Carrick Knowe Primary School Newsletter

October 2026

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Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you all had a good break during the October holiday and survived Storms Austen and Boelo over the past week! We have already embarked on a busy second term and, as always, the lead up to Christmas! Please see below for dates for your diary.

Dates for your Diary:



30th October ~ Parent Council Hallowe'en Disco –
P1-3 12.45pm – 1.30pm
P4-7 1.45pm – 2.45pm
3rd November ~ Young Carers Lunch Club in school
4th November ~ P1 Open Day – **for parents/carers of children starting P1 in Aug 2027**
5th November ~ P7 to visit the Scottish Parliament
5th November ~ P5 classes to visit Edinburgh Central Mosque
6th November ~ P7 reps to Corstorphine War Memorial for the Remembrance Service
6th November ~ P7 parents/carers Open Afternoon at Forrester High School
11th November ~ Remembrance Assembly in school
11th November ~ Some P7 pupils to Corstorphine Cenotaph for Remembrance Service
Week beg. 16th November ~P1 Book Bug Event & P2-P3 Read Write Count Event – further detail to follow
Week beg. 16th November ~ Road Safety Week – see below for details
16th & 17th November ~Local author Chris Maxwell in school
19th November ~ P7 Transition Event – FHS
25th November ~ Dyslexia Information session for parents/carers – 9am in school. Further information below.
25th November ~ P7 trip to the Risk Factory
26th November ~ P7 Family Ceilidh 6.30 – 8pm
30th November ~ P5 Football Festival at FHS
1st December ~ Young Carers Lunch Club in school
4th December ~ P7 Transition Event – FHS
5th December ~ CKPS Parent Council Christmas Fair
8th December ~ pm – P1-3 Nativity performance to the rest of the school
10th December ~ PM – Nativity Performance for parents/carers
11th December ~AM – Nativity Performance for parents/carers
14th December ~ P6 and P7 Christmas Parties
15th December ~ P4 and P5 Christmas Parties
16th December ~ P3 Christmas Party*
16th December ~ HT Drop-In 3.15pm -4.15pm
17th December ~ P1 and P2 Christmas Parties*
18th December ~ Nursery Christmas Party
18th December ~ Christmas Service at St. Davids Carrick Knowe Parish Church. **School closes for the Christmas holidays at the usual Friday time**.
We will reopen for pupils on WEDNESDAY 6TH JANUARY 2027. Please note that Tuesday 5th January is an In-service day for staff.

**Parents/carers of P2 children in the P2 class will receive a separate note about the parties.*

Students/Volunteers

Each year we welcome several students in different roles to Carrick Knowe.

Currently we have:

Grace Rodgers – Teaching student – P1
Kayla Black – Teaching student – P6A
Benita Trumpaite – HNC student – P2, P3, P4B
Jo Fraser – PDA, ESA student – P6
Kylie Bain – Student – P2, P3/2, P3

Most of the students are not with us every day of the week and are here for different periods of time. They are in addition to our fantastic volunteers who come on a regular basis to help us out in a number of ways – thank you Gemma, Pauline and Caroline!

We hope they all have a successful and enjoyable time in Carrick Knowe.





P1 Open Day

A reminder that each year schools in Edinburgh invite parents/carers of children who will start P1 the following year to visit the school they will enrol in. This year, this will take place on Wednesday 4th November. In Carrick Knowe PS, this will take place at **9.30am** and **1.30pm**.

There are posters displayed around the school with this information. If you or someone you know has a child due to start school in August 2027 and would like to visit our school, please come along. We look forward to seeing you.



Harvest thank you!

Our Harvest Assembly took place on the Friday before the holidays, and we would like to say a huge thank you again to all our families who generously donated food and toiletries that were then packed up by our P7 House Captains and taken to the Broomhouse Food Bank. We are acutely aware of the financial situation many people find themselves in and it is testament to your kindness that we were able to support the Food Bank again this year.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

This term we have a variety of extra-curricular clubs taking place in CKPS. This is not always easy as Active Schools can find it challenging to recruit coaches and we rely on the goodwill of volunteers. A big thank you to both staff and parent/carer volunteers who make this possible!

Monday lunchtime	P3 Football	Active Schools
Monday lunchtime	P5-7 Scripture Union	Parent/Carer volunteers
Monday after school	P6-7 Netball	Miss McAlpine
Tuesday lunchtime	P1-3 Drama Club	Parent/Carer Volunteer
Tuesday after school	P6-7 Running Club	Miss Owenson
Tuesday after school	P5 Dance	Forrester HS students
Wednesday lunchtime	P4 Basketball	Play2Learn coach
Thursday lunchtime	P4-7 Drama Club	Parent/Carer Volunteer
Thursday after school	P4-7 Glee Club	Mrs Hunter

Carrick Knowe PS Athletes
Report from Miss Owenson

On Monday 26th October, we took 26 children to Meadowbank Stadium to compete in the EPSSA Sportshall Athletics Competition.

With only 9 schools taking part and only 1 school progressing to the finals, unfortunately it wasn't to be our turn this time. However, our children had plenty to celebrate, coming out on top in several track races and field events!

Every child participated enthusiastically and gave their absolute best throughout the competition. For our P6 children, this was their first opportunity to take part in the event, and some were competing against P7 pupils, making their efforts particularly impressive. A huge well done to them all.



The children were an absolute joy to take on the trip. They represented the school brilliantly, demonstrating fantastic sportsmanship and consistently showing our school values throughout the day. We are proud of every single one of them.





Finally, a massive thank you to our fabulous parent helpers, Fiona and Kirsty, who joined us for the trip and bravely jumped straight into their roles at the deep end. Your help and support were greatly appreciated and helped make the day a success.

Well done to all the P6/7 athletes, you did your school proud.





P6A Book Mission



As part of our Make a Difference work (Building Resilience Programme), P6A decided to look at the school library. They were involved with moving the library to a new location, sorting out the current books and asking the wider community for support with adding new books to our existing ones. A box for preloved books (in good condition) or brand-new books is at the front of the school for any more donations (please see letter sent out previously from P6A for requested books/authors).

We would like to say a big thank you to the response that we have had to the P6 Book Mission. We have received many copies of both preloved and brand-new books for our school library. To everyone who has already donated, we would like to say a huge thank you!

Many thanks again for all the support with this - we can't wait to get reading our new books!

P6A and Mrs Clark

Road Safety Week 16th - 20th November

The JRSO representatives are excited to share we are celebrating road safety week in the week beginning 16th November!

They have been working hard planning a selection of activities for the whole school to enjoy and take part in.

On Friday 20th of November, we are celebrating the end of the week by encouraging children to dress brightly to highlight our 'Be Bright, Be Seen' message. All children can come to school dressed in bright or reflective coloured clothing if they wish.

A reminder letter will be sent out to parents/carers in due course.



Dyslexia Information Session for parents/carers

On Wednesday 25th November, Mr Paton, our Additional Support for Learning teacher will hold a session for parents and carers who would like to learn more about dyslexia. This will include signs to watch out for, what to do if you have concerns and what school would do at that point. A letter and form will be issued to all parents/carers about this soon.

Finally…. You may remember that in our last newsletter we were extremely pleased to announce that after much hard work by the whole school community and a rigorous assessment process, we were now a Gold Rights Respecting School. We have now received our banner, and this can be seen on the fence at the pupil entrance to the school. Again, a big well done to everyone!



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