



Canberra Primary

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

We have come to the end of another happy, busy and productive year at Canberra. The children have excelled themselves across the board showing that they embody our school vision of nurturing, inspiring, committing and succeeding!

This last month is very busy, especially for our Primary 7 pupils who have their final transition events, Leaver's assembly and party to prepare for and enjoy. A number of classes are going on trips this month and are very much looking forward to bringing their knowledge and skills, learned through their topics, to life. Sports Day is on the 14th and our Sports Committee are beavering away making changes and pulling together a super event. Please come along and support your child if you can.

All that remains is for me to thank you for your support for your child and the school and to wish you a happy and restful Summer break.

Kind regards

Angela Heasman

Head Teacher

Dates for your diary

6.6/22.6	New entrant induction
1.6.17	Curriculum Evening
12.6.17	Parent Council 6.30pm
14.6.17	Sports Day 9.30am/1.30pm
14.6.17	Track & Field finals
16.6.17	Summer Coffee Morning 9.30am-12pm
20.6.17	P7 Leaver's assembly 9.30am
21.6.17	School discos 1-3pm
22.6.17	P7 Leaver's party 6.30-8.15pm
23.6.17	Save the Rainforest fundraising day
26.6.17	Parent Helper 'Thank You' Tea 1pm
27.6.17	Close for Summer break 1pm

Curriculum Evening

Our curriculum evening took place on Thursday 1st June and was a great success!

Lots of families attended and enjoyed participating in workshops and engaging with their child(ren) in the learning taking place within their classroom.

Some of our senior pupils took the lead in workshops and they did a wonderful leading the learning and showcasing their leadership skills.

Thank you to everyone who came along!

PARENT COUNCIL

The final Parent Council meeting of the year will take place on Monday 12th June at 6.30pm.

All parents/carers are welcome to attend.

Summer Break

School closes for the Summer break at 1pm on Tuesday 27th June and re-opens on Thursday 17th August at 9am (except P1-times to follow).

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School Uniform

Mrs McLean is taking orders for school uniform. Orders placed by 20th June will be received by the school for the in-service day on 15th August. Please ask your child to collect an order form from the school office.

Staffing

It is with mixed feelings that we say goodbye to a number of staff at the end of June.

Mrs Stewart is retiring after 28 years' service. Her experience and relentless focus on supporting children who find learning a challenge has resulted in positive outcomes for many children. She will be sorely missed at Canberra, however I know that she has plans in place to fill her days and will no doubt soon be wondering how she had time to work! We send good wishes to Mrs Stewart for a long and happy retirement.

Miss Dickson, who works with most classes in the school, is moving onto a very exciting chapter in her life, as she studies to become a teacher at Glasgow University from September 2017. Her cheerful disposition and creative talents will get her off to a great start and we wish her the very best of luck!

Mrs Roy has secured a post in Hamilton which is much more convenient for family life. She takes up her post when she returns from maternity leave later in the year. Mrs Roy is a talented teacher and it is with sadness that we see her go. Our good wishes go with her.

Mrs Norton has been with us since August 2016 and she has become a key member of the Canberra team. Her love of the children and her enthusiasm for teaching has made a great impact on Primary 1. Mrs Norton will move onto another school in August 2017 and we wish her the best of luck!

Mrs Miller will also be leaving at the end of June BUT thankfully just to go on maternity leave. Mrs Miller will return at some point in 2018.

This means that there will be some vacancies within Canberra. We already have confirmation that Miss Kirsty Robinson and Mrs Michelle Perrie will be joining us on a permanent basis from August 2017. More information about other appointments to follow.

A Year in the Life of Canberra Primary

2016-17

We thought that you would enjoy reading a summary of the goings on at Canberra this session!

Parent Events

- Meet the Teacher
- Primary 1 workshop
- Parents Evening
- Christmas Coffee Morning
- Christmas Show
- Christmas Service
- Burns Show
- Easter Service
- New Entrant Parent Induction
- Curriculum Evening
- Summer Coffee Morning
- Parent helper 'Thank you' tea

Extra-curricular clubs

- Netball
- Athletics
- Cross Country
- Football
- Arts & Crafts
- Teambuilding
- Animation
- Tennis
- Gymnastics
- Fun fitness
- Lego
- P2 sports
- Chess
- Board games
- Badminton
- Singing Club

Pupil Events

- Childline visit
- Zoo Education visit
- Hallowe'en disco
- Spy Quest visit
- Financial Education Week
- Santa's Grotto
- P6 Lunch Club
- Christmas parties
- Xmas Factor
- Pyjama Day
- P7 Anti-sectarianism events
- Burns theme lunch
- UWS student nurse visit
- P1 & 2 Childsmile
- Universal Connections visit
- Dance Showcase
- Bible workshop at Westwood Evangelical Church
- Summer discos
- Rainforest Day
- Bikeability - P5 & P7
- Big Consultation events
- Dress Down day
- Book fair
- Morrison's apple tree planting
- Remembrance
- Visit from Gabriel/Luvero
- Sports Day
- Infant Activities

School Trips

- P1 Science Centre
- P2 Riverside Museum / Local walk
- P3 Museum of Scotland/ Christmas Cracker
- P4 Vikingar
- P5 Amazonia
- P6/7 Scottish Parliament Bubblegum & Fluff The Passion
- P7 Anti-sectarianism visits Easter Code Lockerbie Manor
- P4-7 Cinema trips

P7 Transition events

- Volleyball
- Physics fights crime
- Music workshop
- Drama workshop
- Languages day
- Rugby
- Maths visit
- DHT visit

Sporting opportunities

- Handball
- Sportworx Games
- Sportworx Football
- Duncanrig Sports Leaders games events
- Rugby
- P6 swimming
- Netball/Athletics tournaments
- Cross country championship
- Track & Field championships
- P5 Games event

Committees

Meet every Friday 2-3pm

- Pupil Council
- Eco
- Health
- Friendship
- Rights
- Media & Achievements
- Sports

New Entrant induction

- Visits to all nurseries
- Parent Induction meeting
- 2x visit to class
- Meet Your Buddy event

Pupil Leadership Opportunities

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| • P1/P7 Buddies | Sports Leaders |
| • Monitors | Lego club leaders |
| • House & Vice Captains | Reading buddies |
| • Committees | Xmas Factor comperes |
| • Lunch Club | Workshop leaders |
| • Big Consultation groups | Parent Consultation leaders |
| • Technical operators - Assembly | |

Family Learning & Engagement

Research shows that family engagement has a BIGGER INFLUENCE on children's attainment than other factors including background, parents' education level, family structure and ethnicity. Did you know that home influences children's attainment between 60-80% whereas school only influences it between 20-40%! That makes sense when you think about it. Children spend 975 hours a year at school and 7785 hours a year in the care of parents and carers. Your child has been looking to you to help them learn and develop since birth and that is a job that we at school can help you with BUT you will always remain the primary educator of your child.

Some of the benefits of parental engagement are:

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| Higher levels of achievement | Higher retention of information |
| Better social skills and behavior | A greater sense of belief in their ability |
| More likely to go onto further or higher education | |

We want to work in partnership with you to develop a family engagement/learning strategy that works for the families of Canberra.

Please complete and return the attached questionnaire by Friday 16th June to help us make plans for better quality engagement opportunities next year. Thank you!