



Carmichael Primary School Vision

Our vision at Carmichael Primary is to prepare children for life in the 21st century. We aim to equip them with skills for learning, life and work developing values of effort, kindness and resilience in all that they do.

Carmichael Primary School Newsletter **Friday 6th October 2023**

Parent Night Appointments

Parents' night is Wednesday 11th October, we look forward to seeing you there!

Communication

We have now stopped using the school app, the main form of communication moving forward will be the Parents Portal. We discussed Twitter at the Parent Council meeting and it was decided that parents did not want to go down this route. We will continue with a monthly Sway produced with the children with photos and bits of video of their learning in school. Mrs Macrae and I have been updating the school website and will be looking for feedback from parents about content you would like included. <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sl/carmichaelprimary/>

Parent Portal

If you have not yet registered for the parent portal you can do so here, <https://parentsportal.scot/pportal/> you will need your MyGovScot details (ParentPay) if you do not use ParentPay you can register here <https://www.mygov.scot/myaccount> . Parents have fed back that it is easier to use through the app which can be accessed here for android <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.tcs.digigov.parentsportal&pli=1> or here for apple <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/parentsportal-scot/id1670563383> .

If you are still having problems, you are welcome to come into school and register using one of our chromebooks and Mrs Mitchell can guide you through the process.

Participatory Budget

Our Participatory Budget vote took place on Wednesday morning and the winning selection was coaches and resources for clubs. During our assembly on Wednesday afternoon we had a great discussion with the pupils about clubs they would like, they came up with loads of suggestions. Some of the clubs may be able to be taken by staff, some by our senior pupils for our younger pupils, some by parents, and some may require enquiries in the community. Thank you for participating in our vote to make our school community the best it can be! If any parents have a skill or passion that they would be interested in sharing with pupils at some point please let us know. It doesn't have to be sports, it could be art, music, gardening, coding, first aid, science.....

Parent Council AGM

Thank you to all who attended the Parent Council AGM, there was a fantastic turnout! We are aware we ran out of time so please contact me if there was anything you felt you did not manage to discuss.

Go Fresh theme menu

On Thursday 12th there is a special theme menu which is below.

Blue – Chris Corns Tray: Sausage pastry, chicken poppers, chips, sweetcorn.

Red – Becky Broccoli Tray: Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Macaroni Cheese, chips, broccoli.

Green – Colin Carrot Tray: Ham baguette, grated carrot.

All served with Sally Strawberry and Alan Apple fruit salad and Paula Pineapples muffin.

Small Schools Football Festival

The Small Schools' Football festival will now take place on the afternoon of Tuesday 10th October at 12.30 pm on Carmichael pitch.

Time for the waterproofs!

As the weather breaks can we remind everyone to ensure they have a warm waterproof jacket for playtimes and forest sessions, and that children are prepared for our unpredictable Scottish weather!

Indoor shoes

All pupils should have a pair of shoes that they only wear inside school, these can stay in school in their dookit in the cloakroom. I believe some of the older pupils are suggesting that no-one else are changing shoes, they are and we are checking up now! Having indoor shoes keeps our learning environment as hygienic as possible when a lot of active learning activities may take place on the floor. Older pupils who have access to the pitch when weather conditions allow can bring football boots (no studs) but this is not necessary as long as they understand that muddy shoes or boots will need to be left at the door.

Revision of School Values

Thank you to everyone who has completed our google form about our school values, if you haven't had a chance to complete it we would really appreciate it if you could complete it by 11th October.

<https://forms.gle/hAmfc6WhCq1vWfct6>

Lockerbie Payments

Mrs Mitchell is setting up the Lockerbie payments on ParentPay at the moment, it should be ready next week and set up over 6 installments.

Cairngryffe Church

Rosmairi Galloway has passed on information about a couple of events that will be happening in the Church. On Saturday 7th October, they are holding an 'Autumn Harvest All Age Celebration' between 2-4pm. This will involve a bible story, arts, crafts, and food for all the family.

They are also going to start a Cairngryffe Cuppa, Craft and Chat group on Saturday afternoons starting on Saturday 28th October from 1-3pm. For more details contact Angela on 07543796820.

Halloween Party

There will be a community Halloween Party in the Village Hall on Tuesday the 31st October from 4-6pm. This is a free event and everyone is welcome. There will be food, games, a spooky walk, and guising. **RSVP by 13.10.23** to events Carmichael@gmail.com

Head Lice

We have been made aware that pupils have headlice, I would urge you to check your children's heads regularly and if possible, ensure long hair is tied back. Below is some information from NHS inform.

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/skin-hair-and-nails/head-lice-and-nits>

Preloved Uniform and costumes!

Thank you to Karie for all her work organising our preloved uniform, it is there all the time so feel free to pop in at drop off or pick up time for a browse. We also have some Halloween / dressing up costumes available as we will be encouraging recycled and homemade costumes again this year. If you have any uniform or costumes that you want to donate, please drop them off at the school and Karie will organise them and let everyone know what is there.

Dates for the diary –

Term 1	
10.10.23	New date for Small Schools' Football Festival
11.10.23	Parents' night
12.10.23	Go Fresh theme day *moved from the 5 th Oct*
11.12.23	Vaccinations
13.10.23	School closed for the October break
Term 2	
23.10.23	Return to school for term 2
31.10.23	School Halloween Party 1-3 pm
02.11.23	Black History showcase (parents welcome 2-3pm)
17.11.23	Visit to Braehead Primary (Literacy focus)
18.12.23	Christmas performance?
20.12.23	Jingle Bell Walk (parents welcome 2-3pm weather permitting!)
22.12.23	School Christmas Party am Schools close 2.30 pm
Term 3	
08.01.24	Return to school
29.01.24	Scots performance (parents welcome 2-3pm)
12 th & 13 th Feb	Spring Break – School closed
14.02.24	In-set day – school closed to pupils
20.02.24	Braehead Pr. Visiting Carmichael (focus TBC)
07.03.24	World Book Day
14.03.24	Cross Country (Lanark racecourse)
19.03.24 – 18.06.24 (Tuesdays x 12)	Swimming P5 & P6 1.30 Lanark Lifestyles
25.03.24	Parents' night 2
27.03.24	Dance show Lanark memorial Hall time TBC
28.03.24	Schools close 2.30pm
Term 4	
15.04.24	Schools return for term 4
17 th -19 th April	Lockerbie residential trip P6 & P7
02.05.24	In-set day – school closed to pupils
06.05.24	May Day holiday
07.05.24 – 11.06.24 (Tuesdays x 6)	Bikeability for P7s
10.05.24	Carmichael visiting Braehead Pr. (focus TBC)

16.05.24	Small Schools Football Festival
31.05.24	Reports to parents
03.06.24	Sports afternoon
6 th & 7 th June	Lanimers – School closed
11.06.24	Great Science Share - parents welcome am.
24.06.24	Leavers Ceremony – time TBC
26.06.24	Schools close at 1pm
14.08.24	Return to school!