

Carnagill Community Primary School Newsletter



We never judge a book by its cover

Friday 25th January 2019

Dear Parents

The new term has started in a very positive way with some new initiatives introduced to teach reading across school and continued development of writing and Maths. This week Mrs Barnes (specialist leader of education for Maths) worked in some of our classes as well as leading staff training to develop the planning and teaching of Maths.

Since September, we have made great improvements to teaching and learning across school. Chris Keeler, an independent education consultant and ex inspector, visited the school and noted that these changes are starting to show impact. As part of his recommendations for the school, we are now working on developing these changes further and ensuring consistency and progression throughout school.

I will continue to update you in the fortnightly newsletters to ensure that you are fully aware of the progress we are making as a school.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Louise Newport
Headteacher

Rapid Improvement Committee Update

The Rapid Improvement Committee (RIC) met again on 22nd January 2019. Mrs Newport (HT) updated us on Improvement Priority 2 – “to improve the quality of teaching, learning and assessment”, and took us on a Learning Environment Walk. We visited all the classrooms and noted the improvements in the learning walls, displays, and resources available to assist children in their learning. All classrooms are tidy, bright and displays are focussed on key tasks and skills, which complement the teaching. Writing features strongly in the displays and this was a particular area identified for improvement following the Ofsted report.

We received an update from Mrs Newport and Mrs Shaw on Improvement Priority 3 – “to raise achievement for all children across school”. They presented some data on pupil progress in English and Maths across the whole school. The RIC were very pleased to note that the improvements that have been put in place since the Ofsted inspection are bearing fruit and attainment has been raised across the whole school. There are still some areas to work on, but everyone has a clear understanding of what still needs to be done, and all staff continue to show dedication and commitment to achieving the best out of every pupil.

The HT and DHT also gave us feedback on Improvement Priority 1 - “to improve the quality of leadership at all levels”. The school is working with a number of external partners to support them in all areas of Improvement, and the feedback from these partners is extremely encouraging. They consider the Senior Leadership team (HT and DHT) to be strong, and this is driving improvement and benefitting all staff across the board.

Mairi Featherstone
Co-opted Governor

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Reading

We encourage all of our children to read as much as possible at home. If your child manages this, they will receive a raffle ticket. Each week in celebration assembly (Friday), Mrs Shaw will draw the raffle with the winners receiving a book!

Friends of the School

Save the date – Tuesday 12th February at 4.30pm. Film night!

The Friends of the School will also be having a second hand uniform and book stall. Please start to collect good quality uniform and books.

Parent Charter

Our parent charter which was sent out to all parents last academic year is on display around the school. It is also attached for your information. We expect all parents, carers and visitors to the school to communicate with school staff in a respectful manner at all times.

Diary Dates

Friday 22 nd February	3.30pm	Year 1 Phonics Parents Meeting
Tuesday 19 th March	3.30pm	Parents Evening
Wednesday 20 th March	3.30pm	Parents Evening
Friday 12 th April	3.30pm	Finish school for Easter Holidays

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