

Coupar Angus Primary School

Newsletter 10

May 2018

The year is rushing past now and we are starting to plan ahead for next session! Read on to find out more about classes..... as it is near the end of the year we have asked the children to write some comments on their learning this term.

As usual you can contact me at couparangus@pkc.gov.uk and keep up to date with the Facebook page.

Mrs N Drew

Classes for session 2018-19

Four of the expected P1s are staying on at nursery and so we have decided to have one P1 class next year of 20 and this will allow us to have a P3/4 class.

Nursery: Mrs MacGregor & Miss Kerr

P1 – Mrs Constable/Mrs Alexander

P2- Mrs Hanlin

P3- New teacher Miss Stewart

P3/4 – Miss Mitchell

P4 – Mr Billen

P5 – Miss Martyn

P6- Miss Gourlay & Mrs MacGregor (Miss Gourlay is back in October and until then a Mrs Wok will cover her 3 days)

P7 Miss McQueen

TR1 Mrs Ashley

TR2 Ms Colville

Garden room – Mr Lamb and Mrs McGregor

Mrs Ferdinand – Pupil Support

Miss Pearson – RCCT

Letters to parents of children in next year's P3 and P4 will come out this week to let you know which class your child will be in.

Mrs Canning is retiring this summer after working at Coupar Angus for several years and in teaching for.....well a long time! We will miss her very much, she has been a very hard working member of the team and she has supported us with writing and literacy work over the last few years. A huge thank you to Mrs Canning! (& we hope she will be back to work with us on development work from time to time!)

Mrs Hanlin returns to school this week part-time and then back full-time just before the summer. Mrs Lindsay will stay with us until the holidays. We thank Mrs Lindsay very much for working with P1 in Mrs Hanlin's absence.

School Improvement Survey

Many thanks for your participation in this survey, it was very positive and we have taken on board parental comments for our development priorities next session. You will shortly receive a copy of the School Standards and Quality report about our progress this year and the School Improvement Plan will also be available with next year's development priorities.

Parentpay - End of term

Please can we ask all parents to check their parentpay accounts to ensure that all school dinner accounts are up-to-date before the summer holiday.

If you still have not registered, Pam McLellen in the school office will be happy to talk you through how to do this, it takes 5 minutes and can be done on a phone.

BIG PEDAL SUPERHERO DAY 4th MAY

We raised £40 for Sustrans and £100 for school funds! Well done everyone for a successful day!

Thanks to SOC!

Our new football strips have arrived and they look amazing! Thanks to all the parents for their fundraising efforts! If you want to see them in action we are having a football tournament in the afternoon on Tuesday 12th June at the Coupar Angus football grounds. Come and watch us!

Many thanks also to SOC for donating £200 towards buses for school trips.

Summer trips

P4 & P5 – Wed 6th June

Joint trip to Stirling Castle

Returns to school at 4.15pm and cost is £5 per child.

P1 & p1/2 trip – 12th June to Muddy Boots farm park. Cost is £5 per child.

P2/3 trip – St Andrews Aquarium. £5 per child.

P6 & some P7s went to HolyRood Park for a trip.

The same week the P7's who didn't go to

Ardeonaig had a great time:

We came up with ideas around the school and Larghan Park, to create our own obstacle course with Miss Sinclair, and test it. We helped everyone around the school to contribute in the cycle event. We spent time with the P6s.

Furthermore, we went on a trip discovering an active volcano in Edinburgh, named Arthur's Seat; rocks were carried by sea over to our land. The rocks can be found near the volcano, and along the way we found fossils, and huge boulders. This volcano erupted 20-50 times over the past millions of years! By William and Conner.

Ardeonaig:

This term we went on the P7 residential trip to Ardeonaig. We went canoeing and did the Ardeonaig challenge. The Ardeonaig challenge is where we had to go into the water and fall backwards. On the second day we did bushcraft and raft-building whilst the other group did bushcraft, low ropes course and archery. By the end of the third day we had taken part in local adventure and crate

climbing. For local adventure we went for a two hour hike. On the fourth day we did team challenges, archery and low ropes whilst the other group did raft building and team challenges. It was amazing and the food wasn't bad either!
Morgan P7

School Summer show

ALADDIN TROUBLE

On Wednesday **13th June 7pm** & Thursday **14th June at 5.30pm** P5, 6 and P7 will be presenting Aladdin. Tickets are now on sale in the school office and on parent pay. Please come along and tell your friends to support us!

Dear Parents we hope you will support by ensuring your child in P5,6,7 comes along for both performances. Many thanks.

Class news T4

P1 have been reading Jack and the Beanstalk. Dylan said he doesn't like it because he hates beans, the red ones you get in a tin! Jessica has loved the story because we are now growing our own beans in class.

Lillie Beau liked learning about emotions and would like to learn about the skeleton. Jasmine asked why we have chins which lead onto a great discussion about why we might have a chin and what it is for!

P2

"I really enjoyed our outdoor classroom day. We spent the whole day outside. My favourite bit was going for a walk" Elsa

" We are growing Marigolds. We need to look after them to make sure they grow. We have been giving them lots of water"
Meadow

"I enjoyed practising for our class assembly and learning lots about Roald Dahl. I love reading his books in class, they are very funny" Ben

P6

We were learning about Global Goals and how they affect our lives. The Global Goals are set until 2030. We have been finding out about Developing and Developed countries and the differences in how people live. We have been working on our discussion skills and how to discuss properly both sides of an argument and to contribute. By Lewis and Jayden

P1/2

"I can see how learning to multiply quicker helps with my dividing" By Leila

I can work with my friend in P2 and we can help each other with the numbers to 20 by Evan

"I can see patterns on my 100 square for quick adding to 10" by Jack.

Thinking room 2:

Callum Pr3 – 'I am enjoying learning about fractions.'

Gypsy Rose Pr7 – 'I learned a lot at the Safe Taysiders event.'

Corey Pr5 – 'I've enjoyed going swimming with my class the last few weeks. I am now a better swimmer.'

Kyle Pr3 – 'I have learned how to use a dictionary.'

Hamish Pr5 – 'I have loved playing the glockenspiel this week, it is very calming.'

Thinking Room 1 are doing some work on recycling and we are encouraging everyone to recycle plastic in school. We have made some posters and will hopefully be placing some special bins in each building for your plastic waste. We have learned why we need to do this and as Blayr says:

"Do not throw plastic in other bins because it hurts fish and animals. Put it in the special bin."

We hope everyone will try hard to do this.

P3 class:

"We've been learning about Coupar Angus, we went for a walk to see all the different types of houses." – Sophia

"We have learned about the River Isla, we labelled features of a river." – Abigail

"We have been watching caterpillars grow and change and some of them are now butterflies." – Ella

"In music we have been learning about the different notes" – Jay

P7

This term for a production we have been working on Aladdin Trouble. We first prepared with an audition that the teachers judged on the Monday and the cast list went up the following Thursday. We all have been busy with responsibilities including: Costume Design, Learning lines, Expressions and most important - Working on backdrops. The show is really soon and everyone is getting nervous and excited at the same time! We have Miss McQueen, Miss Martyn, Mr Billen and Miss Collins to thank for their commitment to Aladdin trouble. By Alison and Ellie

P5 are learning about Mary Queen of Scots and have really enjoyed finding out all about her 3 husbands and the key events in her life.

'I enjoyed writing a diary entry as if I was Mary because I got to think about how she felt when things happened in her life.'

Logan

'Religion played a big part in people's lives in the 16th Century but Mary Queen of Scots said she would not interfere.'

Sophie 'We have shared our own opinions about who was guilty of murdering Mary's second husband, Lord Darnley. Some of us think it was Mary, some think Elizabeth I and some even think it was the Earl of Bothwell who became Mary's third husband.'

Annabelle

P4

We have been learning about our rights and the rights of children in India. We compared our lives and theirs.

Some children couldn't go to school in India because they had to do chores in the house. Their parents had to work to earn more money. – Irina

We have been learning about Cinderella's rights – Murrin.

In Literacy, we have been retelling the story of Cinderella. We are going to use our own ideas to change parts of the story. We have been imaginative and are planning and writing our own stories.

Sports day

We had another successful sports day and picnic event on Friday. Thank you for coming along to support your child. If you have any feedback on sports day please let us know, as we are always keen to hear of any suggestions to improve any events. The weather was lovely and I would like to thank the staff and particularly Miss Mitchell for their hard work in organising both the potted sports and the sports afternoon races.

Nursery sports will be on Monday 4th June.

Transition for children coming into P1 August 2018

The following times are for new P1's to come into school and meet their new teacher/classroom. All new P1's welcome, those in our nursery and those who are not in the nursery currently.

Friday 8th June all morning for an induction morning

Friday 15th June 9.30- 10.30am

Times will also be arranged for children who are starting the nursery in August to come along for a visit.

Charity shop –This week!! Monday 4th June to Saturday 9th June. Please hand in any donations to the shop and if you can help out...let SOC know... pop along and grab a bargain!

School funds

The school finance group meet termly to look at the school funds balance and agree any spends. The minutes of these meetings are on the website but if you would like a copy, please contact the school office.

Note to children about football!

Occasionally the footballs go over the fence into gardens, however, children should not go into gardens without permission to do so. Neighbours do normally throw balls back over when they notice them, but we have agreed that children will not go into gardens without permission to collect balls. Thank you.

Dates for Diary

Induction morning all children moving up to new classes for some of the time between break and lunch.

Friday 8th June

Thursday 8th and Friday 9th June P7 Induction BHS.

***Monday 4th June – Charity Shop for one week**

Wednesday 6th June – P4 & P5 trip to Stirling Castle back at 4.15pm

Wednesday 6th June 2018 – Reports issued to parents

School Show : 13th June 7pm & 14th June 5.30pm Tickets available now!

*Monday 25th June – P7 Leaver's meal and Disco (whole school disco, times to follow)

Thursday 28th June – End of Term Service

Thursday 28th June 2018 –school closes at 12.00 for summer holiday.

N. Drew.

