



### **Carmichael Primary School Vision**

Our vision at Carmichael Primary is to prepare children for life in the 21<sup>st</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

#### **SWAY**

Here is this month's SWAY of what we have been doing in Carmichael Primary.

#### **Small Schools Football Festival**

Our P5-7 pupils had great fun at the Small Schools Football Festival on Tuesday this week playing against teams from Braehead, Carstairs Junction, Kirkfieldbank, and New Lanark. We were particularly proud of our two players who were awarded medals for best save of the festival (Eilidh) and best defender of the festival (Rebecca).

#### **Dress Down Day**

When we come back after the October break it will be a dress down day on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> October. Donations to the school for dress down day can be made via Parent Pay.

#### **Rights Respecting Schools Award**

Mrs Thomson and her team have just been awarded our bronze Rights Respecting Schools Award and have been advised that we are well on our way to achieving silver. I am attaching a newsletter from Mrs Thomson, and she plans to come to the next Parent Council meeting to give everyone an update.

#### **School Halloween Party**

We will be having our Halloween party in school on the afternoon of Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Pupils may bring their costumes with them to change into for the afternoon, but we would ask that they start the day in uniform or the whole day will be chaos! We would also encourage homemade and recycled costumes again and ask that costumes are not too gory or scary, or involve weapons, being considerate of our younger children. We have a number of preloved costumes that pupils are welcome to take, please drop into school or contact Karie.

#### **Black History Showcase**

Pupils will be celebrating Black History month with a range of activities in school after the October Break and parents are invited into school to see our Black History showcase on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November from 2-3pm.

#### **Lanark Grammar Transition After School Club**

As part of the Lanark Grammar P7 Transition Programme, the LGS Physical Education Department with the support of Active Schools, are offering P7 pupils the opportunity to attend a 6-week multi-sports club throughout this session. This has been a very positive experience in recent years and hopefully continues to support pupils in their transition to Lanark Grammar School.

They will host two sessions on a Tuesday in November 2023 and a further four sessions on a Tuesday during May 2024. Further details will be sent home today.

### **Wiston Lodge**

Wiston Lodge will be running activities and events during the October break, please see link below. [October school holiday fun! - Wiston Lodge](#)

### **Cairngryffe Church**

Cairngryffe Cuppa, Craft and Chat group will start on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 [eventsarmichael@gmail.com](mailto:eventsarmichael@gmail.com)

### **Head Lice**

Please remember to check your children's heads regularly. 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.

### **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.

**Dates for the diary –**

<b>Term 2</b>	
23.10.23	Return to school for term 2
27.10.23	Dress Down Day
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
<b>Term 3</b>	
08.01.24	Return to school
29.01.24	Scots performance (parents welcome 2-3pm)
12 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup> 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
<b>Term 4</b>	
15.04.24	Schools return for term 4
17 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> 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!

