

# Respect Kindness Resilience Creativity Confidence



## **Carmichael Primary School Newsletter** **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023**

### **School Halloween Party**

The children had a great time at their spooktacular Halloween Party on Tuesday, well done to everyone for their fantastic costumes – especially the home made and recycled ones!

### **Black History Showcase**

The pupils enjoyed showing off their learning about Black History and the importance of equality yesterday. It was great to see so many parents, we appreciate how difficult it can be to get to school during the day!

### **Curriculum rationale**

We took the opportunity to start reviewing our curriculum rationale yesterday while we had some parents in school. There are three broad themes that we are looking for feedback from parents and carers on to inform our curriculum rationale.

- What is unique/special about Carmichael Primary School and community?
- What do you want for your child/children in the long term?
- What elements of curriculum do you think are most important?

You can feedback on these questions in the attached Google form.

<https://forms.gle/gDyau2HpV7RDZr56>

### **RHET Food and Farming Day**

Unfortunately, the P6 visit to Lanark Agricultural Centre with RHET (Royal Highland Education Trust) is highly likely to be affected by the planned industrial action. RHET have assured us that if the visit cannot go ahead they will automatically book in next year's P6s and P7s for next year's session. So this year's P6's will not miss out but will need to wait until next year!

### **Scottish Book Week and Book Fair**

Scottish Book Week starts on the 14<sup>th</sup> November, staff have organised lots of 'bookish' activities and we will have the Book Fair in School! Pupils will have time to visit the book fair to select books they might like to buy. Parents are welcome to pop into the book fair at 3pm, join us on Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> from 2pm or send back the slip if they wish to buy books for their children.

The Scottish Book Trust have sent us bookbags for our P1-3 pupils. Parents and carers of our P1-3 pupils are welcome to join us from 2pm on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> for a 'Book and a brew' when we give the bookbags to the children.

### **Visit to Braehead Primary**

On the 17<sup>th</sup> November as part of our Scottish Book Week plans Braehead Primary has invited Carmichael Primary for a day of literacy themed activities. On Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> November

representatives from Carmichael's Reading Schools group will visit Braehead for a planning meeting with Braehead's reading ambassadors, ensuring our planning is driven by 'pupil voice'.

### **Pantomime!**

Now that Halloween is over, I'm afraid it is time to start planning Christmas! We have booked our Pantomime visit which will be to the Pavilion Theatre in Glasgow to see Treasure Island! Our trip will be on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December, there will be no cost to parents and carers. We have a very generous donation from a family member which covers the cost of transport and the Parent Council have secured funding for the cost of the tickets.

### **It's Chriiiiistmas!**

I'm really not trying to wind people up here with the Christmas chat, but we are going to be starting to work on our school performance soon, this year the nativity is called 'It's Chriiiiistmas!'. Watch out for song words and scripts starting to come home soon!

### **HT drop-in**

The next Head Teacher drop in is Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm. If there is anything you want to discuss, please feel free to drop in for a chat!

### **Industrial Action**

As intimated, we are expecting industrial action on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November, unless we send out a message on the parent portal and/or Twitter, please assume that school will be closed to pupils. If this changes we will let you know as soon as possible. Pupils will be given tasks and activities to complete at home.

### **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!**

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. If you have any uniform 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 –**

<b>Term 2</b>	
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)
08.11.23	RHET Food & Farming P6 pupils only Proposed Unison Industrial Action
17.11.23	Visit to Braehead Primary (Literacy focus)
14.12.23	Pantomime – Pavilion Theatre
15.12.23	Christmas Lunch
18.12.23	Christmas performance - afternoon

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!