



# Coupar 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 apointments and a letter will be home shortly about the times.

As usual you can email me at [couparangus@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:couparangus@pkc.gov.uk) or phone the school office to make an appointment.  
Mrs N Drew

#### **THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> 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](http://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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> November

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

N Drew

**Please find the year calendar dates**

**November:**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> November** – SOC parent council meeting – 5.30pm all welcome  
(children can come and be in the room next door if needed)

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

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November – P6 assembly all welcome 10.50am

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> & Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November**  
**School closed to pupils for staff in service training**

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

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Parent Contact night 5.00- 7.30pm

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

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

**December:**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December –**  
**Christmas Fair 3.30- 5.30pm – Save the date, more info to follow**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Flu Immunisations P1-P7 pupils in school

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

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December – School Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day

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

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December –  
**nursery concert and party over the day in hall**

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – P1 & P2 nativity in the afternoon in the hall

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

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

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> December 12.00  
School closes for holidays

**January 2019:**

Monday January 7<sup>th</sup> 2019 – School re-opens for Term 3

**February 2019:**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019 - P2 assembly 10.50am all welcome

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> February – Inservice day –school closed to pupils

Thursday and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> March P3 assembly 10.50am All welcome

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

P6 & P7 will have Bikeability from 18<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019. 5-7.30pm  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 3.30-6pm

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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)**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 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

**April:**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019. School re-opens for Term 4

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April and Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Easter weekend – school closed to pupils**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Inservice day

School closed to pupils

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April –

School open to pupils

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

**May:**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – May day holiday, school closed

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May – P7 residential trip**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – P1 assembly** 10.50 all welcome

**June:**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Pupil reports out to parents

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June – P7 transition days at BHS**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June – pupils move up to new classes for a taster

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

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June Sports Day TBC

\*\*\*\*NURSERY GRADUATION TBC\*\*\*\*

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – 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 27<sup>th</sup> June – Prizegiving service 2pm TBC