



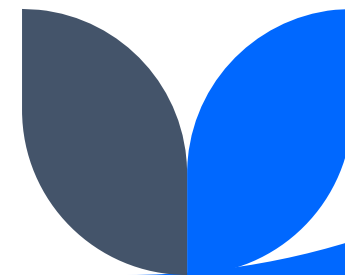
Carstairs Primary School

March 2025 Newsletter

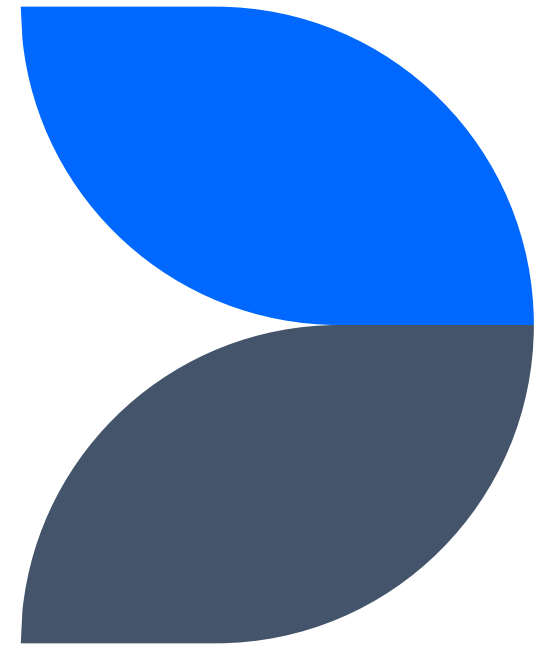


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Active School



Mid February until now has been a very active time!

P5 and P6 – After School Multi Sports Club



P3 and P4 – After School Multi Sports Club



P1 and P2 – After School Multi Sports Club



P6 and P7 – After School Circuit Training



P5 and P6 – After School Pre Bikeability and Level 1 Bikeability Training



P6 and P7 – After School Cross Country Training



P5, P6 and P7 Dance Club – Friday mornings, playtimes and lunchtimes!



Thank you very much to Alan Robb – Active Schools Coach, to all teachers involved in leading clubs, to Mrs Campbell (Base 1 Parent) for Cross Country help and to Leah from Cherry Dance. Lots of exercise, lots of fun and all much appreciated.

Congratulations to all P6 & P7 Pupils for success at Cross Country



Well done to Conor, P7



Conor's placement at Lanark Racecourse Cross Country meant he qualified for the SLC Final at Chatelherault. He represented our school well, completing the difficult course, in competition with many elite runners from across SLC. Well done, Conor – we are proud of you! 😊

HUGE CONGRATULATIONS, OLIVIA

We are **overjoyed** to inform you that not only did Olivia take gold at Lanark Racecourse, for P6 girls, she then went on to also take **GOLD for P6 girls** when competing against the best of the best SLC has at P6, in her final at Chatelherault last week. We are **BLOWN AWAY** by your **sensational** achievements, Olivia. Keep up the excellence. We are proud of you.

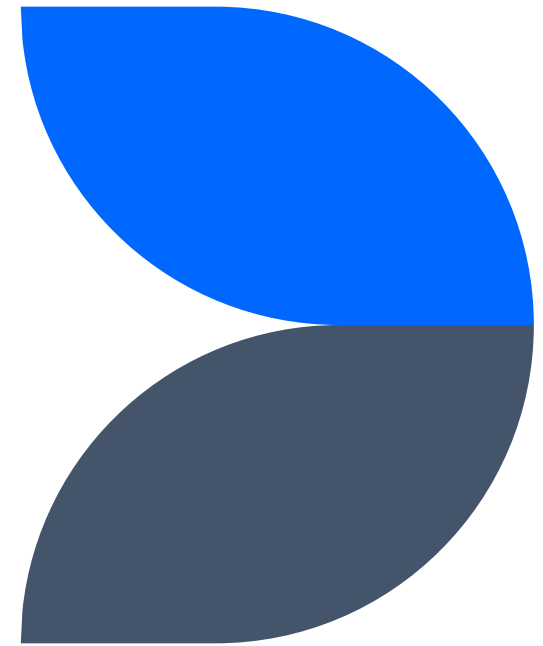


Congratulations to all P5, P6 and P7 Pupils who represented our school at Active Schools Dance Festival

You were ALL amazing, children! We are so proud of you. 😊



School Improvement Plan Update



We are getting through our to do list!

- **£1250 Participatory Budget Money – Spent on new technology kits for our Play Station (empty classroom is becoming our all new Play Station) – these will complement our improved digital technologies stock, already in use in this room (coding kits, including Marty the Robot). These will be in full use in term 4.**
- **All classes participated in ANTI DISCRIMINATION lessons in the month of February. All classes collaborated to create a class video to- share their learning around this theme. Unfortunately, owing to parental permissions, we were not able to share these on our website as planned. We did share these in our class on Parents' Evening and we hope you enjoyed our children's great work! Well done! 😊**

We are getting through our to do list!

We are delighted to let you know that we have now been re-accredited as a Bronze Rights Respecting School. This accreditation highlights our ongoing commitment to children's rights.

Thank you and well done to Mrs Hodge for completing our school's application for accreditation.



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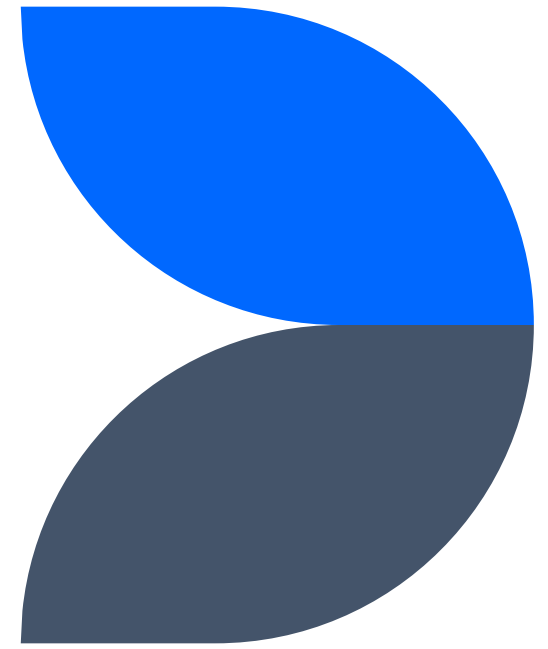
Thank you and well done to our pupil and parent representatives for their input to get us to this point.

Show Racism the Red Card

Our strong anti-discrimination focus in the month of February, was an adaptation to this year's school improvement plan. With a variety of comments having caused us some concern, we felt it was **important to shine a strong spotlight on anti-discrimination**. This has taken priority this year, over aiming to achieve Reading School's accreditation (we will revisit this in the future).

We were absolutely delighted to welcome a representative from charity '**Show Racism the Red Card**' (04 March) to deliver some very high-quality workshops to our P4 – P7 pupils. Our learners' motivation and engagement throughout these sessions was exemplary – they learned lots and contributed very sensibly, showing real thought and empathy in their responses. We will definitely seek to welcome this charity back in the future. Thank you to them – and well done to all children involved.

Parental Engagement Update



Class Showcases

It has been a very busy term for having families into school! 😊

On 26 Feb Base 2 (P2/3) welcomed family members in to show off and experiment with some of their science and technologies learning. Lots of fun was had by all – thank you to Base 2 families for coming and getting stuck in. What a lovely atmosphere from start to finish. Well done Mrs Hodge and Base 2.

On Monday 03 March we welcomed Base 6 (P6/7) family members to get involved with Base 6's natural disasters project. Children and parents collaborated with a range of experiments and were tested on their knowledge with a quiz (with varying degrees of success 😊). Super work, Mrs Guthrie and Base 6. Lots of hands on fun and a great learning buzz here too!

On 13 March it was the turn of Base 4 to show off some of their learning and teach family members about the skills they have been developing with digital technologies. A great, active session, which simply wasn't long enough! Great job, Mrs Whitehead and Base 4.

On 20 March it was a pleasure to welcome Base 1 (P1/2) families to share in our children's learning about the human body. Children confidently led their adults round a series of activities, not only highlighting their human body learning, but also clearly demonstrating their confidence and independence in class. Well done, Mrs Hardie and Base 1.

Thank you to all family members for coming. Well done to all children and staff.



We love welcoming
our families into
school! 😊

Thank you to all who
have joined us this
term! 😊



Parents' Evening

We are delighted with how smoothly our **Parents' Evening appointments** ran last week. We had a **very high turn out**, with almost all families represented – thank you. As always, staff really valued the opportunity to discuss children's progress with you, and **we hope that you found the meetings valuable** for both celebrating your child's **successes and understanding their next steps** / areas for continued improvement.

Please remember that you don't need to wait until Parents' Evening to talk to us – if you have any questions or queries about your child's learning, or any aspect of our work, please don't hesitate to get in touch – **we are here to help and believe so strongly in the benefit of our partnerships with you.**

Your support for our **Scholastic Book Fair** was excellent – as a result of your purchases, we are delighted to highlight that we have **£198 commission** to spend on lovely new books for our school. **Thank you very much indeed!** 😊

Lockerbie Manor – WC 28 April 2025

Kit lists were issued earlier this term, along with sample menus and details that you need to be aware of.

If anyone needs these re-issued, please contact the school office.

We have some pre-loved sleeping bags. Contact the office if you would like one set aside.

We have now been allocated our dorms. P6 and P7 children will bring a room buddy request document home this week, for completion in partnership with you. We always do our best to accommodate one of these requests. These documents will be issued tomorrow and need to be returned on Friday morning, please.

Medical information and dietary needs have all been shared with Lockerbie, however, I will call families who may have any concerns around this owing to their child's needs towards the end of this week / early in the first week back after Spring Break.

This Week.....

Church Service – Carstairs Parish Church at 9.30am on Thursday 03 April. All Welcome. **Enterprise Morning** (an **Art Gallery** this year, along with teas, coffees and sweet treats for visitors) back at school at approximately **10.30am after church. £1 entry.** All welcome.

Non Uniform Day – Friday 04 April. No football colours or paraphernalia permitted.

School Closes for Spring Break – 2.30pm – Friday 04 April.

Dates for Term 4

- **Back to School – Tuesday 22 April**
- **Thursday 24 April – P6 Swimming recommences – please remember kits**
- **Thursday 24 April – Bikeability P7 (Level 2) – 3.00 to 4.00pm – roadworthy bikes need to be brought to school, helmets essential**
- **Monday 28 April – P6 and P7 (noon) Leave for Lockerbie**
- **Thursday 01 May – Inservice Day – School closed to all pupils**

Thank you for your continued support.

