



Carrick Knowe Primary School

Newsletter

February 2024



“Achieving Excellence Together”

Kindness Respect Responsibility Honesty

Dear Parents & Carers,
I hope you all had a good break during the half term holiday and managed to spend some time with your families. The days are slowly but surely becoming longer, and signs of spring are almost here! As always, unless the weather is very bad, we aim to have the children outside as often as we can so please remind them to bring a jacket to school each day, thank you.



Dates for your Diary:

- 1st March** ~ Celebrating Success Assemblies
- 4th March** ~ SumDog in P3 classes
- 4th March** ~ P1B to Corstorphine Library
- 5th March** ~ P1A & P2B to Corstorphine Library
- 6th March** ~ P3A – Trip to Chambers Street Museum
- 6th March** ~ ‘Theatre in Schools – Going for Gold’ for P5-7 classes *(funded by CKPS Parent Council)*
- 7th March** ~ P7 Girls event at Forrester HS (AM)
- 7th March** ~ Community Concert – Carrick Knowe Church (PM)
- 7th March** ~ P2B to Corstorphine Library
- 8th March** ~ World Book Day Assembly. Children and staff are welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite book character
- Wk beg 11th March** ~ Big Walk and Wheel Challenge Weeks (until 22nd March)
- 11th March** ~ P6 & P7 Cross Country Competition at Saughton Park
- 11th March** ~ P4 classes to Chambers Street Museum
- 14th March** ~ ASN Coffee Morning. 9.15am in school
- 14th March** ~ P6 classes to Chambers Street Museum
- 14th March** ~ CKPS Parent Council Meeting – 7pm in school. All welcome.
- 15th March** ~ First Aid Course for parents/carers who have signed up. 9am in the school hall.
- 21st March** ~ Parent Consultation Meetings 4pm – 7pm
- 22nd March** ~ Parent Consultation Meetings 1pm – 3pm
- 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

Values Definitions

Over the last term in school, I have been working with groups of children to come up with our own definitions for our school values. The children really engaged with this and did a fantastic job with this. We now have a definition for each of our school values, helping everyone in our school community know what they mean for us.

Kindness

In Carrick Knowe Primary School community, **KINDNESS** means looking after each other and including everyone. It means helping each other, sharing, and making others happy.

RESPECT

In Carrick Knowe Primary School community, **RESPECT** means treating each other as you would like to be treated. It means listening to each other and looking after our things. Respect is showing good manners and appreciating everyone’s differences.

RESPONSIBILITY

In Carrick Knowe Primary School community, **RESPONSIBILITY** means looking after and helping one another and looking after our belongings, including our world. It means following all our school values and behaving in a responsible way.

HONESTY

In Carrick Knowe Primary School community, **HONESTY** means telling the truth straight away and owning up to anything you have done. It means being trustworthy, brave, and true to yourself. It also means being able to say sorry.



Smart Board

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Last week, we took ownership of eight brand new smartboards which are now installed in classrooms. Smartboards are a key learning and teaching tool and are used constantly by class teachers and pupils. Having new boards which work efficiently can transform a teacher's (and pupil's) day! Another huge thank you to the Parent Council who generously funded four of these for us. It is very much appreciated by us all.



Big Walk and Wheel Challenge 2024

You should have received a letter from Mrs Buchanan and the JRSOs telling you about the upcoming 'Big Walk and Wheel'. As Mrs Buchanan stated, last year Carrick Knowe PS came 2nd in the whole of Scotland for this and we were treated to a performance from The 3Sixty Stunt Team as our prize. Let's see what we can do this year! How many of us can leave the cars at home and walk, cycle or scoot to school? The Big Walk and Wheel Challenge Weeks run from 11th – 22nd March.



Building Resilience

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Building Resilience event last week in school. It was lovely to have so many of you in school and in classrooms for part of the morning. The feedback from this event was very positive with most people stating the only thing we could improve was having you in the classrooms for longer! We are glad parents and carers found the session helpful and have posted the slides Mrs Iley and I used during our presentation on the school website. You can find these by clicking the link below.

<https://carrickknoweprimary.com/resilience/>



Winter Wonderland

Corstorphine Winter Wonderland took place last weekend and again Carrick Knowe PS participated. You may have seen the wonderful 'Under the Sea' artwork displayed on the gates of the school for people to view on their Winter Wonderland trail. A huge thank you to Miss Lewis and the children who volunteered their artistic talent to produce our piece of art.



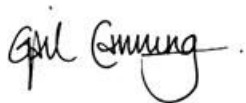
Trim Trail

The trim trail in the playground is very well used by all of our children. Maintaining it and keeping it safe for use is crucial but also very expensive. As you know we had our obstacle course fundraiser back in October and raised almost £3,000 to go towards this which was a fantastic amount. Unfortunately, the estimate we received to complete all the work required on the trim trail totalled nearly £10,000. As a result, we were beginning to think that our only option was to remove the parts that needed replaced instead of repairing them. However, we have been extremely fortunate in that a former pupil of Carrick Knowe PS has stepped forward to make an extremely generous donation to the school, enabling us to have the work on the trim trail carried out. This person wishes to remain 'in the background', but as you can imagine, we are hugely appreciative of this gesture and cannot thank them enough. This enables many, many more Carrick Knowe PS pupils to enjoy our trim trail for years to come.



Finally.....

As you are all aware, I send out lots of communication around parking safely and keeping all of our children safe. I also ask that you do not park across the driveways of our neighbours around the school. I was made aware of a near miss the other day when a child ran out onto the road outside of school. Although we do our best, we are unable to ensure that the road remains car free at drop off and pick up times and residents and blue badge holders are allowed at these times. It is therefore very important that all children know that they must be very careful and remain vigilant on the road at all times. We will talk to the children about this in school and would be grateful if you could reiterate this at home. In addition, the residents close to the school are now in contact with the police and their local councillors regarding the parking situation, so **please** be considerate when parking.



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

"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant."

Anne Bradstreet