

Canberra Primary and Nursery Class Newsletter no.3



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Message from Mrs Heasman



Dear Parent/Carer

We have had a fantastic first term and can't believe that we are already in October! Next week is Progress Week (P1-7) and we are looking forward to marking the progress and achievements of our children so far. The information that we gather will allow us to plan effectively for next term both in class and through targeted interventions for individual

children. This also gives us relevant and current information to pass on to parents/carers at our Parent/Carer and Child Consultations on 6th November. Booking details for these meetings will be sent out by ParentsPortal (P1-7) and through Learning Journals (Nursery) following the October break. Please sign up to ParentsPortal if you haven't already done so.

All children Nursery-P4 & P7 have enjoyed a school trip and P5 & 6 are looking forward to theirs on 4th November. They all report that a wonderful time was had and everyone learned something new whether it was about transport, Lanarkshire's industrial heritage or animals. A huge thank you to the parents/carers who were able to help make these trips a success by supporting on the day!

Next term is a very busy one with Hallowe'en and Christmas events taking place in the school. We are very much looking forward to this fun time of year and sharing the celebrations with our families! Look out for information about both special times in the coming weeks and months!

Have a great October break when it comes!

Best wishes

Angela Heasman

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Dates for your diary



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- 7.10.24 *Progress Week*
 - 7.10.24 *Parent Council meeting 6.30pm (all welcome)*
 - 14-18.10.24 *October half term holiday (return 21.10.24, 9am)*
 - 23.10.24 *School photos - all classes*
 - 30.10.24 *Hallowe'en disco P1-4 6-7pm/P5-7 7.15-8.15pm*
 - 31.10.24 *Nursery Hallowe'en party 10am*
 - 4.11.24 *Parent Council meeting 6.30pm - all welcome*
 - 6.11.24 *Parent/Carer & Child Consultations 3.15-8.30pm*
 - 11.11.24 *In Service day - school closed to children*
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Pupil Leadership



Our P4-7 Committees begin on Friday 11th October. All children P4-7 are members of a committee. The committee's first task is to write their 2 year plan for improvement. Our committees have contributed to significant change over the last few years and we are excited to see what they want to work on between 2024-2026!

Our committees have been reorganised and the new committees will focus on 6 different areas, noted below

Young Leaders of Learning - linked with Crosshouse Primary

Reading Ambassadors

Sustainability Ambassadors

Healthy Lifestyles Ambassadors

Rights Ambassadors

Equalities Ambassadors

As the year progresses we will inform you of the work of the committees and their progress in making sustainable and meaningful change - an aspect that was highlighted as highly effective practice by HMI in their inspection of the school in March 2024.

Primary 5 Values Work



Primary 5 and Mrs Burns (CCC teacher) are focusing closely on the school Values through the Religious and Moral Education (RME) programme. Each child has been issued with a Values Passport which will help them reflect on the Values and how the children can meet them through their daily lives in and out of school.

This focused learning will support our emotional literacy work and the development of positive relationships and empathy. The intention is to trial the Passport with Primary 5 this year with a view to adapting it to suit children in other relevant stages next year.

The Passport can be viewed below.

Our Values Passport

Second Level



Canberra Primary School

Name: _____

Class	Academic Year	RME Teacher

My Values Passport



Over the school year, your challenge is to try to complete each of the activities in your Values Passport that link to our core values of Respect, Honesty, Belonging, Inclusion, Safety & Honesty, as well as finding some of your own. Some activities are easier to complete, others are more challenging; some activities will need to be completed at home, others can be completed in school; some activities can be completed quickly, other activities will take a longer period.

The activities in your Values Passport not only link to our school values, but they also link to different aspects of our curriculum too. At the bottom of each page, you will find some blank columns; these are for you to fill in yourself. Can you think of your own activities that link to Respect, Honesty, Belonging, Inclusion, Safety & Honesty?

If you have done something particularly special or interesting linked to one of the values, you can add more information about it in the boxes on the back of your Values Passport.

Over the year, you will have the opportunity to be selected to receive the 'Canberra Values Award'. To win this award, you need to show how you have successfully worked towards each of our school values, completing the set tasks and those that you have added yourself.

Demonstrating My Understanding of Canberra's School Values.

Respect, Honesty, Belonging, Inclusion, Safety & Happiness

Value	Activity	Complete
Respect	Complete a 'Random Acts of Kindness Challenge Card.	
	What is Respect? Mindmap	
Honesty	Complete the 'Honesty' discussion cards.	
	What Does Honesty Mean to You? Self-Assessment	
Belonging	Where I Belong Star.	
	Belonging Acrostic Poem.	
Inclusion	Complete the 'Inclusion' display	
	Choose & complete one activity from the 'Diversity' grid.	
Safety	Complete the 'Safety' wellbeing indicator.	
	Create a 'Stay Safe Online' poster.	
Happiness	What is Happiness? (Happiness Balls)	
	Happiness Wall (Class will initiate and then include children from each class including nursery).	

Now add 1 more value of your own and create a linked activity for you and your classmates to participate in.

Value	Activity	Complete

Parent Council

The Parent Council supports the school by helping with decision making and raising funds.

They meet regularly and are an important part of school life. All parents/carers from Nursery-P7 are eligible to join the Parent Council. If you would like to find out more about the Parent Council and the work that it does please come along to a meeting, in the school, on the first Monday of the month, attending won't commit you to joining, but will hopefully provide you with the information that you need to make a decision about whether participating is for you!

Remaining Parent Council meeting dates for 2024-25 are as follows:

7.10.24 Meeting 6.30-8.00pm

4.11.24 Meeting 6.30-8.00pm

they travel around scoring points. These points will contribute to individual and school leaderboards that can be viewed by visiting www.beatthestreet.me/eastkilbride once the game commences. Top school teams will be in with a chance to win hundreds of pounds worth of sport and book vouchers and the game is designed to work for large and small schools. As well as prizes, players can also complete fun in-game challenges to win awards. See what's on offer by visiting your dashboard.

Create your Beat the Street account on the website at [beatthestreet.me/east Kilbride](http://beatthestreet.me/eastkilbride) or by downloading our Beat the Street App via Google Play or the App Store.

Add family members, and register a card to player profiles. Set up a team or join an existing one.

Start your journey. Find your nearest Beat Box using a paper or digital map and hover your card at the contactless Beat Box until it beeps and flashes. If playing with the app, tap the Beat Box icon on your phone and swipe to collect points.

Visit 2 Beat Boxes within an hour and collect 10 points for each Beat Box – this is 20 points for the journey.

Carry on your journey. Score 10 points for each extra Box you visit.

By playing with our Beat the Street App you can get access to exclusive features – collect Gems, choose an avatar, and raise the competition with our team leaderboards. There is so much to discover!
