



Cumbernauld Primary School
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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.

I can't quite believe that we are now in the final term of this school year! I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful spring holiday. It is good to see that the children are refreshed from their holiday. We are looking forward to this term and new contexts, opportunities and experiences to further develop our love of learning, skills and knowledge. Your child's class teacher will be working with the children to involve them in the planning of topics and aspects of their learning. You should have received a copy of the '*What we are learning*' sheet outlining the plans for the final term.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Primary 7 children well in their final weeks at Cumbernauld Primary and I am confident that all pupils will achieve success during this term. We are also delighted to welcome our new Primary 1 pupils to join us for a number of visits over the next few weeks. Our current Primary 6 children are looking forward to getting to know them through their roles as 'buddies'.

This newsletter aims to keep you informed about the latest achievements and events occurring in the school. I have included a dates for your diary section with advanced notice of up and coming events.

Curriculum for Excellence

The ambition of Curriculum for Excellence is that all children and every young person will become:

* Successful learners * Confident individuals * Effective contributors and * Responsible citizens

Our school curriculum will provide support, structure and direction to young people's learning so that they can maximise their potential in each of these four key areas. The curriculum is the complete range of experiences and activities planned for children and young people. Learning takes place through a wide range of planned experiences and outcomes in the eight curriculum areas:

* ***Mathematics and Numeracy*** * ***Languages and Literacy*** * ***Health and Wellbeing*** * ***Social Studies***

* ***Sciences*** * ***Technologies*** * ***Religious and Moral Education*** * ***Expressive Arts***

Sometimes the learning experiences may be linked together and delivered as interdisciplinary learning covering several areas of the curriculum. On other occasions learning will take place through discrete teaching of the subject. Learning will also be developed through the life and work of the school community and the wider community. Such activities will include school

projects or participating in community based events. Planned experiences will be designed to achieve specific outcomes in terms of knowledge, skills and understanding that show how young people are progressing in their learning.

Curriculum for Excellence defines five levels of learning. The first four levels are described in the experiences and outcomes, with progression to qualifications under a fifth level, the senior phase. Some children and young people will start learning at these levels earlier and others later, depending upon their individual needs.

The levels are described below:

EARLY LEVEL: The Pre-school years and P1, or later for some.

FIRST LEVEL: To the end of P4, but earlier or later for some.

SECOND LEVEL: To the end of P7, but earlier or later for some.

THIRD AND FOURTH LEVELS: S1 to S3, but earlier for some.

SENIOR PHASE: S4 to S6, and college or other means of study.

Scottish National Standardised Assessments (P1, P4 and P7)

The Scottish Government have introduced new, national standardised assessments to all schools in Scotland. These assessments will provide an additional source of nationally consistent evidence for teachers to use when assessing children's progress. Pupils will complete these assessments during this term in school. Further information can be found at:

<https://standardisedassessment.gov.scot/parents-and-carers/>

Parent Zone Scotland

A unique website for parents from early years to beyond school. Parentzone Scotland provides information on a range of topics including:

- Learning in Scotland
- Health and Wellbeing
- Curriculum for Excellence
- Learning through play
- Schools in your local area
- Additional Support Needs
- Supporting your child's learning and how to get involved
- Performance data about secondary school leavers

Star Pupils

The following children were awarded with a Head Teacher's certificate at our celebrating success assembly for March: **P1A** Ross C and Kieran W **P1B** Ewan B and Neve O'R **P1C** Sophia B and Lily V **P2A** Evie B and Oliver S **P2B** Kyle Mac and Stewart W **P3** Cerys D and Joe P **P3/4** Kayla R and Eva S **P4A** Katy D and Benn W **P4B** Raynann A and Ava R **P5A** Skye G and Michael R **P5B** Camryn C and Harris M **P6A** Leon S and Ryan B **P6B** Zoe F and Alexander S **P7A** Harvey I and Alex R and **P7B** Alina H and Jamie G

The Morning Mile- Starts Wednesday 9th May 2018

Get fitter.. Get faster... Get motivated. Walk, run or jog around the pitch every morning, then click walk to school to earn your badge. 5 bells will ring at 8.40am to let you know to start

Planning Ahead for Session 2018/19

We are starting to think about class compositions for next session. It will be necessary to restructure classes in the school for August 2018 due to the distribution of numbers of children across the P1-P7 year groups for next year. This will include the formation of some composite classes. Parents regularly ask about composite classes, and we can reassure you that the education of your child will not be adversely affected through inclusion in a composite class. We also have to take account of class size limits.

<u>1. Straight class</u>	Primary 1	25 pupils
	Primaries 2-3	30 pupils
	Primaries 4-7	33 pupils

<u>2. Composite class</u>	Primaries 1-7	25 pupils
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Our criteria for selecting children for classes is as follows:

- **Age** At the Primary 1 stage we usually consider age as a probable indicator of maturity and put the oldest children in a composite class.
- **Working Groups** At all other stages of the school we select groups of children who are of similar ability (usually literacy/numeracy groups) and who the current teacher feels will work well to go into a particular class. These decisions are based on the professional judgment of those staff who best know how the children work and learn together. This ensures children to transfer with peers with whom they are used to working collaboratively allowing continuous progression for all children in their new classes.

We would try not to put children in a composite class for successive years but cannot guarantee this and we would also try to consider children's friendships and relationships.

Probable class structures for 2018/19 are shown below:

P1A- P1B- P2A- P2B- P2/3- P3A- P3/4- P4A- P5A- P5B- P6A- P6B- P7A- and P7B-

If for some reason you are moving out of the area and your child will not need his/her space in August 2018 or you know someone who may be moving into our catchment area, please let us know as soon as possible as even one or two children can make a difference to our class structures. Please note that the formula for the allocation of teachers is based in the **total** number of children on the roll, **not** the number of children in individual year groups or existing classes. At this stage I am unable to inform you who will teach each class. I will inform parents as soon as I have our staffing levels confirmed by Education, Youth and Communities.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there are any particular issues regarding next year's classes that you would like to make me aware of.

Learning and Teaching Matters

During this term as part of the curriculum for Health and Wellbeing your child (P6 and P7) will be learning about Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood. This forms part of the national

Curriculum for Excellence. Learning will be based on the following areas which are taught using the experiences and outcomes of Curriculum for Excellence at second level:

- Physical and emotional changes at puberty
- Menstruation, pregnancy and birth
- Body image and self worth
- Dealing with feelings

Scottish Schools Athletic Association

Congratulations to the children who took part in the Primary Schools' Cross Country Championship at Kirkcaldy High School on Saturday 21st April 2018. Thank you to Mr and Mrs McEachren who supported our children at this event.



Glasgow Cup Football Tournament

Our Football Team had the opportunity to participate in a prestigious tournament at Toryglen Football Centre on Friday 27th April.

NL Leisure Scotstoun Tennis Roadshow: Tuesday 1st May

P3 and P4 pupils from our school had the opportunity to participate in this fantastic sporting event. They also experienced some of the International tennis matches taking place at the centre. Later on this month a group of P4 pupils will participate in a competition at Broadwood Stadium.

Health and Safety Matters

Parking in non-designated areas continues to remain an issue in and around the school. We are concerned about the high levels of inconsiderate parking around the school campus. Please can I remind all parents and carers who are collecting or dropping off children to be mindful of their parking? Please also be aware that the car park is not for parental use at the start or at the end of the school day. We have noticed an increasing number of parents parking in the disabled spaces outside the school. **These spaces are for disabled users only.** Please help us to keep every child safe.

Mobile Phones

Pupils have been reminded that all mobile phones should be switched off at the school gates on entering the premises and switched on after exiting the school grounds. They **must not** be used to photograph or film anyone in school. This is in line with guidance from North Lanarkshire Council. Please be aware that children who do not follow these rules may have their phones taken from them and returned to their parents by a member of the management team. The school office phone should be used if a child requires to make contact with a parent or guardian during the school day.

Parent Council News

The next discos are planned for Wednesday 16th May. Tickets will go on sale from Thursday 10th May. There will be an opportunity for Primary 4 pupils to attend the earlier or later disco. Tea and coffee will be available for parents in our Packed Lunch Area during both discos.

The parent council have also planned to host a Summer BBQ on Saturday 2nd June 2018. More details will follow.

Our parent council members continue to work in partnership with the school to improve outcomes for learners. The date of their next meeting is **Wednesday 13th June 2018** at 7pm. Please do come along and join us. I know you will be made most welcome.

Secondary Transition Visits

The proposed dates for Primary 7 transition dates to **Cumbernauld Academy** are Monday 21st May, Tuesday 22nd May, and a half day on Wednesday 23rd May. These dates are provisional and we will keep you informed if there is any change to this.

Transition dates for **Greenfaulds High School** and **Lenzie Academy** are Thursday 31st May and Friday 1st June.

We will keep you informed of any further information when we receive it.

Lost Property

Lost property can be an ongoing problem for most schools. Each day pupils misplace or lose items of school uniform and clothing. Please be assured that our staff make every effort to ensure that your child comes home with his/her belongings and that, if things are lost, we try to find them. The most recently found items are kept by the janitor. Our office staff are always happy to be of assistance. Please continue to encourage your child(ren) to look after their belongings.

Attendance Matters

As you are aware Scottish Government has set 98% attendance as a target for all children. Regular attendance at school is vital to ensure continued progress in learning. Our school recorded the following statistics for week ending 20th April 2018.

In Primary 1 almost all children attended school (98%)

In Primary 2 almost all children attended school (93%)

In Primary 3 almost all children attended school (99%)

In Primary 4 almost all children attended school (93%)

In Primary 5 almost all children attended school (99%)

In Primary 6 almost all children attended school (91%)

In Primary 7 almost all children attended school (92%)



REMINDER- Please note that absences continue to remain unauthorised unless your child brings a letter into their class teacher upon returning to class. The school continues to monitor attendance and late coming on a monthly basis. We will contact you directly if we are concerned about your child's attendance.

Newsround: Sharing the Learning from our Classes

Primary 1a (Mrs Allison)	We have been working hard to become more independent in our learning and organising ourselves as we move towards P2. We are very excited about our Wild Animals topic and about our trip to Blair Drummond Safari Park. We are really enjoying working on Time, Money and Subtraction in Maths. In our
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	writing, we are keen to try using our spelling and phonics strategies more independently to create sentences using our common words.
Primary 1b (Mrs Craig)	Term 3 already! P1b are excited to start another new term and get busy with all our new learning. We have been working hard learning our new sounds and blending them to make words.
Primary 1c (Mrs Kerr)	We have returned after a lovely break and are ready to learn for our final term in Primary 1. In literacy we will be continuing to focus on our reading and writing as well as learning new phonemes like sh, th and ch. In numeracy we will be looking at subtraction and data handling as well as continuing to work on our mental agility. Finally, our new topic will be animals where we will be investigating life cycles and habitats.
Primary 2a (Miss Richmond)	Primary 2a thoroughly enjoyed their holiday from school and were eager to share their stories during circle time. They have returned to school with a positive attitude and are already working very hard. This term we will be continuing to develop our comprehension skills and will be investigating new vocabulary, to extend our reading and writing. In maths we will be learning how to multiply and divide using concrete materials and are looking forward to completing lots of practical tasks as part of our measure work. Our topic this term will be 'Food, Bodies and Exercise.'
Primary 2b (Miss Connelly)	We are all excited to be back and hoping to see more sunshine! This term we will be looking at Food, Bodies and Exercise for our IDL topic and learning all about being healthy. In maths we are focusing on subtraction, multiplication and division. In literacy, we are continuing with our phoneme and common word work and continuing to develop our reading skills. In writing, we will be working on instruction writing. Please make sure reading books are in bags everyday!
Primary 3 (Miss Wanless and Mrs Gillespie)	This term we are looking forward to exploring our new topic of 'Medieval Madness' where we will be learning all about life in this time. We have so many exciting activities planned for our topic which will be very practical. In maths, we are continuing to improve on our times tables knowledge and are beginning to grasp the concept of division. We will continue to learn new phonemes each week and will continue working on our common words. We have a fun term ahead of us and are all looking forward to it.
Primary 3 / 4 (Mrs Curran)	P3/4 are looking forward to continuing our quest to be independent learners with a thirst for a challenge! For our topic we'll be stepping back into Medieval Times. We look forward to practising our tennis skills at Scotstoun Leisure Centre. We'll be visiting The Science Centre in June and learning about Robotics too!!! Bring it on!
Primary 4a (Miss Rafferty and Mrs Gillespie)	P4a have settled in well following our Easter break and are full of enthusiasm for our new topic, Medieval Madness. In math we have been focusing on mental agility and time and have started to learn about data handling. The children are enjoying learning French phrases and adding to their vocabulary. The tennis event was a great success and all of the children were actively involved and can now start applying these skills to their P.E. lessons.
Primary 4b	Primary 4 are delighted to be back after a well-earned break and are ready

(Mrs Simmonette)	for work this term. We have enjoyed planning our new Medieval Madness topic and can't wait to start learning all about it. This term is set to be a good one, and we are looking forward to our school trip to the Science Centre in June.
Primary 5a (Mrs Cardle and Mrs Gillooly)	Please do not be concerned if your child mentions they were fingerprinted at school...it is part of our new Forensic Science topic. Primary 5a are looking forward to another exciting and enjoyable term at school. We are also enjoying working with Miss Thompson.
Primary 5b (Mrs Kinnear)	Do not be concerned if your child mentions they were fingerprinted at school...it is part of our new Forensic Science topic. We can't believe it is our last term! We are looking forward to a positive and productive session including planning our 'Big Day Out' reward that recognises our respectful behaviour.
Primary 6a (Mrs Ogilvie)	Primary 6a had a great time visiting the Titanic Exhibition in Belfast. We are now looking forward to working on our new topic - Mario Kart Grand Prix. We are particularly excited about taking part in the Cumbernauld Grand Prix where we will be racing our own racing cars. In Literacy we will be continuing to work on both fiction and non-fiction texts; while in Maths we will be working on fractions, decimals and percentages and will be learning how to manage a budget. We have a busy term ahead of us!
Primary 6b (Mrs Brett and Mrs Coutts)	P6b have returned from their Easter break refreshed and excited for the final term. Our buddies have already made a positive contribution to helping our new P1 children transition to school. This term, the children will be studying the World Cup as part of our Interdisciplinary Learning. The children have had a fantastic trip to the Titanic museum in Belfast and it was an amazing experience. Thanks to all who contributed to our fundraising activities as well as the parent helpers who accompanied us on our adventure.
Primary 7a (Mrs Wares)	The children in P7a have got a very busy and exciting final term at Cumbernauld Primary! We will be working on non-fiction texts and focusing on discursive writing. In Maths, we are going to be completing tricky fractions, decimals and percentages work as well learning all about data handling by looking at different types of graphs, bar charts and pie charts. The 'Transition' topic will help the children prepare themselves for their journey to the high school. The children have already organised an enterprise project and are going to be selling ice poles during Me Time to raise money for our P.7 Dance. Good Luck!
Primary 7b (Miss Ralston)	It is the final term and all of the High School excitement begins. In Literacy we will spend some time learning about non-fiction texts and in writing our focus will be on discursive writing. In Maths, we will be challenging ourselves in fractions, decimals and percentages as well as learning about mean, median and mode. Our topic this term will be called 'Transition' where we will begin to think about what lies ahead for us in terms of our learning and future careers. We will also start to think about enterprise and how we can raise some additional funds for our P7 Leavers Dance. We will also be taking part in a mini topic 'Water' for some practical experiments in Science with Miss Beattie who is back in working with our class.

Dates for your Diary

Please note that dates are confirmed at the time of printing and may still be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

Date	Event(s)
Tuesday 15 th May	New P1 pupils to meet their teacher
Wednesday 16 th May	Parent Council Discos
Thursday 17 th May	P7A and P7B Bowling Trip
Monday 21 st - Wednesday 23 rd May (inclusive)	Cumbernauld Academy Transition for P7 pupils
Thursday 24 th May	Sports Day. AM & PM (Details to follow)
Friday 25 th and Monday 28 th May	Local holidays
Thursday 31 st May	Greenfaulds High School and Lenzie Academy Transition days
Friday 1 st June	P2A and P2B Almond Valley Trip
Wednesday 6 th June	New P1 pupils
Thursday 7 th June	New P1 pupils (Lunch) P3, P3/4, P4A and P4B Science Centre Trip
Thursday 7 th and Friday 8 th June	St Maurice's High School Transition Days
Thursday 14 th June	P1A, P1B and P1C Blair Drummond Trip
Monday 18 th June	New P1 pupils- Theatre Performance
Thursday 21 st June	P7 Graduation at 9.30am
Monday 25 th June	P7 Leavers Dance at Dullatur Golf Club 7-9.30pm
Thursday 28 th June	School closes at 1pm. * Please note that we reopen for the new session on Thursday 16 th August at 9am.

How to contact us

If you require any information about any of the items in this newsletter or need assistance with anything else, please feel free to contact us.

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The email account will be checked daily in the morning before the registers are completed and again in the afternoon. We aim to reply to enquiries/requests on the same day, but this may not always be possible.

Thank you for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any concerns about your child.

Kind regards,

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Head Teacher