



# 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.

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 class 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 News

We welcome Miss Ralston back to school this term as Mrs MacKenzie. I am sure you will join with me in congratulating her and wishing her all the very best for the future.

## Star Pupils

The following children were awarded with a Head Teacher's certificate at our most recent celebrating success assembly: **P1a-** Daniel B and Harley W **P1b-** Leila I and Aiden T **P2a-** Runa L and Lewis S **P2b-** Bethanie I and Dante H **P2/3-** Ewan B and Erin S **P3-** Charlie T and Nuala McL **P3/4-** Katie M and Ewan F **P4-** Hannah A and Mark McK **P5a-** Ava C and Neve H **P5b-** Olivia H and Angus G **P6a-** Daeg P and Amber S **P6b-** Madi D and Blaine H **P7a** Grant McE and Isla McL and **P7b** Minaal A and Kai McG

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- 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019



I wanted to make you aware that I am 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.

We have organised a workshop for parents in conjunction the NSPCC. Please check your child's school bag for a letter with the arrangements. Please do join us to learn more about how to keep your child safe on the internet.

## **Linguascope Access (Modern Languages)**

We have renewed our subscription to this fantastic resources. Pupils can access this at home to reinforce learning in school. **Student username:** cumbernauldps      **Student password:** cumberps

## **The Scottish SPCA Visit (P4-P7)**

Mrs Kinnear, our Principal Teacher, has organised for our classes to receive a workshop to enable the children learn about how to care for and protect animals. The children will have the opportunity to play games, quizzes and much more! This is planned for Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

## **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.

## **School Office (Reminder)**

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 joint 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—Every School Day COUNTS!**

There are 365 days in a year, but only 190 school days! We are always aiming for 100% attendance.

**190 days in school - Perfect Attendance (100%)**

**180 days in school - 2 weeks missed 95%**

**This level of attendance gives your child the best possible chance of making good progress and having success in their learning.**

**171 days in school - 4 weeks missed (90%)**

**161 days in school - 6 weeks missed (85%)**

**This level of attendance will make it more difficult for your child to make good progress in their learning.**

**152 days in school - 8 weeks missed (80%)**

**143 days in school- 10 weeks missed (75%)**

**This level of attendance is a cause for concern. It will be difficult for your child to make good progress in their learning.**

## **Sickness**

Just a reminder that in accordance with 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- 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## **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 can still pay by cash in school. More information can be accessed from [www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/schoolpayments](http://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](http://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/schoolmeals)

## **Parent Council Matters**

The date of the next Parent Council meeting is Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in the staff room. Please do come along and join us.

## **Registration of Children for Primary 1 (August 2019)**

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 2019. This is planned for **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019 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 or from Cumbernauld Primary's page on North Lanarkshire Council's website.

## **Transition to Secondary Education**

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

- Monday 13 May - Wednesday 15 May (inclusive)

Greenfaulds High 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**

<p>Primary 1a (Mrs. Kerr)</p>	<p>Primary 1A have come back from the holidays excited and ready to learn. We are continuing to work on our sounds and are excited to blend sounds by ourselves and sound words out. In numeracy we are continuing to learn our addition stories to 10. We are also doing lots of activities that are helping us learn about different types of measure. Our new topic is 'Scotland' with a particular focus on 'Katie Morag'. We are looking forward to reading all about Katie Morag and can't wait to find out about life on a Scottish Island. In gym we are learning different types of ball skills.</p>
<p>Primary 1b (Mrs. Canning and Mrs Steven)</p>	<p>Primary 1B have come back from the holidays excited and ready to learn. We are continuing to work on our sounds and are excited to blend sounds by ourselves and sound words out. In numeracy we are continuing to learn our addition stories to 10. We are also doing lots of activities that are helping us learn about different types of measure. Our new topic is 'Scotland' with a particular focus on 'Katie Morag'. We are looking forward to reading all about Katie Morag and can't wait to find out about life on a Scottish Island. In gym we are learning different types of ball skills.</p>
<p>Primary 2a (Miss. Richmond)</p>	<p>Primary 2a are glad to be back after the Christmas break and were keen to share their holiday stories. In class we are learning about the months of the year and have been discussing different seasons and the changes that take place at different times. We are continuing to learn new phonemes each week and are practising our common words and number bonds in class. This term our topic will be 'Scotland' and the children are looking forward to learning about Robert Burns and the Loch Ness Monster.</p>
<p>Primary 2b (Miss. Connelly)</p>	<p>Primary 2b are settling in well into term 2. We are excited about our new topic Scotland and can't wait to learn lots of new things. We are making great progress in reading and are focusing on using word attack strategies to tackle unknown words. In maths we are continuing with our number talks and problem solving. We are also learning about telling the time and adding and subtracting using different strategies.</p>
<p>Primary 2/3 (Mrs. Allison)</p>	<p>Firstly, a HUGE 'thank you' to you all for contributing towards our foodbank appeal in December! Your fabulous donations to our reverse advent calendar resulted in about 7 boxes of food and household items for our local foodbank! P2/3 are really excited about our new I.D.L. topic, 'Saving Scotland' and will be in touch to encourage you all to 'Reduce, Reuse and Recycle!' We are also looking forward to our class trip to Glasgow Science Centre this term (dates to follow). In Maths, as well as revising some areas of previous topics, we will be working on Fractions, Time, Data Handling and Division. In Language we will continue developing our inferential, proof-reading, note-taking, spelling, phonics, grammar and presentation skills. Thanks again for your continued support and encouragement, the children and I really appreciate it!</p>

<p>Primary 3 (Mrs. Simmonette)</p>	<p>Primary 3 have settled back into work after the Christmas holidays and returned refreshed and ready to work hard. They are enjoying their Scotland mini-topic and have been sharing their new found facts and information in their writing and artwork. In February, they will begin their 'Chocolate' topic as as you can imagine, they are super excited about this.</p>
<p>Primary 3/4 (Mrs. Gillespie)</p>	<p>In Primary 3/4 we are enjoying our Scottish topic focusing on Scottish artists. We are looking forward to learning about Space. In P.E. we are working hard on athletics skills and circuit training activities. We are also learning more about healthy food choices. We are using number patterns and sequences to learn more about multiplication and division in mathematics and we are linking this with fractions.</p>
<p>Primary 4 (Mrs Cardle and Mrs Gillooly)</p>	<p>Primary 4 are glad to be back and feeling refreshed after the Christmas break. We have set our New Year resolutions and are raring to go! We begin Term 2 by taking a look at all things Scottish. Mrs. Hart was hugely impressed by our singing of 'The Jeelie Piece Song' - so much so that she even did a wee Highland Fling in our classroom! This topic is lots of fun and we have particularly enjoyed exploring traditional Scottish vocabulary. Our next topic will be Space - this was a very popular choice! In Maths, our current focus is rounding and later on in the term we will begin to further explore and investigate the concept of division. As always, we will spend lots of time learning actively and discussing the various strategies for reaching an answer. It's so interesting to see how someone else may solve the same problem in a different way! We are all unique in our thinking and can always learn from each other.</p>
<p>Primary 5a (Mrs. Curran)</p>	<p>P5a is back and raring to go! We are on a real mission to learn our tables! We need them for solving all sorts of real life problems. We are already on week 3 of our reading programme, working independently whilst reading extended texts. This term we are launching our class enterprise which involves working closely with Cumbernauld Kilsyth Care. We're very excited about this! Look out for us using our creative and persuasive skills in promoting this wonderful cause. We'll keep you posted!</p>
<p>Primary 5b (Mrs. Kinnear)</p>	<p>Throwing sandwiches out of the window and shoving loved ones off a bus? Have no fear....P5b are just learning some traditional Scottish songs and helping me develop a Scottish accent. We have all returned to school full of energy and enthusiasm for our new term, beginning with a mini-topic about this wonderful country, Scotland. We are also on a mission to learn our tables as we will need them for solving all sorts of real life mathematical problems. Our new novels are humorous and non-fiction from very well-known authors and we are really enjoying them. We look forward to a very productive and successful term.</p>
<p>Primary 6a (Mrs. Ogilvie)</p>	<p>Primary 6 are completing their First World War topic following their fantastic performance before Christmas. They will be taking part in workshops led by NSPCC and the Scottish SPCA in the next few weeks. Cumbernauld Academy staff will be visiting the classes over three weeks in February to work with the children on the topic of Resilience across various curricular areas.</p>
<p>Primary 6b (Mrs. Brett and Mrs Coutts)</p>	<p>Primary 6 are completing their First World War topic following their fantastic performance before Christmas. They will be taking part in workshops led by NSPCC and the Scottish SPCA in the next few weeks. Cumbernauld Academy staff will be visiting the classes over three weeks in February to work with the children on the topic of Resilience across various curricular areas.</p>

Primary 7a (Mrs Mackenzie)	Primary 7a are looking forward to a busy term. We are currently working on group novels (fiction) and our spelling words remain fortnightly. Our PE days are Wednesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor). In Numeracy and Mathematics, our focus is on multiplication and how to solve this within word problems. We are enjoying learning all about Scotland leading up to Robbie Burns day at the end of the month and have been taking part in lots of mapping and art tasks based on the work of Scottish artists. We are excited about our WWII topic which will begin in February. Keep checking the school website to see pictures and find out all about our learning.
Primary 7b (Mrs Wares)	The children have settled back into school life and were keen to start our new, mini 'Scotland' Topic. They are also looking forward to learning all about WWII and also completing some personal research. In Literacy, we will spend some time learning about non-fiction texts and studying novels linked to WWII. Our focus for writing will be persuasive and discursive writing. In Maths, we are finishing off our Multiplication and Division work before challenging ourselves with Fractions, Percentages and Decimals. This term, the children will also be introduced to Speed, Distance and Time. A very busy time for P7b!

### Key Dates for your Diary:

Safer Internet Day (P6 & P7 Parents)- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February (2pm)

Valentines Tea for P1 parents- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019 (more information to follow)

Local holiday: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

INSET day: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019. (school closed to pupils)

House Morning: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019. (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)

Parental Consultations: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019 (more information to follow)

Daffodil Tea (P1 and P4 pupils) Monday 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019 (pm)

House Morning: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019. (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)

Parent Council Meeting- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7pm

Local holiday: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019

INSET day: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Parent Council Summer Discos- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Sports Day: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019. (Times TBC)

Local holiday: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> and Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

Parent Council Meeting- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7pm

P7 Graduation- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019 (am)



P7 Leavers Dance- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June - 7pm-9.30pm. (Dullatur Golf Club)

School closes on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 1pm for our summer holiday.

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

With renewed best wishes,

E CLINTON

Head Teacher