



Canberra Primary and Nursery Class Newsletter no.7

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Message from Mrs Heasman



Dear Parent/Carer

We hope that you got through the gloom of January intact and are now enjoying seeing the lighter evenings coming in! We are very busy at Canberra this term and the children are working so hard making progress in both learning and social skills.

We look forward to meeting with our parents and carers at Parent/carer Consultations on 27th February. We are sure that you will enjoy seeing how much your child is progressing. We value your support in helping them continue to thrive and grow both as people and academically!

As we near the Spring Break we are keen to get out and about on another school trip. These trips will be funded by the Participatory Budgeting aspect of our Pupil Equity Fund money. This means that there will be no cost to families and we will be able to afford to pay for entry fees and workshops, as well as the cost of the bus which will allow for a greater range of places to visit. Nursery and P1-7 are currently planning where they would like to go and information will be sent home to parents/carers over the coming weeks.

I know that there have been some challenges with ParentsPortal. This 'app' is the method that schools are expected to use to communicate with families, as it is secure and stops the chance of accidental data breaches taking place. For clarity when a notice is sent home it will display as permission slip/notice. We have also been having trouble with hyperlinks for attachments, however we have had some advice from another school and hope that we have resolved this issue. Unfortunately the system doesn't allow the school to see what has been sent to families so we are unable to check if links etc are working correctly. Please bear with us as we navigate this new system!

The Parent Council have set a date for their Summer Fair of Saturday 31st May. They are in the process of organising this event and would be delighted for parents/carers to come along to meetings to help. More information will be sent out in the coming weeks and months.

We hope that you enjoy the half term break when it comes and look forward to seeing you at Parent/Carer consultations.

Best wishes

Angela Heasman

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Dates for your diary



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- 3.2.25 *Parent Council meeting 6.30pm (all welcome)*
 - 17-19.2.25 *Half term & Inservice re-open 20.2.25 9am*
 - 20-21.2.25 *Nursery grandparents Stay & Play*
 - 27.2.25 *Parent/Carer consultations and Bookfair*

- 3.3.25 *Parent Council meeting 6.30pm (all welcome)*
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Burns Show and Scottish Day



Thank you to everyone who was able to come along to our Burns Show on 23rd January. The children's performances were fantastic and we enjoyed a lively show!

The nursery also had a fabulous day learning about Burns and all things 'Scottish' including making haggis pompoms and tasting traditional Scottish food!

The adult raffle raised £139 for school and nursery funds -a fantastic sum.

Progress Week



Progress Week took place in the last week of January for P1-7. This was an opportunity for the children to pause, reflect and showcase their learning so far this year. The information gathered from observations and assessments during Progress Week, in combination with ongoing classwork, is used by teachers' to make professional judgements about each child's strengths, attainment and next steps. This helps them to plan appropriate learning activities for each child and to report to parents/carers.

Parent/Carer consultations (Nursery-P7) will take place on Thursday 27th February and this is a great opportunity for parents to come along with their child to discuss their progress and next steps. An attainment report (P1-7), which details your child's attainment in line with Scottish National Expectations, will be issued prior to Parent/Carer consultations providing a written record of your child's attainment as of February 2025.

Information about booking Parent/Carer consultations will be sent out week beginning 3rd February.

Wish List

We have taken on board a suggestion from the Parent Council to include a 'Wish List' of items that the school is trying to source each month. This will alert parents/carers to items that we need and to support the school if they are able. For sustainability we hope to be able to reuse items as much as possible, so please don't feel that you have to buy something new. Items should be handed into the school office or class teacher. Thank you in advance for your support.

February's wish list is below.

February wish list

Soil for planters

Old measuring jugs

Rope

Bits of piping

Nuts and bolts

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:

3.2.25 Meeting 6.30-8.00pm

3.3.25 Meeting 6.30-8.00pm

6.5.25 Meeting 6.30-8.00pm

31.5.25 Summer Fair

2.6.25 Meeting 6.30-8.00pm
