

Coupar Angus Primary School Newsletter 2 September 2017

September has been a busy month. Read on to find out what we have been up to so far and as usual, please get in touch by email or the office if you want to comment on anything in school.

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Kind regards

Mrs N Drew

Drodzy Rodzice

Jeśli macie pytania lub komentarze odnośnie naszej szkoły bardzo chcielibyśmy je usłyszeć. Mamy polską asystentkę, która może pomóc, więc zachęcamy do umówienia się z panią Drew jeśli chcielibyście podzielić się waszymi spostrzeżeniami.

Niektóre z polskich dzieci sugerowały aby utworzyć polski klub w czasie przerwy obiadowej, gdzie dzieci mogłyby uczyć się polskich słów. Jeśli jakiś rodzic chciałby pomóc i wziąć udział prosimy o kontakt.

Well-done to the new House and Sports Captains who were elected :
House and Sports Captain and Vice Captains 2017 – 2018

Arthurstone Sports Captain – Sean Mason

House Captain – Morgan Rolfe

Vice Sports Captain – Rennie Guthrie-Dawber

Vice House Captain – Chris Rolfe

Balgersho Sports Captain – Ewan Thomas

House Captain – Mia Mackenzie

Vice Sports Captain – Harry Nicholson

Vice House Captain – Lucas Patterson

Cronin Sports Captain – Conner Gowans

House Captain – Alison Mathieson

Vice Sports Captain – Fraser Maccuish

Vice House Captain – Lisa Knowles

Denhead

Sports Captain – Oscar Kelly

House Captain – James Wilson

Vice Sports Captain – Kai McLellen

Vice House Captain – Reo Edwards

Pupil Council 2017- 18

Chairperson: Conner Gowans

ViceChairperson: Morgan Rolfe

Secretaries: Niamh Kelly and Reo Edwards

P1/2 (P2 rep) – Lesley Drummond

P2 – Ben Rolfe and Elsa Patterson

P3 - Jack Fraser and Alissa Miller

P4- Eva Patterson & Eliot Addison

P5 – Isaac Miller and Annabelle Miles

P6 – Reo Edwards and Rennie Guthrie-Dawber

P7 - Morgan Rolfe , Niamh Kelly , William Marshall and Conner Gowans

TR2 – Gypsy Rose McArthur

Term 1 open classroom, workshop and tea event

What a great turnout we had last night for the parent workshops and tea with the teacher event. Thank you very much for coming along to this, we enjoy getting the chance to share the learning and teaching with parents and the children do too. Thank you for the very positive feedback about the workshops, homework and learning in general. We will aim to have another event later in the year, but in the meantime if you want to know

more about anything you saw, please ask teachers or pop in for a visit.

Break news! Breaking news! Save the date!

Hot off the press, it's looking like the Christmas light switch on in Coupar Angus will be Wednesday 22nd November. We are hoping to have a parade from the school to the cross from around 5.30pm with entertainment at the Cross from 6-8pm. More news early next term, but for now, save the date!

SOC

We had a good meeting on the 14th September and SOC kindly donated money to the school to pay for Fischy Music and some other resources for literacy across the school. SOC planned the Halloween disco and the next meeting is on the 6th November at 5.30pm. All welcome.

Class news:

This term all the classes have based their learning around a novel or book and **next Thursday we have a Character dress up day (50P)** where children can come dressed up as their favourite book character. There will also be some competitions and lucky dip for a small fee over the day.

This term P2 have been using the story: The Lighthouse Keeper's lunch by Rhonda Armitage as a basis for our Literacy learning. We have been finding out about lighthouses and practising our imaginative writing skills by creating our own stories. In maths, we have been learning to add numbers up to 20 and take away numbers from 20. We have also been learning about money too!

"We learned about weaving in our topic. We made paper baskets to hold Mr Grinling's lunch." Kyle.

P1/2 have also been using this story as their focus. Here are some quotes from the children about their learning this term:

"I have been learning to make a musical sandwich!" Caleb P2

"I learned how to use 'plus' in maths" Sarah P1

"We were clapping how many beats a word takes" Leila P2

P1 have been reading The Three Billy Goats Gruff.

P3 have used the Flat Stanley books by Jeff Brown to learn about different countries and adventures.

P4 have been reading Harry Potter and are preparing their assembly for mums and dads. They have produced some imaginative writing and some will be published in Can-Do in the next edition.

Logan in P5 tells us what they have been doing this term: "In maths we have been learning about time intervals and 24 hour clock. Some of the intervals are hard we worked hard to get them right. We have been learning to write from different characters' points of view and we used drama frieze frames and note taking to help. In ICT we have been using Powerpoint to make presentations to summarise each chapter in Michael Morpurgo's Kenuske's Kingdom."

P7 have used City of Embers as the basis for their literacy study and had a homework project to design part of the city. The creations were very imaginative!

P6 have used The Secret Garden as inspiration this term for literacy work including descriptive and imaginative writing. They are using this as the theme for their class assembly next week.

Kai and Lucas tell us: "In P6 we have been learning about Scottish Wildlife and learning about plants and how light effects growth. We learned about photosynthesis which is when plants absorb energy from the sun."

In Thinking Room 1 we have been reading Dr Seuss The Cat in the Hat and learning about rhyming words.

In Thinking Room 2 we are reading Beatrix Potter and have been creating Autumnal poetry.

Nursery news: Nursery is having their Gruffalo Feast on Wednesday 4th October and parents are welcome to come along and join in the fun. The nursery will also be in the Blairie soon for winning their new interactive white board in a competition. Well-done to them!

Halloween Disco

Thursday 26th October is the Halloween fancy dress disco run by SOC and the school. P1-3 6-7pm and P4-7 7.15- 8.30pm. Get thinking about your spooky costumes....

House Competition/Community Woodland

The Community Woodland group and Iain Bentley have set us a challenge. We are working on designs for an interpretation board for the Community Woodland. We have started and will let you know how we get on. We are keen to use this space for outdoor learning over the session and some classes have already been for a visit.

Parent Pay

If you haven't already activated your Parentpay account it would be helpful if you could do this and you need some help the school office are able to help you. Also could parents try to ensure school meals are paid up to date by the end of term. Thank you

Garden Produce

We have some Apple Crumble Bags available for £2 from Garden Room, using our own apples! Please let the office know if you would like one.

Scottish National Standardised Assessments (SNSAs)

You may have heard on the news that pupils in P1, P4 and P7 will now be taking part in Standardised assessments across Scotland. These will happen in February and March 2018. If you would like more information about this please use the web address to go to the website:

<https://standardisedassessment.gov.scot/more-about-assessments-and-reports/>

I will send out more information in due course however, it is important to note that this will form part of the usual range of assessment measures we use in school and will help to support teacher judgement and inform next steps for a pupil. Teachers will undergo training on the assessments and there will be opportunities to answer any questions you have before February.

PLEASE HELP- PLAYGROUND SAFETY

Please can we politely ask that you remind children not to ride bikes or scooters in the playground. We have had several complaints from parents about children riding these in the playground. We are keen for children to cycle and scoot to school and indeed we are soon to install another new scooter rack, however, children must dismount their bikes and scooters in the playground and walk them to the storage areas. Many thanks in supporting with this.

Also

A polite reminder that dogs are not allowed in the school playground, even if on a lead. If you do bring your dog with you to pick up your child from

school please make arrangements to meet in the common, or ask a friend to wait with your dog. We are dog lovers in Coupar Angus, but children can sometimes find dogs frightening and so as ask that you support us with this. Many thanks.

Lucky P1 & P3 are having their classrooms painted in the holidays and so they will be packing up their rooms next week in preparation for this, in case you wonder why everything is coming down off the walls...

Time2Play Programme of October Events 2017

Over the October holidays the Childcare Strategy Team will be running **free play** events across Perth and Kinross for children and families of all ages and will cover various play opportunities. These take place **outdoors** in all weather.

Larghan Victory Park		10:00am -
Coupar Angus Road,	Thursdays	12:00noon
Coupar Angus,	12 th & 19 th	1:00pm –
Blairgowrie	October	3:00pm
PH13 9ER		

So, if you have some free time make some time2play!

For more details contact the Childcare Strategy Team on

Tel 01738 472350 or Email childcare@pkc.gov.uk
www.pkc.gov.uk/play

Book Fair

The book fair will arrive on 22nd November and leave on 29th November, so it will be here for both of the parents' evenings and we will send out dates when it will be open in and out of school.

The Book Fair is a great way to support your child with reading and the school because we get free books as well!

School holiday starts next Friday at 3.15pm

Dates for Diary 2017/18

I will add to this each term, so please keep a look out each month on the newsletter for this.

We will try to give you as much notice as possible for events, however, sometimes we do get last minute offers of visitors and have changes to plans, please bear with us.

Class assembly dates are on a Friday at 10.50am, parents and friends are welcome to attend when it is your child's class assembly:

P4-29th September 2017
P6 – 6th October 2017
P5 – 3rd November 2017
P7 – 9th February 2018
P1- Friday 16th March 2018
P1/2- Friday 23rd March 2018
P3-Friday 4th May 2018
P2- Friday 11th May 2018

Thursday 5th October

Character dress down day 50p and competitions in school (about 20p a go for some competitions...)

Friday 6th October 2017 – School closes at 3.15pm for October holidays

Monday 23rd October – School resumes

Thursday 26th October – Halloween Fancy dress Disco

P1-3 6-7pm

P4-7 7.15- 8.30pm

Monday 6th November 5.30pm – SOC meeting all welcome

Thursday 16th & Friday 17th November – school closed for inservice days

Monday 20th November – Flu Immunisations P1-7

Parent contact dates:

Thursday 23rd November 3.30- 6pm

Tuesday 28th November 5- 7.30pm

Wed 22nd Nov – Xmas light switch on..

Friday 15th December

School Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day

Monday 18th December 2017 – Nursery Christmas nativity and party – am and pm

Friday 22nd December 12.00- school closes for Christmas holidays.

Monday 8th January 2017 – Back to school

SOC meeting – Thursday 25th January 5.30pm

Wednesday 14th February 2018 – inservice day

Thursday 15th & Friday 16th 2018 – holiday

Friday 23rd February 2018 – Bingo Tea in Town hall TBC

Thursday 15th March 2018 - 5-7.30pm Parent Contact

Tuesday 20th March 3.30- 6pm Parent Contact

Thursday 29th March 2018 – school closes at 3.15pm for Easter holiday

Monday 16th April 2018 – inservice day

Tuesday 17th April 2018 – school opens for children

Monday 30th April 2018- Friday 4th May – P7 Residential trip

Monday 7th May 2018 – May day holiday

Thursday 10th May 2018 – SOC meeting 5.30pm

Wednesday 6th June 2018 – Reports issued to parents

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

N. Drew.