



# Cumbernauld Primary School

## September Newsletter (2018)

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't quite believe that we are at the end of September already. It has been such a busy month and also a very successful month for Cumbernauld Primary School.

It was wonderful to see so many parents at our Drop-In Learning Festival. I thought the atmosphere was very welcoming and informal and I hope you gained some insight into how your child is learning at school and hopefully some helpful hints for supporting your child at home. We will be seeking your feedback at our Parent Consultations on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October. Your constructive views and opinions help to drive improvement at our school.

We also held a very successful Primary 1 Parent Workshop. The turn-out was good despite the workshop being held on one of the stormiest nights of the year! The feedback was very positive and I have included a few comments below:

"Thank you for giving up your time to show us what our P1s are learning and how to support them at home - such amazing ideas. Much appreciated."

"Excellent workshop, very helpful. It has given a great insight into how the kids are taught. There is so much more to Primary 1 than I ever thought!"

"This was a great workshop tonight. It was very informative and well-presented which has made the learning so clear in Primary 1. Super ideas gained to use in the house too. We loved all the 'hands on' experiences and getting to see how the children actually learn. What a great school with lovely teachers. Thank you!"

Thank you so much to all the staff for presenting such wonderful information at both events. We are keen to ensure we work in partnership with our parents at all times.

Jennifer Hart



I am delighted to announce that we successfully maintained our 'GOLD Sport Scotland School Sport Award'. This award is in recognition of our school's ongoing commitment to continuous improvement and for putting young people at the forefront of the decision making, planning and implementation processes around sport and physical activity in our school. This is an award for everyone involved in Cumbernauld Primary - the teachers, parents, pupils and community partners. A special thank you must go to Miss Connelly who worked very hard to gather and present all of the evidence. Congratulations CPS!

I am also thrilled to tell you that Cumbernauld Primary has been leading the way across North Lanarkshire Council when it comes to Road Safety. At a recent awards ceremony our school came third as the Junior Road Safety Team of the Year. We also came FIRST when Mrs Kiernan was named as the JRSO Coordinator of the year. Mrs Kiernan and the Junior Road Safety Officers work tirelessly throughout the year to raise awareness of road safety issues. Congratulations again to CPS and a huge thank you to Mrs Kiernan.

I would also like to introduce our Officers for this year as Lewis Hardie and Eve Wandrum. Good luck to both of them for the year ahead.





It gives me great pleasure to announce our school captains and Vice Captains for session 2018-2019.

**BEECH** - Vice Captains Esme McLean and Alexander Smith Captain - Rachael Jack

**HAWTHORN** - Vice Captains Isla McLean and Marlie Jackson Captain - Freya Lindsay

**OAK** - Vice Captains Finn McCafferty and Abbie Irvine Captain - Hope Douglas

**SYCAMORE** - Vice Captains Callum King and Sophia Rowson Captain - Grant McEachern

I wish our pupils the very best and know they will do an excellent job of representing our children and our school.



### HOUSE MORNING

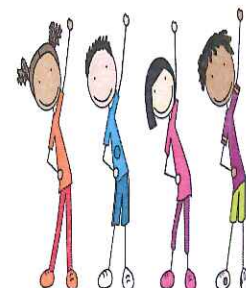
There will be a house morning held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October. Children should come dressed in their house colours. A letter will be sent to our Primary 1 parents informing them of their child's house. The colours for each house are as follows: **Blue for Beech**, **Green for Hawthorn**, **Red for Oak** and **Yellow for Sycamore**. House morning are a lovely, regular event at our school. The children get together in their house families (a group of children P1-P7) and work together on a common theme. The house mornings help to build a sense of community and belonging.



We're very excited to be welcoming top athlete Jade Nimmo to the school on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018**.

Jade Nimmo will be leading a sponsored fitness circuit with all pupils, and will follow-up with a talk and question and answer session. The aim of the event is to **inspire the pupils** to take up sport generally, but just as importantly to encourage them to discover and then pursue their **passion in life**. We are also hoping to raise money for sports equipment for use in P.E. and the school playground.

Children should come to school wearing their sporty gear on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October and bring a healthy drink. Sponsor forms and money should be returned to the school by Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you so much for your support. The children are looking forward to a wonderful event.



### **PARENT CONSULTATIONS and GIRFme REVIEWS**

Parent Consultations will be on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October. Your appointment slips will be sent home on Monday. The consultations give you a chance to meet with the teacher to discuss your child's learning and progress. It is also an opportunity to visit your child's class to view their work. Display boards from the Learning Festival will be on view if you didn't get a chance to come along on the evening. The Scholastic Bookfair will also be in the Packed Lunch Area if you wish to purchase a book.

GIRFme Reviews will be held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October. Look out for a letter in your child's bag giving dates and times.

### **PARENT COUNCIL COMEDY NIGHT**

Our Parent Council are hosting a comedy night at the Burroughs Club on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Tickets cost £10 and will be available to buy at the Parent Consultations. It should be a great night and all money raised will go to buying resources for our playground. Our aim is to improve our playground environment and provide children with lots of exciting opportunities to play, socialise, keep fit and develop new skills.





## STAR PUPILS for AUGUST



P1a Blair McKay and Mirrin Gibney

P1b Callum Keane and Eilidh Mackenzie

P2a Keiran Wilkinson and Sophia Buchanan

P2b Cole Miller and Stephen Brown

P2/3 Neve O'Rourke and Ava Gallagher

P3 Sandie Keddie and Poppy Ford

P3/4 Aron Dymock and Ammarah Ali

P4 Maisie Haworth and Riley Coll

P5a Lexie Hodge and Thea Knox

P5b Rory Farish and Erin Montgomery

P6a Layla Hammadi and Lewis Hardie

P6b Orla Hillon and Keiran Gordon

P7a Sophia Rowson and George Smith

P7b Zoe Forrest and Cameron Sheppard

Congratulations to our Star Pupils for the month of August. We are very proud of your efforts and your fantastic work. You have set the standard for our pupils for the rest of the year. Keep up the fantastic work!

## CUMBERNAULD ACADEMY VISITS for PRIMARY 7

Our Primary 7 pupils will be visiting Cumbernauld Academy on the following dates:

**P7b** - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October.

**P7a** - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to sample the workings of a high school and also experience the different subjects.

**SHOWCASE EVENING AT CUMBERNAULD ACADEMY - TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER.**



## WW1 CENTENARY

As a whole school we feel it is very important to mark the centenary of the end of World War 1. This will be a focus during assemblies. I would love every child to create their own poppy and ask if we have any members of our school community who could provide their skills and expertise to support this venture. The poppies could be painted, made from clay, knitted or crocheted. Maybe you have an original idea?! If you are able to lend a hand in some way please could you contact the school office?

I would also like to ask if you could help to enhance our topic by sending in any letters, photographs or artefacts that are connected to the First or Second World Wars. Please send these in to Mrs Hart, clearly labelled with your child's name and class. I look forward to hearing from you and appreciate your support in all of our school projects.



## Important dates for your diary:

1 <sup>st</sup> October 2018 7.00pm	Parent Council AGM
4 <sup>th</sup> October 3.30pm - 8.30pm	Parent Consultations
4 <sup>th</sup> October	Sports For Schools Sponsorship Event
5 <sup>th</sup> October	House Morning - wear house colours
29 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Council Disco
9 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Council Comedy Night
21 <sup>st</sup> November 7.00pm	Parent Council Meeting
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	House Morning - wear house colours
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Council Joint Christmas Fair
11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Joint Christmas Nativity P1-P3
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch P1, P2 & P3
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch P4 & P5
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch P6 & P7