



Cairns Primary & Nursery School
October 2022 Newsletter



Dear Parents/carers,

It is difficult to believe it is Autumn time and we are on the run up to our October week's holiday. week holiday already. We have had a great start to the session with lots going on here at Cairns. It feels much more like 'our school' after the past couple of years of restrictions.

Following on from our successful open night, at the beginning of September, we saw the launch of our new 'Community Hub' on the 30th September '22. A huge thank you to all the parents who came along to support us as we launched, what we hope, will be the first of many events in this new venue. This was the key focus for our Participatory Budget Project last session

Our boys and girls have been extremely busy and you will find out more about what's been going on in our school later in the newsletter.

As you may be aware, a key focus of our School Improvement Plan this session focusses on Parental Engagement and involvement. We all know that, for a child to make the best progress at school, their parents and carers must be involved and play an active part in their education. One key way to support this is to ensure parents/carers know what is happening in school and within their child's learning. To promote our strong partnership working, next week will be our first 'Parental Engagement Week' here at Cairns. This will be a week full of activities and opportunities for parents and carers to come into school to be with their child in class and to participate in our Harvest celebrations. We will also have two sessions for parents to help our planet, and save some money, with our 'Rake and Take' re-cycle pre-loved Hallowe'en costumes event in our Community Hub. Please take time to have a look at the timetable below and come and join us if you can. We look forward to seeing you!

Timetable of events

Our Annual Harvest Celebration, as mentioned above, will take place in school on Thursday 13th October 2022 at 10am for our P1-3 pupils, and 1.30pm for our P4-7 pupils. Each assembly will be led by our House Captains. This year we will again be collecting donations for the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Foodbank. We have had reports that the foodbank is extremely low in supplies, therefore any donations of tinned and dried produce would be very gratefully received. If you would like to donate to the foodbank, your child can bring it to school before the 14th and we will arrange for it to be delivered to the Foodbank. We are always overwhelmed by the generosity of our parents and pupils to such worthy causes, even though we all know the cost-of-living crisis we are living in. Please do not feel pressured into donating and only give if you can. I thank you in advance for your help in supporting those in our community who are less fortunate than ourselves.

We have some dates for your diary and an update on this year's Participatory Budget, (PB) project for you to ready. We also have an update and overview on our after-school clubs and some class information to share with you.

As usual, if you have anything you would like to discuss with regard to your child, please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of the SLT. On behalf of the pupils and staff, may I thank you for your continued support and wish you a safe and happy October holiday when it comes.

Kind regards

Helen Gillan,
Head Teacher

Parent Council News and Information.

Our parent council had their first meeting of the session on Monday 3rd October. We were delighted to see some new parents at the meeting, and we hope that the numbers will continue to grow over the session. Look out for further info about our Parent Council AGM which will take place Monday 7th November at 6.30pm in the school gym hall. All parents/carers welcome!



After school clubs

As ever, we have a full program of After School Clubs on offer to our pupils. These clubs run from 3-4pm and are run by our teaching and support staff. This term we have had pupils attending Bollywood Dancing, Football, Netball, Choir, Lego, Coding and Mini Kickers. Our after-school club program runs throughout the year and pupils at every stage will have the opportunity to attend. Information on the clubs running in Term 2 (Week beginning 7th November) will be issued after the October break.

Burns Club

We are currently organising our after-school Bridgeton Burns Competition club, which will start after the October holidays. Unlike our other clubs, the Burns Club is only for pupils who will be entering the competition, for extra practise. We are limited to the number of children who can enter each category; therefore, we give children the opportunity to learn a bit of poetry and audition for the competition. There is a lot of time, dedication and effort required for the club and we believe this is the fairest way to give children the chance to take part. There are lots of categories to enter and even if children are not able to enter the solo poem or choral section they can come to choir and participate in the art section of the competition. Only pupils who receive a letter should attend Burns Club. We wish everyone luck as we embark on another year of fun Burns work!

Wet Mornings



As you are aware, autumn is definitely upon us and winter doesn't seem too far away! Wet mornings can be an issue for our pupils, therefore we would ask that you bring children to school as close to 9am as possible. When children are in the playground on a wet morning, they will be allowed access to the dining hall after 8.45am. Arrangements for drop off and collection does not change on wet days, therefore could we please ask that parents/carers leave their children at the gates and **do not** come into the school grounds., with the exception of our P1 parents. We again, appreciate your help with this matter.

Change of Shoes

With the rainy weather comes the risk of wet and muddy shoes! Our school is carpeted throughout and we would greatly appreciate if children could bring a change of shoes with them which they can wear indoors. This allows wet shoes to dry out and gives a comfortable dry pair for children to wear throughout the day, while keeping our school clean and tidy. Please check with your child regularly to ensure their indoor gym shoes do not need replaced, as sometimes they can become worn out quite quickly. If you need any support with this, please get in touch. Thank you again for your support in this area.

School App

Our school app is a great way to stay connected to the daily happenings at Cairns. You can use it to report your child's absence, check the school lunches, stay abreast of diary dates and received up-to-date information. If you do not already have our school app, ask for a leaflet on how to download it at our school office.



LEARNING

Class News

Our pupils have been very busy so far this term and many of our classes have been out on their first school trip of the session. P4 and P1 have both visited the Riverside Museum as part of their class topics, P2/3 went to the Sea Life Centre and our Eco Committee enjoyed a day out to Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum.

In addition, both our Netball and Athletics team have been out representing the school at various festivals and P7 have visited both Kirkhill Bowling Club and Cambuslang Lawn Tennis Club for a taste of sport.



Internet Safety Sessions

On Thursday 27th October, Ross Murray from our Chaplaincy Team will be delivering a parent session looking at Internet Safety. As we all know, online safety and issues around social media and internet usage by young people is a constant concern. If you would like to attend this session, please complete the google form to sign up. It is free of charge and welcome to parents/carers of all ages.

What's on!

Week Beginning Monday 10th October is **Parental Engagement Week**. We have a number of events happening this week to which all our parents/carers are invited.

Monday	<p>P2 – Families Connect information event (9.15-10.15am) P3 (10am) and P4 (11am) showcase event Nursery Stay and Play (Blue and Purple Groups ~ 10-11.15am) P3/P4 Nurture Group (1.30pm)</p>
Tuesday	<p>P2 (9.30am) and P2/3 (10am) Story and Craft Nursery Stay and Play (Green Group ~ 10-11.15am) P5/6 (1.15pm) and P6 showcase event (1.45pm) P5/P6 Nurture Group (1.30pm)</p>
Wednesday	<p>Nursery Stay and Play (Yellow Group ~ 10-11.15am) P4/5 (1.15pm) and P5 showcase event (1.45pm)</p>
Thursday	<p>P1-3 Harvest service and tea (10am) Nursery Stay and Play (Orange and Red Groups ~ 10-11.15am) P4-7 Harvest service and tea (1.30pm)</p>
Friday	<p>P1m (9.30am) outdoor walk P1d (10am) Nursery Stay and Play (All Groups welcome ~ 10-11.15am) P7 (1.15pm) showcase event P3-7s showcase event (1.30pm) P1-3b Stay and Play (1.45pm) P2-5mh Stay and Play (1.45pm) Community Hub – Halloween Pop-Up and tea (2pm)</p>

You are welcome to attend as many of the sessions that your child(ren) are involved in. Each session will run for 30 minutes after which there will be tea and coffee served in the Hub, located close to our MUGA pitch.

If there is anything you would like to comment on regarding our newsletter, or any aspect of Cairns Primary, please write your comments below and return to the school.

Alternatively, you can email us on office@Cairns-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk.

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