

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

We have still been unable to fill the vacancy created by Miss Robertson's departure last term. Until we do, I will continue to teach the children full time. Mrs. Wills (visiting art specialist teacher) is working with the children on Tuesday mornings.

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.



Mr Barclay made us delicious pancakes

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
Purchase ear defenders and better floor cushions	<i>We will continue to purchase resources that allow every child to succeed and to maximise every child's potential including resources that help to reduce the effect of sensory overload as appropriate for individual children</i>
Outdoor equipment and gym equipment	<i>Research has shown that physical activity and outdoor learning improves children's physical fitness, their confidence and self-esteem. We will continue to increase physical activity and outdoor learning in school and build on what we have achieved in the past two years in school)</i>
Swimming lessons and topical school trips	<i>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</i>

From our own self-evaluation activities that help us to identify areas for improvement and development, we have identified a need to continue to focus on further developing the children's

math's skills, to support the development of and improve aspects of literacy and to provide a wider range of lunchtime and after school clubs for the children. The PEF money will therefore be used to purchase an annual subscription to Sumdog for all pupils, to purchase of a number of annual licenses for 'Nessy' reading and spelling and additional copies of Clicker 7 software and to purchase a variety of resources for extracurricular activities.

Trip to the Science Centre and the HMT Aberdeen

We are in the process of organising a whole day trip to Aberdeen on 13th June. In the morning we will be visiting Aberdeen Science Centre for a workshop about Crime Scene Chemistry and Science on the Spot. We will eat our packed lunch at the Science Centre and then in the afternoon we will be going to His Majesty's Theatre to see Madagascar the Musical. *Details to follow.*

Dates for your diary

Monday June 3rd – Local holiday: school closed

Thursday 13th June – school trip to Aberdeen

Monday 17th June – Friday 21st June – P7 transition days to The Gordon Schools. Our new P1 pupils will be in school during this week.

Friday 5th July – school closes for the summer holidays

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Kim C Aplin
Head Teacher



Identifying invertebrates from Cairnie Burn



Busy sowing seeds of plants that will attract insects to the eco garden

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Parent comments and Ideas

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

Name:

Signed: