

Cairney School aspires to be a happy, safe and inclusive learning community where everyone is treated fairly and with respect and encouraged to be the best they can be. Through high-quality, enjoyable, learning experiences, we strive to inspire and challenge our learners to achieve their fullest potential. In our school, learning is an active, exciting, positive experience. We work in partnership with parents, carers and the wider community to enable our children to become

- Successful Learners, Confident Individuals, Responsible Citizens and Effective Contributors.



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Dear Parents/Carers,

School improvement planning

Last month we invited everyone to complete a questionnaire to get your views about the school. 6/8 questionnaires were returned and these are summarised as follows:

		Strongly agree	Agree	Dis-agree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	Un-answered
1	My child likes being at this school	5	2	1	0	0	0
2	Staff treat my child fairly and with respect	6	2	0	0	0	0
3	I feel that my child is safe at school	6	2	0	0	0	0
4	The school helps my child feel confident	5	3	0	0	0	0
5	I feel staff really know my child as an individual	6	2	0	0	0	0
6	My child finds learning activities hard enough	4	4	0	0	0	0
7	My child receives the help they need to do well	5	3	0	0	0	0
8	My child is encouraged to be healthy and take regular exercise	6	1	0	0	1	0
9	The school supports my child's emotional wellbeing	4	4	0	0	0	0
10	My child is making good progress at school	5	3	0	0	0	0
11	I receive helpful information about how my child is doing e.g. informal feedback, reports	6	2	0	0	0	0
12	The information I receive about how my child is doing reaches me at the right time	6	1	1	0	0	0
13	I understand how my child is assessed	3	5	0	0	0	0
14	The school gives me advice on how to support my child's learning at home	4	4	0	0	0	0
15	The school organises activities where my child and I can learn together	4	2	1	0	0	1

16	The school takes my views into account when making changes	2	4	0	0	1	1
17	I feel comfortable approaching the school with questions, suggestions and/or a problem	3	5	0	0	0	0
18	I am kept informed about the work of the Parent Council and/or parent association	2	1	2	0	1	2
19	I feel encouraged to be involved in the work of the Parent Council and/or parent association	1	3	1	0	1	2
20	I am satisfied with the quality of teaching in the school	5	3	0	0	0	0
21	The school is well-led and managed	6	2	0	0	0	0
22	The school encourages children to treat others with respect	4	4	0	0	0	0
23	I would recommend the school to other parents	6	2	0	0	0	0
24	Overall I am satisfied with the school	5	3	0	0	0	0
25	The school deals with bullying	3	3	0	0	1	1
26	My child was supported if they moved to a new school within the last year	2	3	0	0	1	2

Some of the comments you made:

You said:

'I always feel comfortable leaving my child at school. I feel that she has lots of support and is doing brilliantly because of that.'

What we are doing:

The after school Art Club is run all year by a couple of our parents – Ms. Mackrory and Mr. Bowden. If anyone else wishes to offer their talents/time/interests with us to enrich the children's experiences, please don't be shy – please let us know!! We would love you to share your hobby or interests with the children!

We have run two STEM family learning opportunities this school year (December and March). We plan to offer more next year in different curricular areas! 😊

Thank you to all for taking the time to complete the questionnaire and for your ideas and comments. 😊

We do not have a Parent Council or Parent Association at the moment at Cairney School.

The information that you provided will help us to decide what to look at next to improve the school. The main area for improvement identified was more school clubs and activities provided outside the classroom. We will be looking at your responses in conjunction with those made by staff and pupils as we plan our school improvement priorities for next session

All returned questionnaires were entered in to a prize draw and the winner was Ms. Stuart 😊

News from the staffroom

Next week, we are delighted to welcome back Mr. Main, our music visiting specialist teacher, who will be working with the children on Tuesdays.

News from the classroom



Work on our 'Goblin car' is progressing well under the supervision and guidance of John (our STEM Ambassador). This project is designed to develop the children's enthusiasm about STEM subjects and develop team work and problem solving skills.



You can find more information about the project at:

<https://www.greenpower.co.uk/about>

We are also building other cars on a smaller scale as part of a project with Primary Engineer and are learning about electrical circuits, friction, streamlining and using tools safely as we build and test our designs. We continue to find out about our natural environment as part of our John Muir project and are frantically trying to get our film finished so it is ready to submit to the Scottish Natural Heritage Camera Trap competition.



In Maths we are learning about the properties of shape and through our number work are learning about fractions, decimal numbers, algebra and negative numbers. In our writing lessons we are learning to write poetry and traditional tales.

Dates for your diary

Monday 7th May: May Day holiday: school closed

28th May – 1st June: P7 residential trip to Dalguise with Glass, Kennethmont, Drumblade, and Premnay Schools

Monday 4th June – Local holiday: school closed

Wednesday 4th July: Commonwealth Sports Day event at Kennethmont School (*details to follow*)

Friday 6th July – school closes for the summer holidays

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Kim C Aplin
Head Teacher



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Parent comments and Ideas

Please share your child/children's out of school achievements

Name:

Signed: