



Canberra Primary and Nursery Class
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Message from Mrs Heasman



Dear Parent/Carer

We are slipping into Spring and it is great to have longer evenings for the children to get out to play after school and nursery. We will also be spending more time outdoors during learning experiences.

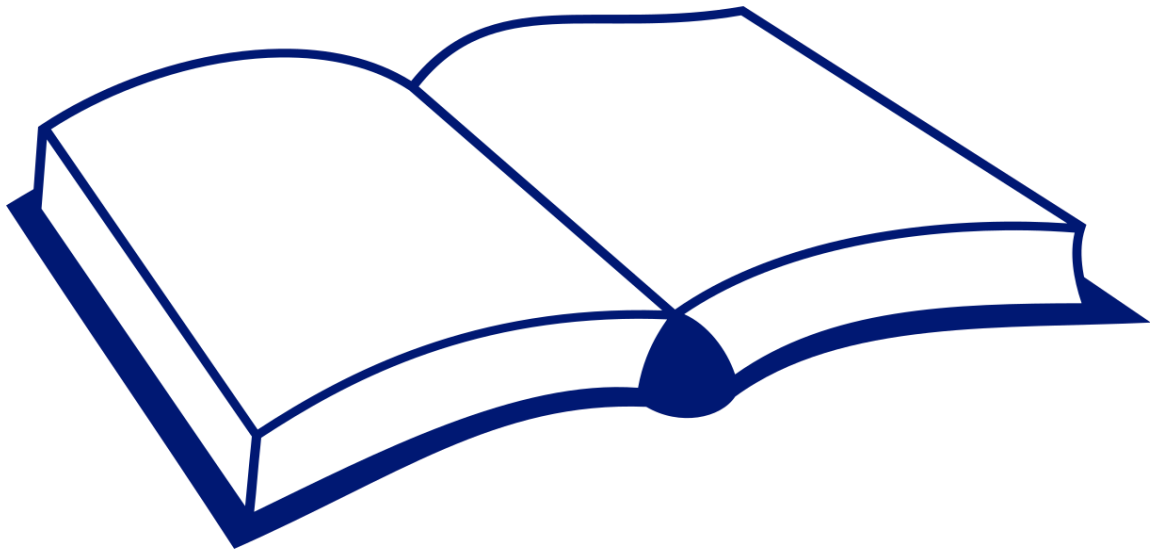
Please send your child to school wearing layers and a waterproof jacket to allow them to fully participate.

We are looking forward to meeting with parents/carers at our Consultations on 7th March. This is an opportunity to discuss your child's strengths, successes and next steps and to get a clear picture of their attainment in literacy and numeracy. Nursery appointments were sent out on Learning Journals and P1-7 appointments can be selected through ParentsPortal. Please contact the school office if you are having difficulty booking a slot.

Best wishes

Angela Heasman

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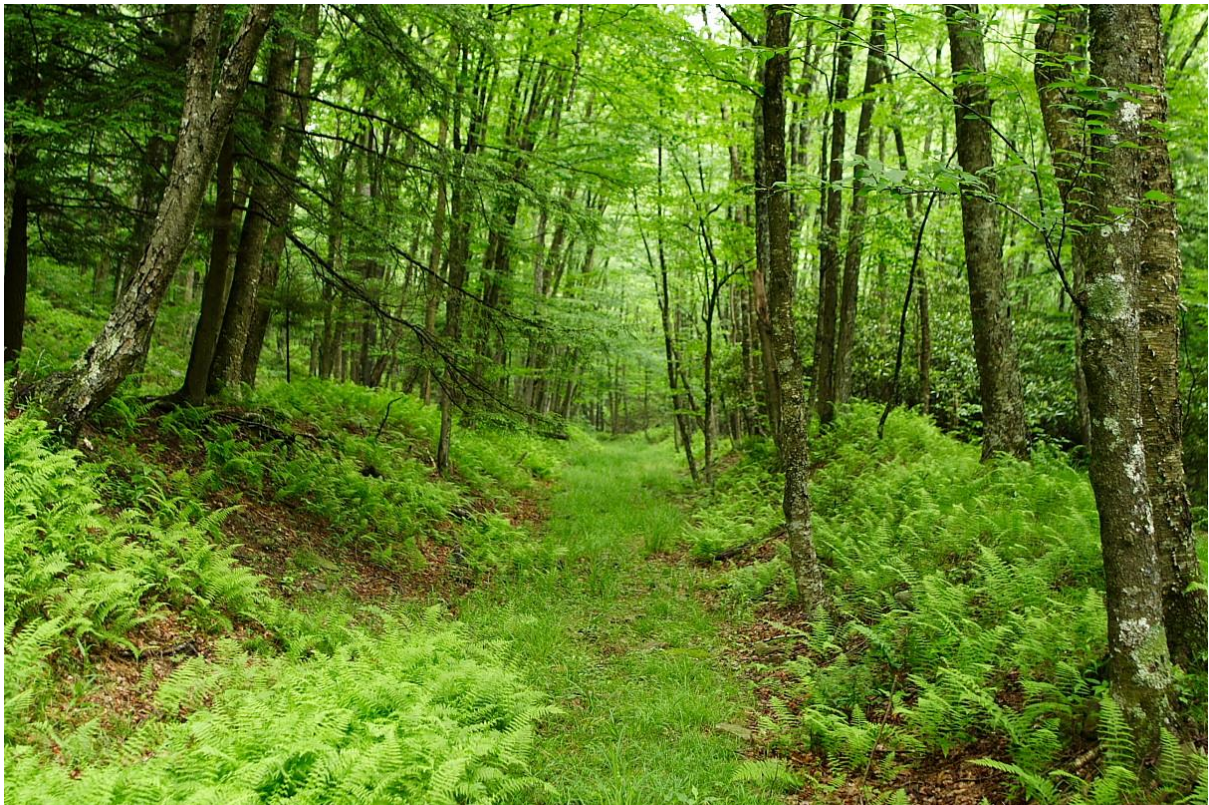
Dates for your Diary



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- 7.3.24 *World Book Day - Book Fair in school*
 - 7.3.24 *World Book Day themed lunch*
 - 7.3.24 *Parent/Carer Consultations 3.15-8.30pm*
 - 11.3.24 *Primary 4 Showcase 1.15-2.45pm (drop in)*
 - 20-27.3.24 *Nursery Stay & Play sessions*
 - 21.3.24 *Euroquiz (selected P6 pupils)*
 - 21.3.24 *P7 Rugby Transition Visit at Duncanrig*
 - 21.3.24 *P1&3 Showcases 1.15-2.45pm (drop in)*
 - 21.3.24 *P2 Showcase 1.15-1.45pm/1.45-2.15pm/*
 - *2.15-2.45pm (times allocated)*
 - 22.3.24 *STEM Day*
 - 26.3.24 *Online Millport prep. meeting (tbc)*

- 28.3.24 *Ramadan ends*
 - 28.3.24 *Easter service at Westwood Baptist Church*
 - 28.3.24 *House event - Big Quiz*
 - 17-19.3.24 *P7 Millport trip*
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Nature Adventures - Nursery & Primary 1



Mrs Kaczan and Mrs Bradley have been delivering an exciting nature based programme in our school grounds with our nursery children. The programme lasts for 6 weeks and covers a large number of the Curriculum for Excellence experiences and outcomes in Health & Wellbeing, Literacy, Science, Technology, Expressive Arts and Numeracy. In the last week parents are invited along to find out about the learning and to enjoy participating in outdoor nature activities with their children. Both children and parents have loved taking part!

Following this success Primary 1 and Nursery are now working together on their first Nature Adventures block of learning! This will take place on a Tuesday afternoon and we will be inviting parents along to the last session which will take place after Easter. The P1 children are very excited and we are sure that they will love taking part!

HMIe



We have been notified that His Majesty's Inspectors of Education (HMIe) will be inspecting the work of the nursery and school week beginning 18th March. This is a great opportunity for us to showcase the learning and experiences taking place in Canberra. It also allows our children to shine as they discuss their learning with our visitors.

All parents/carers have been sent a questionnaire to complete to give their views on the work of the school. We hope that you are able to do so and if possible also volunteer for a focus group.

The links to the questionnaires are below in case you missed the email.

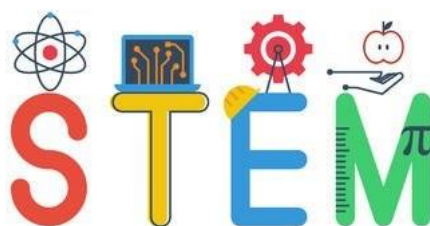
Nursery parent/carer survey -

<https://prod-es-onlineforms2.azurewebsites.net/10?lng=en&seed=8530629&cs=CS2019377092&t=1>

P1-7 parent/carer survey -

<https://prod-es-onlineforms2.azurewebsites.net/11?lng=en&seed=8530629&t=1>

STEM at Canberra



Learning in STEM subjects is key to preparing for a growing number of jobs and also provides children with hands on opportunities to learn about themselves and their world.

At Canberra we dedicate 3 full days a year to focused STEM activities. These are planned across learning levels with activities arranged to support and challenge children. This is a great opportunity for children to learn from and with each other across classes.

The theme for the STEM Day on 21st March is electricity. Perhaps we have some electrical engineers or electricians in the making?

STEM learning is also addressed throughout the year through focused learning in Maths, Engineering and Technology with additional science learning taking place as required.

Celebrating our Children's In-School Achievement

Each week we give certificates to children who have demonstrated the four Capacities.

Certificates for February were awarded to:-

Successful Learners (23.2.24)

Confident Individuals

Ollie

No certificates in February

Sarah

Jake

Olivia McC

Jackson E

Sophie G

Renee

Olivia R

Josh

Responsible Citizens (9.2.24)

Effective Contributors (2.2.24)

Isla

Lamiya

Toby

Eilidh

Hannah C

Aaron

Leo

Lewis

Max H

Olivia K

Eva

Kyle J

Evie

Jamie Mc

Kenzi

Jay

Michael

Jacob

Celebrating Staff Achievements

Miss Bryce

Miss Bryce is currently studying for a Masters in Education degree. She has passed all of her assignments so far and is preparing to hand in her next essay after the Easter holiday! She is great role model to the children as a Successful Learner!

Mr Hamilton

Mr Hamilton has been developing his leadership skills over the last year learning about the strategic leadership of Canberra, participating in Senior Leadership Team decision making, mentoring Miss Cosgrove in her role as NQT and being a sounding board and role model for staff. This led to him successfully interviewing for an acting Principal Teacher role at Mossneuk. He started in January and is enjoying the experience, although he does of course miss us here at Canberra! He is a great role model to the staff and a Confident Individual who we are sure will go far!

Mrs McNulty

Canberra nursery was chosen to present at SLC's first play showcase event in February. Mrs McNulty worked with Mrs Kaczan to create a fantastic presentation about the way that our nursery engages our children in nature. Mrs McNulty then presented to 12 different groups of Early Years and Primary practitioners at the event, inspiring them to support their own children to learn about their outdoor world! An amazing achievement and a very Confident Individual!

Parent Council

If you are interested in being part of the Parent Council please contact the school office and your details will be passed to our Chair, Eilidh McGilvray, who will contact you directly.

Remaining Parent Council meeting dates for 2023-24 are as follows:

29.4.24 Meeting 6.30-8.00pm

20.5.24 Meeting 6.30-8.00pm

8.6.24 Summer Fair

10.6.24 Meeting 6.30-8.00pm

The meeting on 29.4.24 will have a focus on preparing for the Summer Fair.

ParentsPortal



Almost all families (P1-7) have now registered for ParentsPortal. It is essential that all families are able to access this App as notices, invitations and information will be sent out to parents/carers through this medium. This includes Parent/Carer consultations and invitations to Class Showcase events, as well as updates about Canberra life. Please contact the office if you are having difficulty getting set up.

Useful Links



Parent Club Scotland: <https://www.parentclub.scot/>

Speech and Language Lanarkshire: <https://www.nhslanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk/services/children-and-young-people-speech-and-language-therapy-service/>

Parentzone Scotland: <https://education.gov.scot/parentzone/>

Infection Prevention and Control: Exclusion Criteria Page 20

[Illness Exclusion Criteria Page 20](#)

ChildSmile: <https://www.child-smile.org.uk/parents-and-carers/index.aspx>

Occupational Therapy, Building Independence for young people:
<https://www.nhslanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk/services/occupational-therapy/children-and-young-people/early-years/>

NHS Lanarkshire Children & Young People, Occupational Therapy:

Advice Line - Tuesday mornings 9.30 - 11.30am on 01698 753707

Twitter - @OccupationalTh4
