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Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,



We have almost reached the end of another term, after a very busy and successful few months. While we are looking forward to a couple of weeks off, we are also busy getting things in place for Term 3, with so much planned already. All the details are in this newsletter, so please take time to have a read (and put the dates in your diary!) I hope you all have a wonderful Spring Break, wherever you are and whatever you are doing. We look forward to welcoming our pupils back on Monday 20th April at 9am!



Mrs Angela Gibson

FAREWELL TO MRS BUCHANAN

As you know, Mrs Buchanan has been successful in gaining the position of Head Teacher at Newmains Primary School. She will commence her new role on 20th April. During her many years with us, Mrs Buchanan has used her time and talent to help us succeed and improve in many areas! Our P1 transition program, Talk for Writing, Reading Schools, Eco Schools and Parental Partnership are just a few of the things that stand out! I am certain that she will go on to be very successful in her new post! We will all miss her very much, but we are equally delighted for her and the future that lies ahead in her new post.

RETIREMENT NEWS

Following a long and rewarding career in education, Mrs Moffat has decided to hang up her lanyard and will officially retire at the end of this session (June 2026). I say this with a real sense of joy for her, as I know how much she will enjoy time with her family, including her new grandson. However, having worked alongside her for many years, I am going to be at a bit of a loss! I have been blessed to have an amazing Leadership Team work with me, and this will be a very big change! I am pleased to have one final term with Mrs Moffat beside me! 😊

STAFFING UPDATE

- **Acting Depute Head Teacher** – Following a successful interview, I am delighted to announce that **Mrs Lynn Williamson** will once again take up the post of Acting Depute Head Teacher from Monday 20th April.
- **Primary 2 (Room 4)** – Mrs Williamson's new post will mean a change in teacher on a Monday/Tuesday in Room 4, though this may not be immediate. We will let you know once cover has been confirmed.
- **Primary 3 (Room 6)** – Mrs Braid will be undergoing surgery in April, which means she will not be able to return to work before the summer. We are seeking cover for this absence and will let you know once this has been confirmed.

FINAL DAY FOR SPRING BREAK

THURSDAY 2ND APRIL

DRESS DOWN DAY

SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2.30pm

WE REOPEN

MONDAY 20TH APRIL – 9AM

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PARENTS' NIGHT - 1st APRIL 2026



This term our Parents' Evenings take place on Wednesday 1st April, between 3.30pm and 8.30pm.

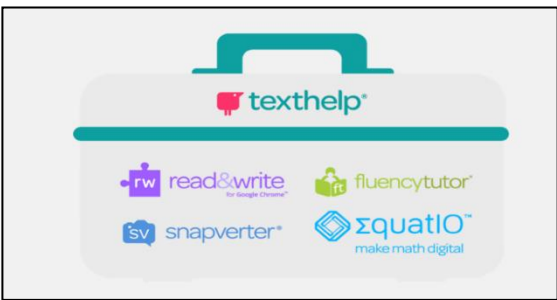
Appointments should be booked through our online booking system. This is hosted through Parent's Portal, something you should all have signed up for. The online booking system will be open from Monday 9th March until Friday 27th March.

Please note that, due to time restrictions we can only offer one appointment per pupil. If this causes you difficulty, you should ask to speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

We have lots of things planned for the evening, so we hope that you can make it along. If you are on holiday and unable to attend, I'm afraid we will not be able to offer an alternative date.



Home-Baking Request
 If you can donate any home-baking for the fund-raising stall at our Parents' Night, this would be most appreciated.
 Donations can be handed into the school from Tuesday 31st March.



With appointments taking place in our gym hall, you will also have the opportunity to visit your child's classroom, look at their work and admire the lovely classroom walls (which are full of learning evidence!)

The Senior Leadership Team will be available throughout the evening if you need any extra help!

+ Youth, Family and Community Services
 + Lost Property (in abundance!)



Come and find out more about Park and Stride from our JRSOs and how you can promote safe parking around our school!

We are hoping that as many parents as possible will sign up to our safe parking pledge!

A VISIT FROM JUMP START JONNY

We had such an amazing day on Tuesday 17th March when Jump Start Jonny visited our school! If you haven't heard of him, check out his website or Facebook page (where you will see a lovely post about our school!) He is such a positive spirit and convinced every pupil to take part (as well as some willing staff victims!) I am sure your children will tell you all about it!



We set a LOAD of new records today at Crawforddyke Primary... for the insanest jumping, the mostest high-fiving, and the fact I actually spelled their school name correctly! 🌟

Not only are these South Lanarkshire Jumpsters fueled by pure lightning, but they're also artistic geniuses! Check out the wallpaper in Room 14! Where can we buy it, Mrs G!? It's AMAZING - like all of YOU! ⚡



A TRIP TO THE ROYAL CONSERVATOIRE

Our P6/7 pupils who participate in brass tuition with Mr Pollock had the opportunity to visit the Royal Conservatoire in Glasgow, to enjoy a special performance by a brass band. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience, along with Mrs Braid (an award-winning brass musician in her own right!)



CRAWFORDDYKE CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS!

We had a beautiful day for this years Clydesdale Cross Country Championships, it has to have been the only dry day of the week! Everyone gave it their best and completed the course in excellent time. We are so proud of you all.

A special mention to our Top 10 individual finishers who will progress to the SLC Finals on Wednesday 25th March.

P6 Boys

4th Lucas Kelly

P7 Boys

3rd Mikey Laird

P7 Girls

3rd Isla Dickson

In addition to fantastic individual performances, the following team medals were won by the first 4 finishers in each race:

P6 Girls:	GOLD	Ella, Rebecca, Larisza & Jorgia
P7 Boys:	GOLD	Mikey, James, Maxx & Harvey
P7 Girls:	SILVER	Isla, Caroline, Neve & Paige



SPORTING SCHOOLS AWARDS CEREMONY

The Annual Sports Awards Dinner took place at Cornhill Castle on Friday 6th March and we were privileged to attend, along with our own Mr A! We are delighted to say that our school had lots to celebrate again!

We were awarded **Sporting Primary School of the Year**, celebrating our achievements in sport from January -December 2025! A huge 'thank you' to Mrs Williamson for submitting our entry, and to all those who play such a key role in delivering sport across our school. We have so many volunteers we couldn't do without, especially Mr Allan, Jenni Bennet, Miss Paterson and Andi Laird.



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Spotlight on Improvement

GROWTH MINDSET MANTRA FOR MARCH: MISTAKES ARE OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING



*"The most valuable thing you can make is a mistake.
You don't learn anything from
being perfect."
Adam Osborne*



Albert Einstein was a man considered to be a genius not only in his time but even now, as his name is often used to describe someone who has done something well. Here's what you might not know about him though:

- He was a late speaker – so late his parents spoke to doctors!
- He was a late reader.
- He failed his college entrance exams first time around.

So how did he do what he did – let's face it, he really was a genius in the fields of maths and physics. Well, to put it in his own words, Einstein often said it was not that he had a 'natural intelligence' but he had an **unceasing determination** to discover things! This determination would now be known as 'growth mindset'. When faced with failure he tried again and again and again! I think he is my new hero!

"Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new."

Albert Einstein

The only guarantee you have with your children is that they will make mistakes – both in their learning and their actions. It is incredibly important that we teach our pupils that mistakes are a part of this learning process by doing 3 things:

- Normalising mistakes: remind your child that mistakes are all a part of learning and that they should not be afraid to make them. Even as adults, we make mistakes every day: it is what we do NEXT that really counts!
- Value mistakes as learning opportunities: talk to your child about how they made the mistake, what went wrong, what would they do differently next time? Einstein said that the true definition of insanity was *"doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result"*. Help your child to see something a different way and try again!
- Coach them through the mistakes: above all, please don't tell your child why it is wrong, but help them to figure it out by themselves through discussion, questioning, reviewing what they did – whatever works best! Telling them why they are wrong and then moving on limits any kind of learning opportunity and prevents any kind of resilience in our children, who will now think they are always wrong but don't know why or how they can fix it!

Our children need to know mistakes are natural and nothing to fear, but something to embrace!



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YOUNG LEADERS OF LEARNING

Our ambassadors have been working alongside the pupils of High Mill Primary School to evaluate the work of our schools and get to know each other a little better! Led by Mrs Moffat, they welcomed pupils from HMPS and took them on a tour of our school. They even had time to enjoy a few games of chess! Our ambassadors will now enjoy a visit to HMPS this week!

GARDEN GANG SUCCESS

This has been a phenomenal term for our Garden Gang! A huge thanks to Mrs Cullen for leading this, very ably assisted by Mrs Ruiz. The Natural Play areas of Polytunnel have been transformed, and this is largely due to the army of volunteers that have shown up when the call went out. They have dug, shovelled, spread, built and planted to the point where muscles have ached!

A very special 'thank you' must go to Richard Gundy, who has given up his time and expertise to work with Mrs Cullen. Richard has not only donated his time, but has also given us amazing advice, provided a large amount of materials at no cost and worked through the cold and rain to ensure our Natural Play area is safe and useable!

We are extremely lucky to have the grounds we do at Crawforddyke, so looking after them is a vital part of what we do. It is a massive job, and we could not have done it without all those who showed up. Thank you so, so much!



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CARLUKE ROTARY QUIZ

Well done to 8 of our P7s, who attended the annual Carluke Rotary Quiz on Monday 23rd March at Kirkton Primary, with Mrs Anderson.

Team A - Jessica Mitchell, Imogen Turner, Logan Gracie, and Parker Campbell and Team B - Joshua Obinna, Jack Sneddon, Connor Martin-Edwards and Alex Madden did a wonderful job, representing Crawforddyke! So well, that they returned as winners! A huge 'congratulations' to Team A for bringing the shield home for the first time since 2009! We are proud of you all!



Congratulations!

SCHOOL UNIFORM



We are very proud of our school uniform at Crawforddyke Primary School. We believe that wearing a school uniform promotes this sense of pride, as well as a feeling of belonging in our pupils. We also know that a uniform ensures equity and equality among pupils, with children not pressured to be in the 'best of gear'! Please remember that we do not insist on school logos. Sometimes a plain white polo shirt, or a white shirt and school tie is enough. We also have a fantastic pop-up shop, with lots of new and almost-new items.

More recently, we have noticed a number of children wearing items that do not follow our uniform policy. As we approach our third and final term, please can I remind parents/carers of a few things.

- **Hoodies** are not part of our uniform. While we are providing our P7s with these, these are purchased from an approved supplier (in relation to health and safety as set out by SLC).
- Clothing with **slogans and brands** are not part of our uniform. While I know that children may like to wear popular items such as White Fox, sports brands, or items with characters/slogans, these are not appropriate for school and should be kept for home (or dress down days!)
- **Shorts** - cycling shorts should be avoided, particularly those that are extremely short. These are not appropriate for the school day. While these may be worn for PE, they are not part of our uniform policy.
- **Jewellery** - long chains, necklaces and dangling earrings should be avoided. These items are at risk of breaking, being pulled while playing, or being lost. Please keep these safe at home.

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WHAT'S COMING UP IN TERM 3

INFORMATION FOR PRIMARY 7



Key Dates

All P7 Pupils were provided with a transition booklet for CHS, with key dates within Term 3. There are a few dates we would like to highlight to you and would strongly encourage attendance at each event.

- For Pupils: Primary 7 Curriculum Visits by CHS (take place at Crawforddyke): 9.30am-11.45am on Friday 24th April, Friday 1st May, Friday 8th May.
- For Parents and Pupils: Wednesday 6th May - P7 Transition Information Evening - 6.30pm - CHS
Parents and pupils are invited to attend this event to find out more about the transition to Carluke High. This is where pupils will also be informed of their classes and can be measured for a blazer.
- For Pupils: Wednesday 20th May and Thursday 21st May - P7 Transition Days to CHS - 9.00am - 2.45pm
- For Pupils: Big Bash: Wednesday 10th June - 6pm - CHS
- For Parents and Pupils: Thursday 18th June - 6pm - P7 Leaver's Event - Crawforddyke Primary School

P7 Leavers' Event - Thursday 18th June - 6pm

We have made a change to the way we will celebrate our P7 leavers this session, mainly due to the numbers involved and the capacity of our gym hall.

Our evening event will incorporate 2 parts:

- The Leavers' Show - where pupils will entertain their guests!
- The Leavers' Assembly - Presentation of Ties and Graduation Scrolls

There will be an allocation of 3 tickets per family (this restriction is necessary due to the number of seats we have and the space in the hall.) The evening will begin at 6pm, with arrival from 5.30pm for our official photographer to get some lovely photos!

More information about the show will follow from your child in term 3.



P5-7 Prize Giving - Friday 19th June - 1.15pm

For any P7s being presented with a class prize, their parents will be invited to attend this event, much the same as parents of P5 and 6 pupils. We will aim to get these invites out by the end of May.

SCHOOL TRIPS

We have now booked all of our class trips, due to take place in Term 3. Information will be available to you through Parents' Portal.

We are overwhelmed by the generosity of our Parent Council, who have provided enough funds that, together with our participatory budget, means that there is **no cost** for the trips this session. They can do this due to the support you give throughout the year to fund-raising and school events, so thank you to all of you also!

The dates for the trips can be found on the calendar at the back of this newsletter.



SPORTS DAY - FRIDAY 29TH MAY

Due to circumstances outside of our control, we are unable to access the John Cumming Stadium for our Sports Day this session.

We are lucky to have an abundance of outdoor space at Crawforddyke, and we will make very good use of this to host our Sports Day here.

We have provisionally arranged the following times:

- 10am - 11.30am - P1-3 Races - John Allan Playing Fields
- 1.15pm - 2.30pm - P4-7 Races - John Allan Playing Fields



We hope to be able to welcome visitors, who can spectate from our large Natural Play area. More details will follow in term 3.

TERM 3 TOPIC - CRAWFORDDYKE'S COMMONWEALTH GAMES

Our topic across all classes in Term 3 will be the Commonwealth Games. Every class will be learning about a country from the Commonwealth and will be using an inquiry-based approach to find out as much as they can about it!

To share their learning with you, we will be hosting a showcase event on Friday 5th June (9.00am - 3.00pm), where parents/carers can 'drop in' to view the class displays at their leisure.



PARTY INVITATIONS - We know that many of you plan a party for your child's birthday, then ask us to distribute these. However, we are finding that this is taking up a lot of time, and we are often having to console children who do not receive them. As a school, we have decided that we will no longer be able to do this moving forward. We apologise for any inconvenience but hope that you understand our decision.

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TERM 3 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note that activities highlighted in **Yellow** indicate where parents/carers will be invited into school. More information about these events will be provided at the start of Term 3.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
20 th April N-P1 Transition Topic Begins	21 st April	22 nd April KELC to Rm1 - Jump & Read (am) P4 – 7 Interhouse Cross Country (PM) Childsmile Fluoride & Varnish P1-P4	23 rd April KELC to Rm2 – Small Group Visit (pm) P6 - R11 & R12 to New Lanark	24 th April P5-7 Assembly 9.30-11.30am – CHS Staff to Visit P7s (Drama, Music, Maths and Spanish) KELC to Rm1 – Small Group Visit (pm)
27 th April	28 th April	29 th April P7 SAMH Workshops Parent SAMH Workshop – 6pm	30 th April Football Festival JC Stadium 10am - 2pm	1 st May P1-4 Assembly 9.30-11.30am – CHS Staff to Visit P7s (Science, Art and English) Buddies to visit KELC 2pm
4 th May Holiday	5 th May KELC + P1 Woodland Warriors Session 1	6 th May P6 SAMH Workshops P7/S1 Information Evening – at CHS – 6.30pm	7 th May INSET	8 th May Thinking Circles 9.30-11.30am – CHS Staff to Visit P7s (ICT, Social Subjects, Technical) Buddies to visit KELC 2pm
11 th May KELC to Rm1 – Small Group Visit (am)	12 th May Select Pupils to Heriot Watt for STEM Project P3 - R5 & R6 to Almond Valley	13 th May 2pm - N+P1 Sharing Assembly P5 SAMH Workshops P4 - R7 & R8 to Kelpies & Falkirk Wheel	14 th May PTPS (CHS) to visit P7s	15 th May Clydesdale Track & Field JC Stadium P5-7 Assembly Buddies to visit KELC 2pm

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
18 th May KELC + P1 Woodland Warriors Session 2	19 th May KELC to Rm2 – Small Group Visit (pm)	20 th May P7 to CHS KELC to Rm1 – Small Group Visit (pm) P5 - R9 & R10 to Blair Drummond	21 st May P7 to CHS P1-4 Assembly P1 - R1 & R2 to Five Sisters Zoo	22 nd May Holiday
25 th May Holiday	26 th May	27 th May KELC + P1 Woodland Warriors Session 3 P2 - R3 & R4 to Almond Valley	28 th May	29 th May Sports Day John Allan Playing Fields P1-4 – 10am P5-7 – 1.15pm
1 st June	2 nd June P7's to Showcase – Bowling and Cinema	3 rd June P1 Transition (AM)	4 th June N+P1 Sharing Assembly in the canteen (9.30 am) P1 Transition (PM)	5 th June Whole School Showcase – Crawforddyke Commonwealth Games
8 th June	9 th June	10 th June P7 Big Bash Carlisle High School 6.30pm Whole School Transition Event 1.00pm – 2.45pm	11 th June	12 th June Saturday 13 th June Carlisle Gala Day
15 th June HOLIDAY <i>Go Scotland!</i>	16 th June	17 th June SL Track & Field Finals JC Stadium	18 th June P7 Celebration and Leaver's Event 6pm – 8pm	19 th June Whole School Prizegiving P1-4 – 9.30am P5-7 – 1.15pm
22 nd June	23 rd June	24 th June	25 th June School Closes – 1pm	26 th June

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PLAYGROUND ARRANGEMENTS FOR TERM 3

As we begin our summer term, we plan to use our pitches and natural play areas for play and lunchtimes. The timetable for this is below. Each week relates the [canteen menu](#). **We return on WEEK 2.**

Please can we ask that if your child will be accessing the pitches or natural play that they come with suitable footwear, particularly on wetter days. This will help to avoid mud being brought back into our school.

WEEK 1					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Primary 2	Muga/PG 1	Natural Play	Playground 3	Playground 4	Pitch 1
Primary 3	Natural Play	Playground 3	Pitch 1	MUGA/PG 1	Playground 4
Primary 4	Playground 3	Muga/PG 1	Natural Play	Pitch 2	Playground 2
Primary 5	Pitch 1	Playground 2	Muga/PG 1	Natural Play	Playground 3
Primary 6	Pitch 2	Playground 4	Playground 2	Pitch 1	Natural Play
Primary 7	Playground 2	Pitch 1	Pitch 2	Playground 3	Muga/PG 1

WEEK 2					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Primary 2	Playground 2	Pitch 1	Pitch 2	Playground 3	Muga/PG 1
Primary 3	Muga/PG 1	Natural Play	Playground 3	Playground 4	Pitch 1
Primary 4	Natural Play	Playground 3	Pitch 1	Muga/PG 1	Playground 4
Primary 5	Playground 3	Muga/PG 1	Natural Play	Pitch 2	Playground 2
Primary 6	Pitch 1	Playground 2	Muga/PG 1	Natural Play	Playground 3
Primary 7	Pitch 2	Playground 4	Playground 2	Pitch 1	Natural Play

WEEK 3					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Primary 2	Pitch 2	Playground 4	Playground 2	Pitch 1	Natural Play
Primary 3	Playground 2	Pitch 1	Pitch 2	Playground 3	Muga/PG 1
Primary 4	Muga/PG 1	Natural Play	Playground 3	Playground 4	Pitch 1
Primary 5	Natural Play	Playground 3	Pitch 1	Muga/PG 1	Playground 4
Primary 6	Playground 3	Muga/PG 1	Natural Play	Pitch 2	Playground 2
Primary 7	Pitch 1	Playground 2	Muga/PG 1	Natural Play	Playground 3