

# Learning at Campie



## Making Connections: Skills for Learning Life and Work:

*We like to ensure that the learning opportunities are rich and that there is a clear purpose, relevance and that links to real life contexts are made. We have been making connections this term in a variety of ways.*



P1-3 children met with Leigh who shared what is involved in her job.

She had brought a range of equipment with her to help explain the different challenges and her team might face when rescuing animals. Some of us even got to dress up!

P4 Classes who have been looking at species of animals found in the rainforest participated in a 'Wild About Animals' workshop and P6 heard more about the Animal 999 Scotland service.

Children in P4 and the nursery children also visited the Wild About Scotland Bus.



## We have been busy!

Our first term has seen lots of us taking our learning outside the school walls. P2a/b, P2/3 and P3a/b all made a visit to Newhailles estate and were busy making 'Little houses for Little people'.

A number of outings have been made to the local community looking at buying produce which is then used to cook - yummy pizzas and some cakes!

Campie have participated in lots of sporting events and their excellent behaviour and team effort has been commented on frequently. A team of our P7 girls competed at Meadowbank football festival, several pupils have participated at the DAP sports, pupils from P5 have been involved in the Rugby Festival and a Tag rugby event and a team of P7 boys were very successful at a recent football match. Many P7 pupils attended the residential outdoor camp at Lagganlia. They participated in new and challenging experiences—learning lots about their own skills and strengths.



All classes have made a visit to the local library and will continue to have regular opportunities to visit throughout the session. P2/3 joined the celebrations during Book Week and even produced some wonderful Gruffalo inspired art work that is

displayed for everyone to see.



Campie celebrated Book Week Scotland. The P1s received their book bug bags, full of three lovely books to enjoy at home with friends and family. We'll be voting for their favourite in the New Year. The P5s made bookmarks recommending their favourite books to others, look out for them in books in our library.



A number of classes made excellent use of the workshops offered at the National Museum for Scotland. P2/3 and P3 used their workshop to launch their topic on Vikings. They have been very engaged in learning about how life for Vikings compares to ours.

The P5s also visited the museum to find out more about the lives, customs and traditions of the ancient Egyptians. This week they will be hosting a showcase where they will be sharing lots of their learning with their families.

We have also had a number of visitors come and join us at Campie including 'Pete the Beat' who led drumming sessions, Tae-Kwon Do taster sessions and a drama specialist supporting children to explore the themes in Hansel and Gretel.

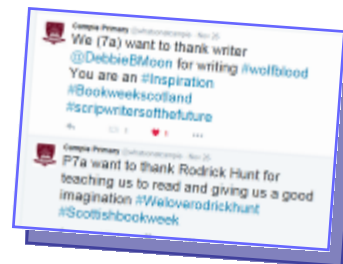


Primary 7 have been continuing their skills for life work and recently visited the Risk Factory. (A purpose built facility which examines a number of scenarios that could be risky and encourages children to make well informed and safe choices.)

## Book Week at Campie



Speaking of Campie library, our P7 librarians are now trained, last week they supported other classes to use the library, showing them how to use the computer programme and how to keep our library looking great.



P7 tweeted their thanks to authors and books for the Scottish Book Trust using #thankbooks. Some of the authors they thanked got in touch... a great celebration of reading!

## School Improvement Plan



Every session a school looks closely at what has worked well and also identifies next steps for improvement. This is detailed in a school improvement plan. You can view this year's priorities online here:

<https://slate.adobe.com/a/9v0R5/>

Later in the session there will be an opportunity for staff, pupils and families to work together to review progress and also consider what developments might feature in the school improvement plan next session.

### Home Learning

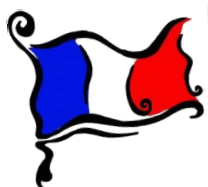
Thank you to everyone who shared their votes, views and suggestions at the home learning consultation.

Following this we have discussed format that should allow children and families to experience learning at home which is valuable, relevant and enhances the experience children have at school.

Our new look programme will start in January 2016 and will incorporate the 'Highlights' section to share what the topics and themes will be the focus for the coming term.

### 1+2 Languages

The P1s have now started their programme of experiences to learn French. We are very fortunate to have Mademoiselle Bonnardel who is working in the Primary one classes. The children will be learning lots of new words including greetings, days of the week and the names of common fruit. All classes will be looking for opportunities to use French as part of their everyday routines – they may be singing French songs and



poems, saying hello and goodbye at the beginning and end of the day– any opportunity to use French as part of the learning in school.

# PUPIL VOICE



At Campie we want to ensure that pupils are leaders of their own learning and contribute fully to the experience they have in school. There are many ways that we promote 'pupil voice' through every day experiences which support every voice being heard. We know that high quality discussion supports this and we ensure that we promote a positive climate for learning. As part of our school improvement plan we have identified that we want to further develop opportunities for pupil voice and will be exploring this over this session.

There are a number of existing opportunities already in place and we are delighted that our representatives for pupil Council have been selected. They have a had a few meetings and are proudly wearing their Pupil Council badges to encourage other pupils to talk to them about improvements they can help make in school.

Mrs Blackie is supporting them and we look forward to hearing about the positive changes they will lead in our school.

Representatives
Madeline
Felix
Adam
Emma
Myia
Ewan
Amy
Taylor
Harry
Lilly
Rachael
Finlay
Oliver
Alana
Lewis
Ross
Meadow
Aisling
Jamie
Rebecca
Rosie
Amy
Tess
Kate
Euan
Caleb

Another group of responsible pupils have now formed our new Junior Road Safety Officer team. Hollie, Lucas, Aimie and Faith have already identified that there improvements we can make which will mean children and families are safe at Campie Primary.





## Our Playground

We make use of all the spaces at Campie primary, this includes our playground. Children can regularly be seen making use of this space to extend or enhance their learning.

Primary 5 used the playground to explore the impact of being outdoors and taking a walk has on their sense of well being and readiness to learn.

The playground is somewhere we can access easily to experience first hand the changes that occur as seasons change.



All aspects of the curriculum can be experienced in the playground. In this activity, children were using centimetres and metres to estimate and then measure out the average size of animals found in the rainforest.



### Creating Confident Kids: Emotional Literacy

*A whole school community approach to help manage life and learning more effectively.*

#### Feelings and Equality

At the beginning of the term the children were exploring feelings and how different situations might make them feel.

More recently the theme has been Equality. This theme encourages children to value diversity, empathise with others and challenge discrimination. Each class had an article from the UNRC and were challenged to explore its meaning and how it impacts on their lives.





Planting up for some winter colour.

Our Campie Community have taken the lead in a number of fantastic events over the last few months.

#### Getting ready for winter.

Our playground is looking even better especially the Willow Garden is now an even more appealing place to play. The willow has been pruned and trained into a fabulous den and our arch welcomes everyone into the natural retreat. Our planters have been refreshed and the blackboard has a fresh coat of paint ready for our creative illustrations.



Before ... ..and after!

We are on the web:

[www.edubuzz.org/campie/](http://www.edubuzz.org/campie/)

Twitter: Campie

Primary@whatsonatcampie

We strive to create a safe nurturing learning environment. We promote confidence, academic excellence, innovative thinking and strong citizenship within our school and the wider community.

#### Halloween Parties

A 'Spook' tacular evening with lots for everyone to do—dancing, decorating biscuits with spooky designs, cooking for apples, listening to stories in our atmospheric library—complete with a campfire!



#### Campie Community Christmas Fair

Remember that Campie Community will be hosting their annual Christmas Fair this Saturday from 1-3pm. There will be lots to see and do and all proceeds will go towards supporting the amazing developments planned for your child's school.



 <h1>December 2015</h1>						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
25th November Nursery Brunton	1 Nativity Rehearsal 1.30-2.30pm	2 Nativity Rehearsal 1.30-2.30pm	3 Choir Auditions	4 P4 Assembly	5	6
7 Nativity Rehearsal in Church P1 party pm Musical/Choir 1.30-3.30 Lesson P5	8 P3 Party pm	9 P2 Party pm P4-7 Brunton Theatre	10 Nursery - Brunton Christmas Lunch P7-MGS 2pm	11	12 Christmas Fayre	13
14 P1 to P3 Nativity Church 9-11am P5 Party pm	15 Nursery 9.55 Wraggh Nativity P4 Party am P1-3 Sleeping Beauty pm 2pm N6 Nativity	16 Nursery Party am 6pm P7 Party 6.30-8.30pm	17 P6 party pm	18 Church Service	19 	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

We hope that everyone has an enjoyable Christmas holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year.

**All return Tuesday 5th of January 2016**

Our first assembly will be Friday 8th of January and the focus will be 'Fresh Start.'