

### Topics this year continued...

As you will see we have a lot of interesting topics planned this year and a lot of interesting learning involved. To make this learning most meaningful for the class there are a variety of trips that we can go on! However we can only manage these trips through help from parent helpers. If there are certain days that suit you best, where you can help for trips throughout the year please make sure you let me know. (or fill out the sheet available at the curriculum night) thank you. In addition to this if trips aren't your thing and you would like to volunteer in the classroom with a subject area or during our enterprise events please also record this on the sheet during the curricular evening (or give me a call) I would be more than happy for your support in any way you would like to contribute.

### Parental Involvement—BOATS sessions

Across the year I would be delighted to invite all parents into class to experience the learning that is going on with your children. I will send home a timetable of events for a particular week where you can come in during certain slots and join in the learning that is going on across the year. These sessions will be on;

- Numeracy and mathematics (term 1 w/c 1st October)
- Social studies and sciences (term 2 Friday 9th November—P7 Remembrance Assembly)
- Literacy Skills—(term 2 w/c 19th November)
- Friday 25th January—Burns Celebration event (term 3)
- Friday 1st March— Sharing our wider learning from Benmore (term 3)
- Pupil choice (term 4 drop in slots w/c 29th April)

In the lead up to these events primary 7 will plan different activities they would like to showcase. This is a brilliant opportunity for you to be able to get involved with the different skills and strategies your child is learning in class.

### Fundraising & Wider Responsibilities

P7 is a unique year where the children are able to gain increased independence and develop more skills for life and work. during this year we fundraise for a variety of events such as to be able to experience the ferry for camp which costs us £200, to have an end of year trip that the children can plan and organise themselves, and to have the opportunities to design, create and see what running their own business would be like. P7 also taken on responsibilities across the school which are rotated each term.

### Homework

Homework will be issued at the start of each term this year in P7 and should be handed in every Friday with 2/3 completed tasks alongside nightly spelling and numeracy based homework issued each week. This will usually be regarding practise of a skill or particular spelling rule your child is working on in class and unlike the homework grid, this should be completed each night. If you need any resources to support with homework, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Please make sure your child's homework jotter comes to school every day to ensure you and your child are kept up-to-date with all communication.

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# Primary 7 Newsletter 1

## Routine—Important dates

### Primary 7 key message

Your children collectively came up with responsibilities and rules that related to our rights of the child learning this term. These responsibilities and rules have created our class charter and we will be referring to these to guide us in our classroom and wider school behaviour and mannerisms. Your co-operation and reinforcement of this positive regard is appreciated as we begin the start of our P7 journey together on the right foot!

This is such an important year for your children and we have a lot of exciting opportunities ahead. We will be looking forward to celebrating all of our successes so please keep your eyes peeled for positive notes home, certificates related to our class learning including Basic Facts, Numeracy, Accelerated Reader and our wider achievements such as our Outstanding Learner and Setting a Good Example awards. Please feel free to contact me on behalf of your child if they are shy at sharing their wider achievements so that we can discretely celebrate these too!

Thank you for your co-operation and time, and as always my door is always open so please feel free to get in touch or pop in at the end of a school day. I have thoroughly enjoyed our first week together in P7 and I am already positive that this will be a fantastic year. I look forward to a memorable year with your children and to meeting you all at the 'Meet the Teacher' event on Thursday 30th August.

Miss Melissa Craig Act. Principal Teacher

### Positive Behaviour

Children will continue to follow our positive behaviour approach this year. Where we will be regularly getting notes home for our positive influences in class and our wider responsibilities. As a reward for this positive behaviour approach we will be continuing to participate in masterclasses.

### PE

We are lucky enough to have Mr Cook as our school PE teacher this year. PE will take place on a Monday afternoon and a Wednesday morning. Our PE teacher is very keen to give our pupils a variety of sporting activities across the year which will involve outdoors and visits to our cluster high school St David's. Please make sure your child comes to school with a suitable PE kit for all weathers that we can keep in school. This includes waterproof clothing. **Your child must have PE kit on both Mondays and Wednesdays**, which involves a full change of clothing. This will be sent home at the end of each term. Please ensure your **child's name** is on all of their clothing including their P7 hoodie. Please also ensure that your child comes to school with a **water bottle** each day containing water or diluting juice. There will be opportunities in class to refill their bottle if required.

## Topics this year!

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| Term 1<br>20th August—<br>12th October   | Social Subjects—Rights and Responsibilities of citizens in Scotland compared to the world.<br><br>P7s Fun Day Fundraiser<br><br>Sciences— Living Things | Looking at the rights of the child, and how we use those rights and the responsibilities that accompany these in our daily lives and choices before comparing this to the wider world.<br><br>We will be looking into lifecycles, habitats and the impacts on the wider environment.  |
| Term 2<br>23rd October—<br>21st December | Social Subjects—World Wars<br><br>Christmas Enterprise<br><br>Sciences—Materials—chemical reactions and changing states                                 | We will be covering WW1/WW2 and looking into more recent wars around the world.<br><br>We will be looking at the chemistry side of science, predicting and using different materials to create different reactions, as well as looking at the classification of substances (ph scale) |
| Term 3<br>8th January—5th April          | Social Subjects—Parliament<br><br>Science/Technology—Enterprise project—grow £1<br><br>School camp—18th—22nd February                                   | We will be studying Parliament history and future, looking into democracy in more depth, looking at different voting systems and elections.<br><br>We are already very excited about the amazing opportunities available at camp this year.   |
| Term 4<br>23rd April—28th June           | Social Subjects—Parliament<br><br>Sciences—Robotics in the modern world<br><br>High School Visits<br>Leavers Assembly                                   | Looking into inventions and science of the past, present and predicting inventions of the future.<br><br>We are lucky enough to be able to work with a range of specialists who are coming in to work with P7 in regard to coding, programming and operating robots and drones        |