



**Carrick Knowe Primary School
Newsletter
February 2019**



Achieving Excellence Together

Dear Parents & Carers,
What a very quick month February has been compared to a very long January! I hope you all had a relaxing half term break and ask everyone to keep their fingers crossed that we have managed to avoid any snow days!! As you will see we have another busy few months ahead!

Dates for your diary!



- 2nd March** - Allotment Bed Spring Clean - 10am -12 noon. See below for more details.
- 4th March** - Mr Hunter (HT at Sciennes PS) and Mr Dimock (HT at Gracemount PS) to visit Carrick Knowe PS.
- 5th March** - P2 to visit Craigmillar Castle.
- 5th March** - RSHPE info evening for P6 parents. 6-6.45pm in the P6 classrooms. Letters have been issued to P6 parents.
- 5th March** - PTA Meeting in school at 7pm. All welcome!
- 7th March** - P5B to visit the mosque.
- 8th March** - World Book Day - further details to follow.
- 13th March** - Dress Rehearsal of our P6 & 7 school show 'Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits' for the rest of the school.
- 14th March** - 'Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits' performance at 7pm in the school hall.
- 15th March** - 'Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits' performance at 1.30pm in the school hall.
- 18th March** - P7s leave for residential excursion to Lagganlia.
- 21st March** - P6 classes to visit Edinburgh Zoo for 'The cycle of life' workshop.
- 22nd March** - P7s return from Lagganlia. Further information has been issued to parents regarding timings etc. and can be found on our website.
- 22nd March** - 9.15am - P4 Assembly for parents and carers. All welcome to join us in the school hall to share in P4s learning. **(please note the change of date)**

28th March - Parent Consultation Meetings - letters to follow.

29th March - Parent Consultation Meetings - letters to follow.

4th April - PTA 'Movie Night'

5th April - School closes for the Easter holidays at the usual time and will re-open at **08.50 on TUESDAY 23rd APRIL.**

**Save the date - our next STEM challenge open morning will take place on Tuesday 14th May between 9.30-10.30am. Further details will be issued nearer the time.*



"Ali Baba and The Bongo Bandits"

Miss Inglis and the children from P6 and P7 have been working extremely hard over the last few months to bring us 'Ali Baba and The Bongo Bandits'. There will be two performances - 7pm on the 14th and 1.30pm on the 15th of March. Tickets are now on sale priced £3 for adults and £2 for children and can be bought by returning the tear off slip to school along with payment. Please come and support our very talented children and staff!

Eco - Flag

We have been awarded our **5th Green Flag** from Eco -Schools Scotland! Congratulations and thanks go to Ms Pincock and the Eco Committee for all their hard work in ensuring CKPS is an Eco - School and are recognised for this. It is of course a whole school achievement and we will be very proud to fly our flag!



Forrester HS Cluster Primaries Dance Show

Last week, Miss Inglis and myself went along to support the boys and girls from P1 to P7, who attend Cici's dance class on a Friday afternoon at the above event. The children were fantastic and were a credit to our school. Thank you to all the parents and families who came along.



After School Clubs

With regards to Health & Safety, if you are collecting your child from an after-school club, (not OSCARS) please wait outside the front door at the main entrance until an adult brings the children out to you. Thank you for your support in keeping all our children safe.

Neglect Campaign - Parent survey

We have been asked by the Child Protection Committee to share some information with you and to take part in a short survey.

Edinburgh Child Protection Committee and NSPCC Scotland are working together to design a city wide campaign on neglect. As part of this we are keen to develop a better understanding of what parents in Edinburgh understand by the term neglect, what they would do if they suspected a child was being neglected and where families access support with parenting. We have created a short survey to do this, which should take between five and ten minutes to complete. By completing this survey, you are helping us ensure that the final campaign will be relevant to all families and contribute towards keeping all children in the city safe. Closing date for responses is 18 March. Please click on the link below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/W8TFGY7>

Thank you.

Comic Relief Day



You may be aware that Friday 15th March is Comic Relief Day. As we have our school show on and around that date and World Book Day the previous week, we have decided not to participate as a school this year.

Refresh

Over the last few weeks we have been 'Refreshed'! This means that all of our desktop computers and laptops have been updated. Overall it was a fairly smooth transition but a thank you must go to Mr Morley for both coordinating this work and his continued patience as we sort out the last few teething problems 😊.



School Uniform (repeat message from last newsletter)

As you will be aware, we encourage all children to wear school uniform. It promotes a sense of identity and pride in our school and reduces any competition there may be in wearing the most up to date clothes, brands etc. We have recently received a large donation of nearly new uniform in a variety of sizes from the Edinburgh School Uniform Bank and this is available to anyone who would like it. Please come into school to see myself or Miss Inglis or contact us by phone if this could be of use to you.

As always, please let us know if you, or anyone you know, requires school information in a different language.

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Sharron Davies, MBE, Olympic silver medallist