



Coupang Angus Primary School

Newsletter 3

October 2018

We hope everyone had a relaxing October break and welcome everyone back to school. In this newsletter each class has given a short up-date on last term to let you know what they were learning. This term there will be parent evening appointments and a letter will be home shortly about the times.

As usual you can email me at coupangangus@pkc.gov.uk or phone the school office to make an appointment.
Mrs N Drew

THURSDAY 1ST NOVEMBER - SCHOOL /SOC AUTUMN FANCY DRESS DISCO

P1-3 6-7pm,

P4-7 pupils (including P4 from P3/4) 7.15-8.30pm

Parent helpers would be appreciated – see SOC

Cost is £2 per child, please pay on the door. Come in your fancy dress costume. There will be a tuck shop if you wish some sweets, bring a penny!

Dress Down day – Thank you for your support with the PJ day for the school charities which the children voted for in classes and then in Pupil Council. The chosen charities this year are **Organ Donation Scotland** and **Epilepsy Scotland**.

We raised £83.40 so this will go in a pot until the end of the year and we will do a running total and send cheques to these charities at the end of the year.

Class news!

P1 – Georgie: I feel proud I can write my name.
Adam: I can now read three letter words!
Owen: I love to dress up as a doctor in the doctor's surgery we have in class.

P7: Last term in maths, we were learning how to interpret data from, and create a pie chart. I hadn't done this before so I found it really interesting and learned a lot – Archie

In PE we have been learning skills linked to hockey such as controlling the ball, defending, shooting and tackling. I really enjoyed it when we played a hockey match – Archie

In spelling the Turtles group have been learning about British and American words and how they differ – Mollie

For our topic, we have been learning about the water treatment process. There are 6 stages involved from screening all the way to disinfecting – Maddison

Thinking room 2:

Our break-time Porridge Café was a huge success. We didn't make a profit but we learned lots of new skills as well as cooking porridge! We learned how to calculate spending and profit, communicate with our customers, maintain hygiene in the kitchen, prepare the table and count money amounts. Due to demand, we will be running the café one day every week next term.

Last term, we were learning to read and write poetry. As a result, the children produced some super pieces of work on 'The Wind', 'Chocolate' and 'Pyjamas' to name a few!

Three children took on the role of Reading Mentors. In Thinking Room 2, the Mentors work with younger children in the class, to read with them and go over their key words and phonics, and playing word games. It has been a very positive approach. Jamie – 'I like the Quiet Room and the new kitchen area in our classroom.'

Thinking room 1: A great term learning about woodland animals and Beatrix Potter, the highlight was our trip to Dunkeld where we explored the Beatrix Potter Museum and garden and also went to Loch of the Lowes and saw lots of birds, red squirrels and some deer! It was a lovely trip and all the pupils enjoyed it and made us proud with their excellent behaviour.

Back in school we have been working hard on our problem solving skills in maths and learning to tell the time. We can mostly all tell the o'clock times now!

P2 news: Jessica – We learned the names of lots of different trees that grow in Butterybank, like oak , beech and apple trees.

Tilly – We visited Butterybank woodland and found out how bugs live in the woods.

Hannah – The woods are a great place to go with your family

Lexxi – Butterybank woodland has food to help lots of different animals to survive, but the trees need their trunk protected to stop rabbits eating the little trees.

P3, P3/4 and P4 have been working together in vertical groups this term for textile and food technology:

“I learned how to make a pom pom and you have to put the strings through the circle and it goes like a pattern. It goes like black, yellow, black, yellow until it gets all puffy and then you’re finished it.” – Julita

P4 were learning about bees this term, culminating in their assembly before the holidays:

“I learned that a bee makes honey out of nectar and it makes it in its tummy and then it spits it out.” – Poppy

“I learned that drone bees die very quickly and that bees rub their tummy to make the wax. And with the wax they can make the honeycomb cells.”

Abigail

P3:

Esme P3 : “ I have enjoyed writing in class and have been trying my hardest , next term I am going to have a growth mindset and keeping trying to improve by making my writing smaller and writing longer sentences”.

Kalvin P3: “ we have been working hard on adding and taking away numbers and I now know how to lay them out correctly in my jotter. I have also really enjoyed using songs to practise times tables in class and want to learn some more next term”.

Some comments from P5 about their learning:

I learned about deforestation and that cutting down trees helps local people raise money but this is negative because we need trees in the rainforest for oxygen – Bethany P5

I learned that erosion and deposition can change the shape of a river and that sometimes an oxbow lake is made – Daisy P5

I enjoyed learning about the rainforest because it was fun. There are so many good facts you can learn! For example 25% of prescription medicine comes from rainforest plants. Scientists believe that there are still plants to be found there that could help fight cancer – Irina P5

In maths it's really hard when you do word problems but it's really fun too. I'm getting better at it now – Eilidh P5

P3/4 have been learning about farming and bees. We learned about different animal names and what products come from different farms. We made our own butter. - Kai
We learned about bees and how they make honey and how lots of things need pollinating. - Aidan

In maths, I have been learning to exchange when I am subtracting. – Kyle

We have been learning about even and odd numbers for our CLIC challenge. – Esosa

We have been learning about mixing colours and tones in art. – Corbyn

We have been learning how to say the date in French, we practise numbers, days of the week and months. – Nina

P6 In maths I enjoyed learning about budgeting as I got to plan my dream bedroom. Nadia I enjoyed researching and writing a report about the Wallace Monument by Kasey-Lee In our material topic I enjoyed learning about volcanoes and the different types of rock. Liam.

Nursery news

A huge thank you to everyone as nursery raised £271 from the bake sale last term!

Staffing news

We welcome Miss Gourlay back to school part-time after her maternity leave. She is working in the Garden room just now as Mr Lamb is off school at the moment. Mrs Sutherland is still supporting class cover in school and in P3 on a Friday. I am delighted to announce than Mrs Alexander and Miss Pearson are both expecting babies in the spring and we will advertise their posts in due course.

School Uniform

The website for school uniform is www.border-embroideries.co.uk for a sweatshirt with the school logo on in either bright blue or navy.

Parent Pay

*After Christmas our plan is to go **cashless** and so all items will need to be paid for using Parentpay. It really is a simple system and allows you to see your school dinner account and any other amounts due at all times. We are standing at around 75% uptake at the moment and some pupils have still to have their accounts activated. Mrs McLellen in the school office is very happy to support parents to set this up. Please pop into the school office to discuss this with her if you need some support and keep your account as up to date as you can. Many thanks.*

SOC (Supporting Our Children)

**Parent council meeting – all Parents welcome
The next Parent Council meeting is on Wed 7th
November at 5.30pm. All parents very
welcome to attend.**

Contact Gill Clarke (was Rolfe) or Mrs Drew to find out what SOC do or for more information.

Family Portraits

A letter has been sent home about family portraits in school on Wednesday 7th November in the evening. This is a great offer and if you are interested please fill in the form and return asap as we are usually full.

St Andrew's Day – Tartan theme

Friday 30th November

Children can wear tartan today to celebrate St Andrews day if they wish.

N Drew

Please find the year calendar dates

November:

Thursday 1st November – School /SOC Autumn Fancy Dress Disco £2
P1-3 6-7pm,
P4-7 pupils (including P4 from P3/4) 7.15-8.30pm
Parent helpers would be appreciated – see SOC

Wednesday 7th November – SOC parent council meeting – 5.30pm all welcome
(children can come and be in the room next door if needed)

Wednesday 7th November –
Family Portrait session in the evening –
School fundraiser and photographs ready for Christmas! More info to follow

Friday 9th November – P6 assembly
all welcome 10.50am

Thursday 15th & Friday 16th November
School closed to pupils for staff in service training

Thursday 22nd November –
Parent Contact night 3.30- 6pm
Book Fair is in school this week - more details to follow

Wednesday 28th November –
Parent Contact night 5.00- 7.30pm

Thursday 29th November –
Induction Morning 1 at BHS for P7 pupils
(leaving from school)

Friday 30th November – St Andrews Day
(Tartan theme)
P5 assembly all welcome – 10.50am

December:

Thursday 6th December –
Christmas Fair 3.30- 5.30pm – Save the date, more info to follow

Tuesday 11th December –
Flu Immunisations P1-P7 pupils in school

Thursday 13th December –
P1/P2/Thinking Room 1 Party in the Hall –
afternoon

Friday 14th December –
School Christmas Lunch and
Christmas Jumper day

Monday 17th December –
P3, P3/4, P4 and TR1 and TR2 party
in the hall all afternoon

Tuesday 18th December –
nursery concert and party over the day in hall

Wednesday 19th December –
P1 & P2 nativity in the afternoon in the hall

Thursday 20th December –
P5/6/7 and TR2 party in the hall in the
afternoon

Friday 21st December –
End of term service 9.30am
(Will include the P1 & P2 nativity as well)

Fri 21st December 12.00
School closes for holidays

January 2019:

Monday January 7th 2019 – School re-opens for
Term 3

February 2019:

Friday 8th February 2019 - P2 assembly 10.50am
all welcome

Wed 13th February – Inservice day –school
closed to pupils

Thursday and Friday 14th & 15th February –
School holidays

**A Growth Mind set and numeracy event for
parents, run by pupils will be arranged for
Feb/March 2019. Date to be set.**

March:

Friday 1st March P3 assembly 10.50am All
welcome

Thursday 7th March 2019 – World Book Day –
dress up as your favourite character £1

P6 & P7 will have Bikeability from 18th March to
Easter hols. More information to follow nearer
the time, but ensure the bikes are road safe for
March! (we do have some bikes to borrow as
well).

Parent Contact Appointment dates: Thursday
14th March 2019. 5-7.30pm
Tuesday 19th March 3.30-6pm

Friday 29th March 2019. Easter holidays school closes at 3.15pm

P7 class assembly/end term assembly (The time of this assembly may change, details to follow)

April:

Monday 15th April 2019. School re-opens for Term 4

Friday 19th April and Monday 22nd April – Easter weekend – school closed to pupils

Tuesday 23rd April – Inservice day
School closed to pupils

Wednesday 24th April –
School open to pupils

Monday 29th April P7 pupils to
BHS for induction event am (leave from school)

May:

Monday 6th May 2019 – May day holiday,
school closed

Tuesday 7th May – Friday 10th May – P7 residential trip

Friday 24th May – P1 assembly 10.50 all welcome

June:

Wednesday 5th June – Pupil reports out to parents

Thursday 6th and Friday 7th June – P7 transition days at BHS

Thursday 6th June – pupils move up to new classes for a taster

Friday 14th June – P3/4 assembly 10.50am all welcome

Tuesday 18th June Sports Day TBC

****NURSERY GRADUATION TBC****

Monday 24th – End of Term disco for pupils P1-3 6-7pm,

P4-7 pupils (including P4 from P3/4) 7.15-8.30pm

P7 Leavers' meal at Red House Hotel before the disco TBC

Thur 27th June – Prizegiving service 2pm TBC

Friday 28th June –
School finishes at 12.00 for Summer holiday.

If you have any questions about any of the dates or events, please get in touch.

N Drew