

**Respect Kindness Resilience Creativity Confidence**



**Carmichael Primary School Newsletter**  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**Scottish Book Week and Book Fair**

Pupils have been participating in Scottish Book Week activities in class and have loved having the Book Fair in school to visit. Our school community spent just over £300 on books which meant we got £75 worth of books for the school as commission.

I hope the P1-3s have enjoyed exploring the books and activities in their book bags from the Scottish Book Trust, we had a great afternoon on Wednesday exploring them with families and older pupils.

**Visit to Braehead Primary**

We are visiting Braehead Primary today (Friday 17<sup>th</sup>) for a day of literacy themed fun and opportunities to work with our friends in Braehead. We have decided to postpone this month's SWAY until Monday so that we can include photos from our collaborative day led by pupils from both schools.

**Eco Committee Food Bank Collection**

We had Liz from Clydesdale Foodbank in to talk to the pupils about the role of the foodbank and the importance of the Christmas Foodraiser appeal. Supporting the foodbank is part of our Eco School's Action Plan this year. We will be collecting non-perishable items such as soup, oatcakes, crackers, tinned meat, potatoes and vegetables, Christmas pudding, custard, biscuits, mince pies or sweets. We can also accept men's or women's toiletries which will either go to the foodbank or to WomanKIND who work with the Foodbank to provide giftbags of basic toiletries for men and women.

**We need donations in by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** to allow the foodbank time to organise and distribute food where needed. Thank you for any support you can offer for this appeal.

**Parent Council**

It is Parent Council Meeting on Monday, 6.30 pm at the school, everyone welcome.

**Dress Down Day**

Next Friday (24<sup>th</sup> November) is Dress Down Day! Pupils do not need to wear uniform, but we would ask that there are no football colours or crop tops! In the past dress down days were a way of raising funds for the school by pupils bringing £1 to school because they were not wearing uniform. A move towards schools being cashless, a focus on the cost of the school day, and of course the impact of covid, has meant that we haven't been focusing on the fund-raising element of dress down days. We do not want to put any additional pressure on anyone – especially in the run up to Christmas, but I am aware that this has possibly not been explained clearly to new families. You can make donations via parentpay but there is no obligation and children can dress down regardless!

### **Christmas Menu**

Christmas menu leaflets were sent home yesterday, could you please return with your child's order for Christmas lunch by **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November!**

### **Communicating with School Office**

Just a wee reminder that if your child is absent for any reason you need to contact the school to let us know, otherwise this is classed as an unauthorised absence, and we need to phone to check where pupils are if we are expecting them in school. I am always happy to receive emails or be copied in, but it is important that the office is your main point of contact. If I am not in school or in meetings, I will not be able to access emails and office staff will not have the information. Thanks for your support in this matter!

### **Curriculum rationale**

Thanks for all the contributions towards our revised curriculum rationale, if you have not already, you can leave comments in this Google form. <https://forms.gle/gDyau2HpV7RDZr56>

### **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 –**

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| <b>Term 2</b>                           |   |
| 17.11.23                                | Visit to Braehead Primary                                       |
| 20.11.23                                | Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm                                   |
| 21.11.23                                | Lanark Grammar multi-sports 4-5pm                               |
| 24.11.23                                | Dress Down Day<br>Christmas Lunch returns due!                  |
| 01.12.23                                | Last day for foodbank donations.                                |
| 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<br>weather permitting!) |
| 22.12.23                                | School Christmas Party am<br>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)                    |

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| 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                         |
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| 14.08.24                                 | Return to school!                            |