!

A' Mhòid Nàiseanta/Royal National Mòd

A huge well done to all staff and pupils, former and current, who took part in the National Mòd in Perth during the October break. Many of our pupils were placed including our newly formed school choir, led by Miss Deans. Congratulations to everyone, we are very proud of you all.

Òigridh STEM/Young STEM Leaders Award.

Our former P7 pupils were one of only two groups of primary aged pupils to gain this award in North Lanarkshire last session. Our current P7 pupils are well underway with activities to gain the award this year. Mr Cochrane, science teacher from Greenfaulds, came to visit last week and has asked three groups of pupils to speak with other teachers at an event at Greenfaulds on **Tuesday the 1st November**. He was amazed by our learners' ability to discuss their science experiments.

Sàbhailteachd le Cleasan Teine/Firework Safety.

In preparation for Bonfire night the local Fire Brigade will be visiting P6 & P7 pupils this week to discuss fire safety and keeping safe around fireworks.

Poppies.

Our P7 pupils will be visiting classes with poppies in the coming weeks. Pupils can purchase a poppy for a small donation if they wish.

Eadar-ghluasad Clas 7/P7 Transition Activities.

Some P7 pupils will take part in a P7 Cross Country competition at Greenfaulds on **Tuesday the 1st of November**.

On the **23rd of November between 6:30 and 8:30pm**, P7 pupils can go along to Greenfaulds with their parents for a walk around the school, visiting some of the departments.

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On the **29th of November** Mr Cochrane and Mrs Adler from the Science Dept. will be visiting our P7's to undertake some STEM activities. They will come to visit for four Mondays in row.

Am Bracaist Mòr/The Big Breakfast.

Mrs Marshall sent home information about this event last week. All classes will be offered a breakfast in the school hall on **Friday the 4th November**. This event is sponsored by our local Spar and will cater for all dietary requirements.

Banachdach Flu/Flu Immunisation.

Everyone has had information about flu immunisation, which is in the form of a nasal spray. Nurses will be in school on the **8th of November** to administer the spray to our pupils who have requested it.

Leasachadh na Sgoile/School Improvement.

Every year the school focuses on areas for school improvement. These areas are identified by staff from feedback given by our staff, pupils and their families. This session we will be working on the following:

- Numeracy - in particular mental maths, moving away from using Big Maths and taking numeracy outdoors.
- Literacy - Gaelic Stream - Listening and Talking leading to an improvement in Gaelic writing.
- English Stream - Reading - ensuring our pupils are appropriately challenged with their learning.
- Curriculum/Learning and Teaching - Expressive Arts - continuing with our skills based programme with a focus still on STEM but also problem solving.
- Rights Respecting Schools - our committee are working hard towards our Silver RRS Award.
- Sports Scotland Award - this session we are going for our Gold Award!

We will keep you updated about our school improvement plan across the school year. Our next Open Afternoon will have a numeracy focus so you will be able to see what we have been working on when you visit.

Feasgair Fosgailte/Open Afternoon.

Our next open afternoon will be on **Thursday the 24th of November from 1.30pm**. As mentioned above we are going to focus on the theme of 'Mental Maths.' Details will come home nearer the time but, you will be invited to come to the school hall before going to classes to allow some of our pupils to tell you about what they have been working on. We look forward to seeing you then!

Clann Ann An Èis/Children in Need.

This is on **Friday the 18th of November**. Our House Captains and Vice Captains are planning some fundraising activities for the day. We will get information out to you all soon. 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.

Am Bòrd Òir/Golden Table

P1/2G sat at the Golden table in October- well done! The next Golden Table is on the **23rd of November**. I wonder who will be next!

Latha Gun Aodach-sgoile/Non-Uniform Day.

This months non-uniform day (if the children wish) will be on **Friday the 25th November**. Donations welcome.

Comhairle nam Pàrantan/Parent Council

The next Parent Council meeting is planned for **Tuesday 1st November**. If you would like to attend or raise any issues please contact the Parent Council at Condorratpc@gmail.com.

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Comann nam Pàrant NLC/Gaelic Parents North Lanarkshire

Comann nam Pàrant our Gaelic parent group here in North Lanarkshire are running a family cèilidh on **Friday 11th November** to which all our GME families are warmly invited. Details have already been sent to families about this event

Oidhche nam Pàrant/Parents' Night

This is on **Wednesday the 16th of November**. These meetings will take place in the school hall and give you the opportunity to be updated about your child's progress. Please note details of how to book via the Parent Portal system will come home soon.

Due to Parent's Night we will not be issuing a termly report at the end of term 2. School attendance will still be reviewed at the end of the term 2 and letters sent to families if needed.

As always there will be a Book Fair in the hall during that week and on parent's evening.

INSET

The school and nursery will be **closed** to pupils on **Monday the 14th 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,

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Head Teacher.*