



Carrick Knowe Primary School

Newsletter

March 2024



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Dear Parents & Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy term in school, I can tell that staff and pupils alike are very much looking forward to a well deserved holiday! There has been a lot going on in school over the last few months, from P7 Residential Camp, a variety of excursions for various classes, sporting events, our Building Resilience event and parent consultation meetings. This is in addition to the day to day learning and teaching!

We end the term on Thursday with our usual visit to St. Anne's Church, Corstorphine for our Easter Service. Parents and carers are welcome to join us at 9.30am for this service. I hope everyone has a lovely holiday and keep everything crossed for an improvement in the weather!



Dates for your Diary:

28th March ~ Easter Service at St. Anne's Church

28th March ~ **School closes at the normal time for the Easter Holidays. We re-open on Tuesday 16th April for pupils and staff**

18th April ~ Swimming starts for P5 classes (until 27.6.24)

18th April ~ P4 -7 Parent Event “Listening to and supporting my child” 9am/6.30pm. Please refer to the form issued last week for details

18th April ~ P2 classes to visit Craigmillar Castle

23rd April ~ P7 STEM trip to the Forth Road Bridge

23rd April ~ CKPS Parent Council Fundraising Meeting via TEAMS 7pm

25th April/ 2nd May ~ P6 and P7 classes – “Mental Health Awareness for Children & Young People”

1st May ~ HT Drop-in 3.15-4.15

2nd May ~ CKPS Parent Council Meeting via TEAMS at 7pm. All welcome

6th May ~ May Holiday – **School Closed to pupils and staff**

7th May ~ In-set day for staff. **School closed to pupils.**

School re-opens for pupils on Wednesday 8th May at the usual time.

8th May ~ Internet Safety Event for parents/carers 6.45pm in school. Details to follow.

15th May ~ ASN Coffee Morning 9.15am – 10.30am in school

16th May ~ Parent Council Summer Disco

20th May ~ **Victoria Day holiday. School closed to staff and pupils. We reopen for everyone on Tuesday 21st May at the usual time.**

31st May ~ P1 parent/carer session for new P1 parents/carers (Aug 2024) 9am in the school hall

1st June ~ Corstorphine Fair

6th June ~ HT Drop-in 3.15-4.15

7th June ~ Sports Day (weather permitting)

7th June ~ End of Year Reports issued to parents.

11th June ~ Forrester HS P7 Information Evening 6pm - 7pm in Forrester HS.

13th June ~ CKPS Parent Council AGM 7pm in school

14th June ~ 9.30am - P1 Assembly for parents/carers

17th June ~ P7 ‘Quali’. Further information to follow

18th – 20th June ~ P7 Transition Days

19th June ~ P1 parent/carer session for new P1 parents/carers (Aug 2024) 2pm in the school hall

20th June ~ ‘Meet the teacher’ (pupils)

Classes to meet their new teachers for next session

21st June ~ Nursery Fun Day

25th June ~ 1.30pm – P7 Leavers Assembly for parents/carers

26th June ~ P1-7 Fun Afternoon

28th June ~ End of term service at Carrick Knowe church. **School closes for the summer holidays and reopens for pupils on Wednesday 14th August 2024**





P6 & P7 Cross Country Events

On the 11th March, our talented P6 and P7 runners, accompanied by Mrs Kane and Mrs Ross, represented Carrick Knowe PS in the Saughton Cross Country Festival. Mrs Ross said “Well done to **ALL** the runners who kept going the whole way through the mud!”

Big congratulations also go to Eilidh MacNiven, from P7 who was awarded a 5th place medal.

Also, on Monday this week, the runners attended the Inverleith Cross Country Finals at Inverleith Park with Mrs Ross and Mrs Kane. Mrs Ross said “Everyone was amazing, coping with the wind and freezing rain. Well done everyone and a special well done to Eilidh who was 16th out of over 180 runners”. We may have a future Olympian in our midst!

A big well done to everyone who took part.



Parent Consultations

Thank you to everyone who either came into school/nursery last week to meet with their child’s teacher or key worker or spoke with them on the phone. It is important to us that you are fully informed and involved in your child’s learning and we appreciate the time given to this.

The CKPS Parent Council were present on the days in school and were able to sign up some volunteers for upcoming events. If you missed them, please email Linda Swinson, our Parent Council Chairperson to offer your services!

Linda.swinsonpc@gmail.com

You may also have noticed one of our new Smartboards in the library. This was showcasing our updated Curriculum Rationale, which is still a work in progress. Our Curriculum Rationale should provide some insight into what it is like to be part of the CKPS Community. It should reflect our context, what we do and why we do it. It should also identify what makes us different from other schools.

Some parents and carers were able to have a look at this and provided us with some valuable feedback. If you were not able to do this at Parent Consultations, I would be extremely grateful if you could spare a few minutes to have a look and give some feedback by following the links below. The first link will take you to the Curriculum Rationale. It contains images, videos and text. You need to click on the flashing buttons to access each part.

The second link will take you to a form to provide some feedback. Thank you - it is much appreciated.

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Big Walk and Wheel Challenge 2024

Report from Mrs Buchanan

A massive thank you and well done to everyone who took part in the Big Walk and Wheel Challenge 2024. Results will be finalised at the end of April however, from first glance it looks like out of 2266 schools, we were 2nd in Edinburgh, 7th in Scotland and 70th Nationwide. A brilliant result.

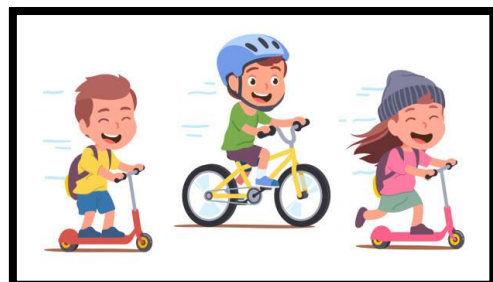
Congratulations to Primary 5 and Primary 6 who took part in their Bikeability Level 1 training. This took place in the back playground and pupils were given the opportunity to master their braking, gliding, cranking, signalling and balancing during an intense 2 hour cycling session. Some classes were even joined by our local community police officer, PC Fulton. The weather was on our side which made for an excellent two days. The children loved taking part and were so enthusiastic. A massive well done to everyone who took part!

Talking of bikes...as children grow, it is important they are riding a bike with the right size of frame for them. However, bikes are expensive, and children grow very quickly. I have been in touch with ‘The Bike Station Edinburgh’ who offer a ‘wee bike library’ scheme. This allows families to access children’s bikes for free and exchange them for the next size up as children grow.

You can sign up and reserve a bike via <https://weebikelibrary.myturn.com/library>

From bikes to scooters, well done to Primary 1 to Primary 4 who took part in a scooter-athon in the back playground. A little bit of drizzle didn’t put anyone off – even some of the teachers enjoyed whizzing around the course. A massive well done to everyone.

Finally, thank you to our fantastic group of JRSO’s who helped collate the Big Walk and Wheel data and helped with planning the activities for the scooter-athon.



Digital Technologies Filming!

On Monday, some of our staff and pupils were filmed by the Edinburgh Learns Digital Team to promote the work we are doing in school with regards to digital technologies. Some of us took more 'takes' than others! We will let you know when this is available to watch.



Finally.....

Have a very happy Easter, enjoy the break, eat chocolate for breakfast and I look forward to seeing everyone back at CKPS on Tuesday 16th April.



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Please let us know if you, or anyone you know, requires this in another language.

“Someone is sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago”.

Warren Buffet