

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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Cairney School Newsletter No. 3: 4th November 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Term 2 has started and we are already beginning preparations for our Christmas Show. The show this year is Hansel and Gretel and the children will begin learning the songs and words this week. Please help them to learn the words at home too!



News from the staffroom

John Forrest, who is a STEM ambassador, has been back into school and continues to work with our Goblin car team so we are ready for the Green Power event in Alford next June! We welcome back Mrs. Wills, an art visiting specialist teacher, who will be working with the children on Tuesdays up until the Christmas holidays. We have still been unable to fill the vacancy created by Miss Robertson's departure in March. Until we do, I will continue to teach the children full time. To allow me to undertake my Head Teacher responsibilities, supply teachers will teach the children occasionally this term.

Goblin Team!

After school clubs

The gardening club is proving very popular with the children! Mrs. Reeve plans to continue to run the club on Tuesdays after school during the winter months. Now the dark nights are here, there is plenty to do inside to keep everyone busy and to ensure the garden and our outside space keep developing and improving! What a difference there is to the Eco Garden already! 😊

Ms. Mackrory and Mr. Bowden will be running the art club again on Mondays after school beginning on Monday 11th November. They will be working with the children to produce the backdrops for the Christmas show. This is a huge job and is always done to a very high standard by the club. 😊

A huge thank you to Mrs. Reeve, Ms. Mackrory and Mr. Bowden! 😊

News from the classroom

We are learning to write instructions this term and in Maths we are concentrating on our number work including improving our adding and subtracting, negative numbers and comparing and ordering numbers. Later on this term we will be learning about Space and developing our acting and singing skills!

School closures and transport changes

Winter has arrived and we have already had a few frosty and icy mornings. The children will be bringing home an activity booklet very soon which can be used in the event of the school being closed.

Parents/carers can receive online alerts about school closures and changes to school transport by signing up for notifications through *myaccount* on the Aberdeenshire Council website – if you currently pay for school meals online, you will already be registered.

Road Safety Magic Show

P1-3 pupils from Glass School will join our P1-3 pupils on Monday for the Road Safety Magic Show. This will be a fun afternoon where the children learn about road safety through watching and taking part in a magic show.

Outdoor Learning / River Day at Glass School

We had a great day of outdoor learning activities at Glass School at the end of last term. I would like to say a big thank you to Dr. Al Reeve and his colleagues who lead the day. The children from both schools had a fabulous day which included kick sampling the river and identifying the animals found, looking for evidence of animals and birds in the wood and thinking about conservation and invasive species through playing games. A super day!



Kick sampling!



STEM Family Learning Afternoon

It was lovely to see so many of you at our event last Tuesday afternoon. Thank you for coming along and supporting this event and for your enthusiastic participation! We think it is really important that you have the opportunity to come into school and work with your children and see for yourselves what learning 'looks like' in school. We are planning to offer further events during the school year and look forward to hopefully seeing you again 😊.

Clothing

Please can you ensure that the children's clothing/belongings are clearly labelled with their name. We have had a few mix ups recently with sweat shirts. If the children have a spare pair of wellies that they can bring and leave in school, that would be really helpful as it means we can go outside for our learning whatever the weather. Thank you.

Dates for your diary

Monday 18th November and Tuesday 19th November: School closed for In-service days

Friday 20th: December: Christmas Party. School closes for Christmas.

Monday 7th: January: School opens for Term 3

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Kim C Aplin
Head Teacher



Gardening Club!

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Parent Comments and Ideas

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

Name:

Signed: