



Cumbernauld Primary School February Newsletter 2018



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VISION: In our school we aim to provide a secure, stimulating environment where, each child feels included and their individual abilities, skills and talents are fully developed.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a fantastic holiday. The new term is now well underway and the children are learning and progressing well in their classes. A new term brings new challenges and learning experiences for our children. Your child's teacher will be working with the children to involve them in the planning of topics and aspects of their learning. You will soon be receiving a copy of the 'What we are learning' sheet outlining the plans for your child's class. I have several items of information to share with you this month...

Staffing Update

Miss Taylor has been successful at interview for a permanent class teacher post with a neighbouring authority. I am sure you will join with me in wishing her every future success in her new school. I have been informed by our personnel department that Ms McManus and Miss Rafferty will take up the vacancy in Primary 4a on Monday 19th February.

Star Pupils

The following children were awarded with a Head Teacher's certificate at our most recent celebrating success assembly: **P1a**- Stephen B and Noah M **P1b**- Lilly G and Alex K **P1c**- Max N and Cherry P
P2a- Jessica M and Nuala Mc **P2b**- Josh O and Callum McK **P3**- Jack G and Madeline B
P3/4- Aaron B and Hannah A **P4a**- Nathan N and Loken P **P4b**- Emily C and Findlay C **P5a**- Lewis H and Lucy C **P5b**- Abigail B and Darcey G **P6a**- Tyler R and Jacob T **P6b**- Emily C and Alasdair W
P7a- Sophie E and Adam J and **P7b** Cameron B and Sophie C.

We are always very proud to showcase our pupils as:

- Successful learners;
- Confident individuals;
- Effective contributors and Responsible citizens



Safeguarding in the Online World- Safer Internet Day- 6th February 2018

I wanted to make you aware that I have become increasingly concerned about the level of safeguarding in place to support and protect children in Primaries 6 and 7 in the online world. In particular, I am concerned about content that is being created and shared on Instagram or viewed on Youtube and I would urge all parents to monitor this very closely.

Most of us have a range of devices at home and access to the online world is very easy. It is wonderful to see how well children embrace and adapt to new technology, but we must ensure that they are safe.

I would ask you to speak with your child to learn more about how, who and when they are communicating. We have worked with children in Primaries 6 and 7 to explore issues around gaming, instant messaging, social media and cyberbullying. However, there are some issues causing concern.

Our Community Learning and Development Officer, Charlene O'Neill is hosting Internet Safety Workshops for parents on Tuesday 6th February at 9.15am-10.15am and 1.45pm-2.45pm. Please do join us to learn more about how to keep your child safe on the internet.

Maths Challenge

I hope our Primary 6 pupils really enjoyed participating in some of the Deputy First Minister's Maths Challenge during the festive period.

'I am a Mathematician'

Encouraging learning at home with this new maths resource, which helps parents and carers to support their child's learning. Making every day a maths day 'I am a Mathematician' is a fun family activity which features characters Multiplying Milli and Dividing Dec to help improve the maths and numeracy skills of families in Scotland.

The resource uses a range of exercises which are fun, progressively challenging and supported by an informative glossary for further support. This resource can be accessed from

<https://education.gov.scot/parentzone/Documents/IAmAMathematician270417.pdf>

Parentzone

Parentzone Scotland is the one-stop-shop for information and advice on education and learning in Scotland. The site continues to be updated and improved. You can access Parentzone at

<https://education.gov.scot/parentzone/>

Sportshall Athletics

Congratulations to our fantastic team of senior pupils who have reached the finals of this local authority event. The children represented their school very well and we are delighted with them. A special thank you to Mrs Wares, and Mrs Kennedy who coached and supported the children for this event.



Pitch Shoes

It has been agreed across the joint campus that when using the pitch children are no longer required to change their shoes unless they choose to.

Access to the School Building

Could I please ask that all children access the school through the playground gates which will remain open until the janitor locks them at 9.10am. The janitor can admit any children who have missed their class lines into the school up to this time. Please note that children arriving after this time should access the building via the main entrance and report to a member of staff at reception. Thank you for your support.



Kilbowie

Our Primary 7 pupils were a real credit to their school and their families during their recent residential trip to Oban. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Wares, Miss Ralston, Mrs Gillespie, Miss Wanless and Mrs Kiernan who gave freely of their time to make it possible for the children to attend. You will be able to see some action shots on our school website.

School Office (Reminder)

As part of North Lanarkshire Council's approved savings, we have had a reduction in the number of clerical hours allocated to the school. The office will be staffed each day from 8.30am-3.30pm. At times it may be necessary to operate an answering machine for you to leave a message. We will return your call as soon as possible.

Traffic Around the Campus

We continue to remind everyone to follow parking restrictions when dropping off and collecting their children from school. We ask that all parents/carers and road users take the utmost care when driving and parking around the school grounds to ensure the safety of our pupils. Please **do not** double park at the drop off point or park in the turning circle, this area is for school buses only. These measures are very important and necessary to ensure the safety of all service users.

There are three designated disabled parking spaces in the car park. Please remember that parking in disabled parking bays is only permissible if you hold a blue badge.

It has been brought to my attention that some vehicles around the campus are engine idling. Please can I respectfully ask you to turn your engines off to reduce the effects of pollution to the environment and more importantly our children. Thank you for your support.

Attendance Matters

As you are aware Scottish Government has set **98%** attendance as a target for all children in Scottish Schools. Our school recorded the following statistics for week ending 12th January 2018. Regular attendance at school is vital to ensure continued progress in learning.

In Primary 1 almost all children attended school. (99%)

In Primary 2 almost all children attended school. (98%)

In Primary 3 almost all children attended school. (98%)

In Primary 4 almost all children attended school. (96%)

In Primary 5 almost all children attended school. (95%)

In Primary 6 almost all children attended school. (96%)

In Primary 7 almost all children attended school. (95%)



We continue to encourage children to attend school every day and to arrive on time. I would also ask you to make contact with us if your child is absent from school.

Sickness

Just a reminder that in accordance with the public health guidelines, children with diarrhoea and/or vomiting symptoms should be excluded until they have **NO** symptoms for **48** hours after an episode of diarrhoea/and/or vomiting. We recognise that children can often feel well within themselves long before they are symptom free for 48 hours, however they can remain infectious to others. We would be extremely grateful for your support to try and reduce the number of instances of infection / re-infection and best protect the health and wellbeing of all children and staff by observing the appropriate exclusion period if your child is unwell.

NHS Lanarkshire- Speech and Language Therapy

Are you concerned about your child's speech, language or communication?

Call our advice line for information on local services and general advice. Call us any Thursday afternoon from 2-4pm on 01236 794102.

Drop in Clinic at Central Health Centre Cumbernauld- 1st Wednesday of every month 2pm till 4pm except July and December. This clinic is for general advice only. You do not need to bring your child. 01236 789909.

O2 and NSPCC Online Safety Helpline (0808 800 5002)/ o2.co.uk/nspcc

Provides advice on anything you're not sure about, including: * setting up parental controls on your computer * adjusting privacy settings * understanding social networks *online gaming

Making School Payments

The Council has introduced additional methods of payment within schools to make it easier for parents/carers, reduce the need to for pupils to carry cash and reduce the volumes of cash being handled in the school. You can pay securely online 24/7 using a debit/credit card for all school meals and all other expenses such as trips and uniform items. However you will still pay by cash in school. More information can be accessed from www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/schoolpayments or by calling Facility Support Services on 01236 856074. Get the latest primary school menus sent straight to your inbox. Sign up for alerts at www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/schoolmeals

Parent Council Matters

The date of the next Parent Council meeting is Wednesday 7th February at 7pm in the staff room. Please do come along and join us.

Registration of Children for Primary 1 (August 2018)

Thank you to all parents and carers who registered their child for school earlier this month. If you have missed the opportunity, please contact the school to make arrangements to register your child as soon as possible. We have organised an informal meeting for parents and carers of children who are due to start Primary 1 in August 2018. This is planned for **Wednesday 28th February 2018 at 6pm.**

School Handbook

The school handbook contains information for parents on all aspects of the school and is updated annually. Parents whose children are about to start school or transfer from primary to secondary education will receive a copy automatically. It is, however, possible for any parent to inspect or consult the handbook or request a copy free of charge from the school. The handbook can also be accessed from our school website.

Transition to Secondary Education

I have been advised of the following dates from our associated secondary school, Cumbernauld Academy:

- Monday 21 May (all day)
- Tuesday 22 May (all day) and
- Wednesday 23 May (am)

Greenfaulds Academy has set the following dates for transition:

- Thursday 31 May and Friday 1 June.

I hope this information is helpful to our P7 parents.

Newsround: Sharing the Learning from our Classes

Primary 1a (Mrs. Allison)	P1a are very excited about starting our new Katie Morag topic and are also really looking forward to developing ICT skills and addition and subtraction skills and knowledge this term. We can't wait to see you at our Valentine Tea in February and to share some of our songs and craftwork with you! The class are becoming much more confident and independent in their learning and Mrs Allison is very proud of them.
Primary 1b (Mrs. Craig)	P1B are delighted to be back after the Christmas break. We will be continuing to work hard on learning new sounds and common words, as well as developing our writing skills. In Maths, we will be looking at addition, shape and time. We are very excited to be part of the Valentine Tea! We have been busy making things and organising it all. We can't wait to see all the grown ups.
Primary 1c (Miss. Lowdon)	This term we are looking forward to continuing all of our hard-work. We will be continuing learning different sounds and common words and will be trying hard to write sentences with them. In maths, we will be beginning addition as well as looking at sorting, symmetry and money. We are organising a very special Valentines Tea for our Mums and Dads as part of our enterprise project. We will also be starting our new topic Katie Morag. Overall, a very busy term ahead but we are all looking forward to it.
Primary 2a (Miss. Richmond)	Primary 2a are glad to be back after the Christmas holidays and have been enjoying the snowy weather. In class we are learning about seasons and the children have enjoyed making their snowmen pictures for our display. This term we will be learning about Scotland and the children are looking forward to reading the Katie Morag stories. We are continuing to learn new phonemes each week and are practising our common words and number bonds in class.
Primary 2b (Miss. Connelly)	Primary 2b are ready and raring to go in 2018. We are looking forward to learning all about Scotland this term and have so many exciting activities planned. In maths, we are learning about telling the time and we are getting very good at identifying o'clock and half past. In literacy, we are all focusing on being 'retelling rhinos' for reading and continue our hard work on phonics and spelling.
Primary 3 (Mrs. Gillespie and Miss Wanless)	The children have settled well into Term 2 after a busy Christmas holiday. We have started our new IDL topic, 'The Rainforest' and the children are eager to learn about all of the different animals and ways of life in a rainforest. We continue to be successful learners and look forward to what this term has to bring.
Primary 3/4 (Mrs. Curran)	We are learning all about The Rainforest this term. There is so much to do...we don't have a minute to spare! In late February we will be researching Fairtrade and sharing our understanding with the rest of the school. In March we will also be performing songs in The Daffodil Tea. We look forward to that! We are up for a challenge this term and we won't be disappointed!
Primary 4a (Miss. Taylor)	P4a have been working very hard since starting back from the Christmas holidays. We are enjoying our new topic, The Rainforest. In Maths, we are working on Multiplication and Division as well as the Properties of 3D Shapes. We are continuing to learn tricky words and different phoneme families.
Primary 4b (Miss. Wightman)	Primary 4b are delighted to be back after a well-earned festive break. The hard work has already begun and we are already looking forward to lots of exciting things over the next few months like World Book Day and The Daffodil Tea. Our topic this term is The Rainforest and it's been great fun so far. We are looking forward to learning so much more about the different rainforests, animal habitats and especially all the creepy crawlies.
Primary 5a (Mrs. Cardle and Mrs Giillooly)	Primary 5a will be undertaking a study of Natural Disasters, both current and in the past. We will be researching and investigating different natural disasters and solving engineering problems through STEM challenges. The children are really enjoying our swimming and basketball programme at The Tryst. In taught Writing our focus will be the

	narrative and persuasive genre. In Maths we are continuing to develop our number skills, information handling and speed in multiplication.
Primary 5b (Mrs. Kinnear)	Primary 5b will be undertaking a study of Natural Disasters, both current and in the past. We will be researching and investigating different natural disasters and solving engineering problems through STEM challenges. The children are really enjoying our swimming and basketball programme at The Tryst. In taught Writing our focus will be the narrative and persuasive genre. In Maths we are continuing to develop our number skills, information handling and speed in multiplication.
Primary 6a (Mrs. Ogilvie)	Primary 6a are continuing to work on Active Literacy strategies and enjoying reading their group novels. They are working on formal multiplication and division and are working hard to develop their fluency of multiplication tables. The children are very excited to be learning about the Titanic, and have begun to learn some Scottish Country Dances. They are very busy!
Primary 6b (Mrs. Brett and Mrs Coutts)	P6b have settled in well after Christmas and have an exciting few months ahead of them! We started our new class novels at the start of January and have also started our new topic, 'The Titanic'. On the 1st of March we will be visiting the Sky Academy, where we will be recording our own news report and we also have been given the exciting opportunity of visiting the Titanic Museum in Belfast. We will be planning lots of fundraising activities to help towards funding this.
Primary 7a (Mrs Wares)	P7a had a great time in Kilbowie and are ready to work hard before going to High School this year! In Maths, we will be working on multiplication, division and also exploring scale and the relationships between speed, distance and time. In Literacy, we will continue to use our reading strategies to study both fiction and non-fiction texts. This term, we will be working hard to add more detail into our stories. In IDL, we are looking forward to learning all about Malawi and also gaining knowledge about different charities and how we can support them.
Primary 7b (Miss Ralston)	P7b are looking forward to a brand new term. 2018 is going to be a big year as this year we will be moving onto high school! Our focus in Numeracy and Maths will be multiplication and division as well as exploring scale in more detail. In Literacy, we will study both fiction and non-fiction texts and continue to use our VCOP strategies in weekly writing activities. Our topic this term is Malawi where we will learn about the country, as well as explore the poverty in Malawi and begin to think of ideas to raise awareness and support charities.

Key Dates for your Diary:

Safer Internet Day (P6 & P7 Parents)- Tuesday 6th February (9.15-10.15am) and 1.45-2.45pm)

Valentine Tea (P1 parents): Wednesday 7th February 2018 (pm) (more information to follow)

Local holiday: Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th February 2018.

INSET day: Wednesday 14th February 2018.

House Morning: Friday 16th February 2018. (Please can I ask all children to wear their house colours to school. A donation of £1 to our school fund would be very much appreciated)

World Book Day Celebrations- Thursday 1st March 2018 (more information to follow)

Parent Council Family Night- Friday 2nd March 2018 (more information to follow)

Parental Consultations: Thursday 22nd March 2018 (more information to follow)



Daffodil Tea (P1 and P4 pupils) Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th March 2018 (pm)

Spring holiday: Friday 30th- Friday 13th April 2018 (inclusive). Please note that the school closes on Thursday 29th March at 2.30pm. School starts back on Monday 16th April 2018 at 9am.

Parent Council Meeting- Monday 23rd April 2018 at 7pm

House Morning: Friday 27th April 2018. (Please can I ask all children to wear their house colours to school. A donation of £1 to our school fund would be very much appreciated)

Local holiday: Monday 7th May 2018

INSET day: Tuesday 8th May 2018

Parent Council Summer Discos- Wednesday 16th May 2018

Sports Day: Thursday 24th May 2018. (Times TBC)

Local holiday: Friday 25th and Monday 28th May 2018.

Parent Council Summer Fayre- Saturday 2nd June 2018

Parent Council Meeting- Wednesday 13th June 2018 at 7pm

P7 Graduation- Thursday 21st June 2018 (am)

P7 Leavers Dance- Monday 25th June at 7pm-9.30pm. (Dullatur Golf Club)

School closes on Thursday 28th June 2018 at 1pm for our summer holiday.

Thank you for your continued support of all that we do.

With renewed best wishes,

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Head Teacher