



CASTLEPARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
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February 2017 Newsletter

Internet Safety Day Tuesday 7th February

If your child has a mobile phone, a tablet, ipad or uses a computer or laptop to play games with others online, they may be susceptible to the dangers of the internet. Current advice states that 'The internet is just another place where children go. Look after them there in the same way you look after them elsewhere.'

Safer Internet Day is intended to raise awareness of or increase internet safety to help protect your family online. Some useful websites include www.thinkuknow.co.uk, www.childprotectionnorthayrshire.info, www.cpckids.co.uk and www.cpcteens.co.uk. We will also address this issue during our ongoing work in school led by Mrs Cardwell, Principal Teacher, and a group of P6 pupils. Their training begins this month.

P1 Enrolment for August

We have a very healthy intake for P1 in August but if you have a child, or know of one who is ready to start school in August, please come along to the school and complete the necessary forms. Please remember to bring along your child's birth certificate.

Think Fit Thursday

Next Thursday 9th February, we are asking children to come to school dressed for their favourite sport (on this occasion, football team colours are allowed). The idea is to highlight the benefits of being fit and active - Mrs Cardwell will send a letter home with more details about this awareness raising and fundraising event.

Scots & Burns Celebrations

The whole school has been involved in learning Scots poetry and songs and the winners performed at a special Scots Celebration event last week for parents of performers and winners. We even had a piper piping in the haggis at our P6 Burns Supper to which parents were also invited.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

We would welcome any of these vouchers as they are very useful to us in adding to our resources in school.

P7 French input from Irvine Royal Academy

A French teacher will be visiting P7 from Irvine Royal this month to work with classes. We are working closely with IRA on transition to S1 in order to make the move to secondary education as smooth as possible.

French language is being taught across the school from P1 - we are becoming very cosmopolitan!

February Break

The school will be closed for pupils on Friday 10th February, Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th February (an Inservice Day for staff). Pupils will return to school as usual on Wednesday 15th February.

Parent Appointments

Our parent appointments are set for Thursday 2nd March. Your child will have a letter home about which time-slot might suit you best. Please return this to the school as soon as you can. Should you require an additional appointment for whatever reason - perhaps for a dad/mum not currently living with the family - please can you telephone the school office and we can arrange this?

Homework Meetings for Parents & Carers

The Pupil Council have worked with Mrs Glover, Mrs Kirk and myself to review our practice in giving homework. Surveys were issued to children, parents and staff and the results collated. The results have fed into our new proposed practice across the school. The Pupil Council will talk to parents and carers about our new practice at a range of meetings:

Tuesday 21 st February	P1-P3 parents & carers
Wednesday 22 nd February	P4-P5
Thursday 23 rd February	P6-P7

All meetings will be held in the school hall and will take place at 2.15pm. You are very welcome to come along to hear the children speak and to ask any questions you may have.

Family Learning Worker - Emma Dunn

Some parents may have already met Emma - she attended the last Parents' Night and also attended the family sessions for Read, Write & Count bags. Emma's role is about supporting families with their learning including adult learning. She will also be supporting our transition from Early Years into P1. Her contact details are as follows: emmadunn@north-ayrshire.gov.uk Tel: 01294 465591.

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