



Canberra Primary School and Nursery Newsletter 2

October 2022



Message from Mrs Heasman

Dear Parent/Carer

As we move into Autumn, the children are settled into their new routines, revision has been completed and our thoughts are turning to developing new skills and applying those already secured. Each year we set out our Improvement priorities which form our blueprint for continuous improvement in both learning and teaching. This year we are strengthening areas we have addressed over the past few years and are widening the number of curricular areas being taught, to enrich school life and the children's learning experiences. More information can be found below about how we will do this.

We are delighted to be able to invite our families back into the school and to strengthen our school community. The Parent Council is a great way to get involved in school life and to help us make important decisions. Please consider coming along to the next meeting on Monday 10th Nov or to contact the Parent Council by emailing the school office. The chair, Eilidh McGilvray, would be delighted to chat you through how the Parent Council works and to welcome you to join.

The half term holiday will be here before we know it and then Christmas will be on the horizon! We hope that our families enjoy the break when it comes and get the chance to rest and refresh before the fun but busy Christmas term hits!

Regards

Angela Heasman



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Dates for your diary



5.10.22	Flu vaccination
7.10.22	Poverty Day
10.10.22	Progress Week
10.10.22	Parent Council meeting 6.30pm - all welcome
17-21.10.22	October Half term break - return to school/nursery 24.10.22, 9am
25.10.22	School Photographs
27.10.22	Hallowe'en disco
28.10.22	STEM day
2.11.22	Nursery Open Day - new starts 3.15pm
10.11.22	Parent/carer and child consultations

South Lanarkshire Council Education Priorities 2022-23



Canberra Improvement Priorities 2022-23 (including Pupil Equity Funding)

(including



STEM and Inter disciplinary learning



It has been necessary over the last couple of years, due to the impact of Covid, for us to put our main curriculum and learning focus onto literacy, numeracy and health & wellbeing. This has helped us return children's attainment in these core areas to pre-Covid levels, however has come at the expense of the wider school curriculum. The wider curriculum is so beneficial to children's learning, motivation, engagement and interest in the world around them. As a result our School Improvement Plan this year focuses on STEM (Science, engineering, technology and maths) and inter-disciplinary learning (learning which makes purposeful links between curriculum areas, usually through a topic) as core components.

Teaching staff have started the process of providing high quality inter-disciplinary learning experiences by reviewing and refreshing the topics we study to make them relevant, matched to CfE and with a focus on equality and diversity. They are now involved in planning, with the children, to develop blocks of learning which have at their core an aspect of social studies and cover relevant learning from across the curriculum. This will give depth and breadth to the children's learning and will allow them to apply their literacy, numeracy and health & wellbeing skills in purposeful ways.

In addition we are adopting termly STEM days which will involve all children from Nursery-P7 engaging in a range of high quality learning experiences which develop skills and knowledge in STEM centred around core science concepts. The children will work together in their own stage and across their curriculum level.

Our STEM and inter-disciplinary overviews are below.

STEM overview

		Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Nursery-P1 Early level	Year 1	Planet Earth Space	Forces, Electricity & waves	Body systems and cells The human body
	Year 2	Biodiversity and interdependence Living Things	Electricity	Properties and uses of substances Materials
	Year 3	Processes of the planet Water	Vibrations and Waves Sound	Topical science
P2-P4 1st level	Year 1	Planet Earth Space	Forces, Electricity & waves Forces	Body systems and cells The Human Body
	Year 2	Biodiversity and interdependence Living Things	Electricity	Properties and uses of substances Materials and Conservation
	Year 3	Processes of the planet/ Properties and use of substances Water	Vibrations and waves Sound	Energy Sources and Sustainability Energy
P5-P7 2nd level	Year 1	Planet Earth Space	Forces, Electricity & waves Forces	Biological Systems/ Materials The Human Body
	Year 2	Biodiversity and interdependence Living Things	Electricity	Chemical Changes Materials
	Year 3	Processes of the planet/ Forces/ Properties and use of substances Chemical changes Water/ Substances	Vibrations and waves Sound and Light	Energy sources and sustainability Energy

Inter-Disciplinary Learning

Class	Block 1 26.9.22-2.12.22 <i>People in Society, economy and business</i>	Block 2 9.1.23-17.3.23 <i>People, past events and societies</i>	Block 3 17.4.23-16.6.23 <i>People, place and environment</i>
Primary 1	Me and my school community	Me and my family	Me and my street
Primary 2	Me and my local community	The Millenium (comparative study)	Katie Morag and island life
Primary 3	Me and my local community services	The Celts	Reduce, reuse, recycle
Primary 4	Accept (understanding the needs of my school community)	Influential Scots	Farm to Fork
Primary 5	Fair Trade	The Industrial Revolution	Scottish Landscapes
Primary 6	Big Issues?	Scottish Wars of Independence	Sustainability
Primary 7	Democracy	World War 2	Climate Change

Canberra Website



Our school website is currently under development as we move to a one page site. We hope to have it up and running in the next few weeks! In the meantime please remember to follow your child's class Twitter page and the school Twitter page for daily updates on learning at Canberra!

@CanberraPrimary
(P1)

@CanberraNursery

@CanberraRoom1

@CanberraRoom2 (P2/1)
(P4)

@CanberraRoom4 (P3)

@CanberraRoom 5

@CanberraRoom6 (P5)
(P7)

@CanberraRoom8 (P6)

@CanberraRoom9

Calendar of events

We have a busy year ahead and are delighted to be able to invite parents & carers into the school. Each class (Nursery - P7) will be performing a Showcase assembly for families, with P3 leading this

year's Nativity. The Nursery and Primary 7 will hold their assemblies at the end of the school year in preparation for moving onto the next chapter in their school lives.

The dates of our events are outlined below. Where possible these dates are fixed, however as you know, things can happen last minute which could result in changes. We will keep you updated about events throughout the year in our monthly Sways and through email.

Date	Event
5.10.22	Flu vaccination
25.10.22	School photographs
27.10.22	Hallowe'en party
10.11.22	Parent/Carer and child consultations
14.11.22	Anti-bullying week
14.11.22	Book Week Scotland
25.11.22	P2/1 Showcase assembly 1.30pm
28.11.22	Nursery Stay and Play week
9.12.22	Coffee morning 9.30am-12.00pm
13.12.22 & 14.12.22	Nativity (P3 showcase)
19.12.22	Xmas Factor
20.12.22	P4&5 Christmas party pm
21.12.22	P6&7 Christmas party pm
22.12.22	Nursery party am P1-3 party pm
27.1.23	P6 Showcase assembly 1.30pm
23.2.23	Parent/Carer and child consultations
3.3.23	P5 Showcase assembly 1.30pm
10.3.23	P4 Showcase assembly 1.30pm
20.3.23	Nursery Stay and Play week
12.5.23	P1 Showcase assembly 1.30pm
1.6.23	New P1 visit pm
2.6.23	New P1 visit am
15.6.23 & 16.6.23	P7 2 day visit to Duncanrig
20.6.23	P7 Leaver's assembly 9.30am
22.6.23	P7 party 6.30pm
23.6.23	Nursery celebration pm
27.6.23	Nursery party am