

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,

News from the staffroom

Mrs. Sutherland has resigned her post at Cairney School. Her last full day in school will be Thursday 24th May. However she will be back between now and the summer holiday to continue to work with the children in PE so it isn't goodbye! We are all sorry that she won't be teaching on Wednesdays and Thursdays anymore. We wish her all the best and many thanks for all her hard work and contributions to the school.

Miss Robertson has been appointed to replace Mrs. Sutherland and we look forward to welcoming her to Cairney School. Miss Robertson is an experienced teacher and will join us at Cairney on Wednesday 30th May.



Pupil Equality Funding

Many thanks for the suggestions for how we might spend the Pupil Equality Fund (which is allocated by the Scottish Government). ***This money is specifically to help close the attainment gap, improve attainment and support our children to achieve their best.*** There are strict guidelines and restrictions as to how it can be spent as it must be spent to help achieve these aims.

Below are the suggestions that were made by families in the school and what we plan to do:

Suggestion made	We what we plan to do
ICT software to support Literacy and Numeracy available for use in school and accessed at home	We plan to buy an annual subscription to 'Sumdog' which provides engaging learning for maths, spelling, and grammar. As pupils work, it adapts questions personally to each individual, which progresses them through the curriculum. We plan to continue to use 'Teach your Monster to Read' which is a phonics and reading game to help children who are in the first few years of learning to read. Both these are played on line via apps on the iPad.
Support for Resilience Building, potentially in conjunction with the other Cluster schools.	The Huntly Cluster Schools' Pupil Support Workers are currently developing a programme for use in schools to build children's resilience. We plan to work with this programme and will consider developing materials for parents/carers too.
Learning programmes that support pupil/parent/carer joint learning related to Health and Wellbeing.	Research has shown that physical activity and Outdoor Learning improves children's physical fitness, their confidence and self-esteem. We plan to look at increasing physical activity and Outdoor Learning in school building on what we have achieved this

	year in school and offer/provide family learning events in these areas too.
Outdoor equipment	<i>as above</i>
Swimming lessons and topical school trips	We will continue to organise educational trips related to the children's learning as often as we can. We will explore different ways of funding trips e.g. applying for grants etc. so we can offer as many trips as possible during the school year.

From our own self-evaluation activities that help us to identify areas for improvement and development, we have identified a need to focus on further developing the children's mental maths agility and to continue to engage parents and carers in family learning opportunities in order to support children's learning. We are therefore allocating some of the PEF money to address these areas through maths homework packs, STEM activities and a programme for teaching mental maths in school.



Safety in the sun

It is lovely to see the weather improving at last! We will be outside as much as possible when the weather is nice so if you wish to provide a hat and/or sun tan cream for your child/children to have in school we will be happy to encourage the children to use them!

P6/7 trip to Dalguise

We leave for Dalguise on Monday at approximately 11.15am and return on Friday afternoon. We are looking forward to trying new things and spending time with P6 and P7 pupils from Glass, Kennethmont, Drumblade and Premnay Schools. Fingers crossed that the weather stays good!!

Art Club

There will be no Art club on Monday 28th May. The next Art club will be on Monday 11th June.

Primary Engineering Event

We had a great time last week at the Primary Engineering Event. Our cars were rigorously tested and assessed by the judges and we came away with medals and certificates. Well done team Cairney!!



Dates for your diary

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

Monday 4th June – Local holiday: school closed

Tuesday 12th June – STEM Champions training day for P5-7 pupils at Cairney (*details to follow*)

Friday 15th June – Outdoor Learning Day with Forge school at Cairney

Saturday 16th June – Goblin Car event (P5-7) at Alford Transport Museum

Monday 18th June – Friday 22nd June – P7 transition days to The Gordon School. New P1 pupils in school

Thursday 28th June – Trip to Leith Hall for meadow planting project(*details to follow*)

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

Parent comments and Ideas

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

Name:

Signed: