



Cairn Courier

NATIVITY



We had a fantastic Nativity and senior choir performance this year.
Well Done to Everybody.

It's hard to believe that we are almost at the end of the winter term. Once again, the school has been full of activity. I think all the pupils and staff will be ready for a well-earned rest over the festive period.

We were delighted to welcome Mrs Hughes to the school this session. She is currently working in Primary 3/4, Primary 6/7 and delivering French across the school. We were also joined by Mrs Saunders who is now a permanent member of our nursery team and we finally have a new permanent janitor in place, Gavin Murdoch.

We have welcomed our partners into school to support learning - Bryan Jamieson and the Community Safety Team continue to support Cairn pupils by running gardening workshops. PC Porter has been running a transition group for P7 pupils and the CLD team have been running the Hi 5! Project for pupils and parents.

Cairn continues to be actively involved in our local community - Pupils represented the school on Remembrance Sunday and were part of the wreath laying service. Our school choir have had a busy festive period. They performed at Tesco in Ayr in order to raise funds for Hansel Village. They also performed at Carrick Academy's Christmas show and as part of the Maybole 3 school choir at the annual Carol concert in the Town Hall. P7 pupils from Cairn, Gardenrose and St Cuthberts all thoroughly enjoyed the joint Christmas party which was hosted by Gardenrose this year.

Pupils have participated in a number of sporting activities and competitions. We achieved our Silver Sports Award and are aiming for our Gold award. Our Rights Respecting Schools Committee are actively working on achieving our Silver award by the end of the year.

We hope you enjoy reading about some of the activities that have taken place since we started back in August. The pupils had so much they wanted to share but we have struggled to include everything. Please remember to check out the school website and our twitter feed to keep up to date with what is happening in Cairn. Read on to find out about the hard work of our Parent Council.

Merry Christmas



Scottish Book Trust Reading Buddies

Pupils from Primary 5 and 6 led Shared Reading sessions with younger pupils in Primary 1 and the Nursery. They read the three shortlisted Bookbug Picture Book Prize books; 'I am Bat', 'Eric Makes a Splash' and 'One Button Benny' as well as planning an activity for each book. The Reading Buddies developed leadership skills and confidence to read aloud to an audience.

They had the opportunity to meet with a professional drama group, The Drama Box, along with other pupils from the Car-



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P1-3 Book Bag Event

Parents and Carers of children in Primaries 1-3 were invited to take part in a 'book bag' session. The children had an opportunity to see the contents of the bags that are provided by the Scottish Book

Presenting the cheque to Whiteleys Retreat



Winning Owl Designs



Festive Friday

We had an amazing turnout in our school for our Festive Friday event. Every class from nursery to primary 7 made something to sell and we had festive food and drinks in the hall made by Tracey. The money made from the event will go to Whiteleys Retreat which is a local children's charity. We raised a massive £781.69 from the event and couldn't believe the generosity of our children and parents. Children also took part in a competition organised by Whiteleys to design

DOLPHIN HOUSE

In September, Primary 7's spent four days at Dolphin House in the grounds of Culzean Castle. On their first day they enjoyed cycling through different parts of the grounds. They also took part in team building challenges and discussed how they could challenge their thinking and overcome their fears during their stay. On day two the children explored the hidden caves under Culzean castle and discovered wildlife. This was followed by a jungle trail and marshmallow toasting in the evening. Day three started with beach yoga and a walk up Straiton hill. The children learned about wildlife conservation and the day ended with a disco in Dolphin House. On the





Scottish Opera

Primary 6/7 worked with the Primary 6's and 7's from Gardenrose Primary school to perform the Scottish Opera School's 'Dragons of the Western Sea'. This involved the children learning exciting songs and working with a talented Scottish Opera musical director. The final performance

was

Hi5!

The community learning and development team have been working in partnership with some parents in our primary 2/3 class. These small group sessions allowed parents and carers to work together with their children learning new skills in literacy, nu-



SSPCA

SFA Football

We were lucky to have Ayr United football club out to coach us this year. Our nursery, P1 and P2/3 class learned lots of new skills from the coaches and had





The SSPCA visited the school to complete workshops in every class about safety of your pet and animals. These sessions were full of great information and pupils learned lots from the day.

Children in Need



Dyslexia Friendly Schools Committee

Dyslexia Awareness Week

5th-10th November 2018

The DFS Committee delivered their own powerpoint at assembly about Dyslexia Awareness Week. They gave everyone a blue ribbon to wear to show their support for dyslexia.

Llana, Millie, Noah and Zac made a large ribbon for the nursery and showed them an animation about dys-



NURSERY NEWS

Messy Crafts

The nursery have been very busy this term with their arts and crafts. They have been making lots of things to sell at the Festive fun afternoon and also some beautiful art work for the wall. The nursery looks fantastic filled full of seasonal art.



Welly Wednesday

This term children have been out and about on their trips for Welly Wednesday. They have been wrapping up warm and heading out to the Glebe for lots of fun activi-





Pumpkin Walk

The nursery classes went out on a big adventure for Halloween. They went to Troon to Fullerton Fairy trail for the Halloween Pumpkin walk. The walk was decorated with lots of different carved pumpkins and the children loved looking at them as they

North Pole Breakfast

On Friday the nursery children took part in a Santa dash through a bouncy castle to raise money for Whiteleys retreat. They wore Santa and elf hats and were joined by their families. They then went into the nursery to have a 'North Pole Breakfast' together with Christmas music and festive treats.



Sportshall Athletics

Selected children from P5-7 competed against other schools in the Carrick Cluster in a Sportshall Athletics event at Carrick Academy in October. They did an amazing job and



Dance Competition

Last month 25 children from primary 3 - 7 attended the Active Schools Dance competition. They worked hard for 6 weeks after school with a local dance teacher. The children were fantastic and represented the school really well. They all had a great day and got

Halloween

This Halloween Cairn primary had a fantastic parade of costumes and a lot of fun games in the hall. The parent council organised a great disco at night where pupils from nursery through to primary 7 took part in team games dancing and singing. A lot of spooky fun was



Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening was a huge success and we appreciate all the parents, grandparents and carers who turned up to support their child's learning. We were absolutely delighted to have such a positive response back from the 49 parents who took the time to complete our feedback forms. It is these forms that help us to keep improving the experiences for your child. Lots of parents also visited 'The Hub' to see all the different interventions we

My Friend Selma

St Cuthbert's Primary School kindly invited Primary 4/5 and 6/7 to watch a performance of 'My Friend Selma', a drama based on the life of a real refugee child who flees her country. The children thoroughly enjoyed the performance and were able to ask the performer questions. There was also a small museum where children could see ar-

Primary 7 Challenge Day

Carrick Academy invited all Primary 7 children to a sports based challenge day as part of their transition programme. The children competed in team games in the morning and had the opportunity to attend taster classes in different departments in the afternoon. The children had a great time getting to know



Community Transition Sessions

Primary 6/7 have teamed up with PC Porter and the community safety team to work together to improve our school playground. The group of boys have been planting and maintaining our flower beds in order to plant bulbs in the springtime. They have been clearing our playground and making our space more accessible for all. This will continue into the New Year where they will

Parent Council

We are so grateful to the Parent Council for all their hard work. This small team of parents have managed to put on two fantastic Halloween discos, a Christmas family movie night and provided crafts for the children to make and sell. They have given up their own precious time to run the charity shop for a whole week. They even gave some of our Primary 6 and 7 pupils some work experience in the shop. We are also grateful to all the parents who donated items or have given up some time to help. All the money raised by the Parent Council goes to your children to fund trips, activities and experiences. Without their support, the children of Cairn primary wouldn't have as many exciting opportunities. If you can spare any time next year then please let the school



PARENT COUNCIL

As the first term finishes at Cairn the Parent Council have had a very busy few months, we held our ever popular Halloween Disco which was well attended with both children and teachers and everyone had a fantastic time with great costumes. We have just finished a very busy week at Maybole Charity shop and raised a fantastic amount for the school. Our first Christmas Movie night was a great success and it was lovely to see so many families attending and enjoying the Christmas spirit with their kids and we even had Santa pop in to see all the children and give out Presents from the Parent Council.

The Parent Council would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support and volunteering to help out at events it is greatly appreciated.

And lastly we wish you all a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

Next Meeting 16th Jan at 6.30pm.



Merry Christmas

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

School closes on Friday 21 December at 2.30pm and reopens on Monday 7 January at 9 am
