



CARSTAIRS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter –
October 2025

PARENTS' EVENING 1

- We had a brilliant turn out for our first Parents' Evening of the session back at the start of October. Thank you to all families for their strong engagement with our appointments and taking the time to have a look at children's work in their classes. Your positive engagement with us really does make all the difference for your child's learning, and our ability to help them reach their full potential – thank you.
- Please remember that you can get in touch any time if you have any questions or queries – please feel free to make use of your child's diary. We actively encourage you to participate in their education as fully as possible, well aware that none of us work in isolation.



P4 + P5 MULTI SPORTS



- Thank you to our Active Schools colleagues for delivering our most recent round of multi sports for P4 and P5. Those who participated did so with gusto and appeared to have lots of fun!
- We are really sorry to say that we have lost Alan, the young man who has acted as our Active Schools coach for several years now. He has moved on to another post and we are so sorry to see him go. He led a great many after school sports sessions for us, over several years and had a really lovely, friendly way with our children as he did so. We wish Alan all the very best in his new role within South Lanarkshire Council, and send grateful thanks for all he has done for us.
- On Monday, we will commence an multi sports after school club for P1, P2 and P3, which will be led by our new Active Schools colleague, Matthew – welcome Matthew. 😊

CARSTAIRS CONNECT

- Thank you so much to all P3 parents who were able to join Mrs Hodge and Base 3 to learn more about supporting your child's literacy and reading skills, earlier in the month of October. The session looked at visualisation, questioning, prediction and making connections – all ways of helping children make sense of what they read. We hope those in attendance found the session engaging and beneficial and we encourage you to pick up on your learning from the session when reading with your child / children.
- It was also great to have P4/5 parents and family members in school yesterday to learn more about extending children's writing skills. Naturally, the expectations increase as children move up the school and there's lots to think about to meet expected writing standards. We ask that P4 and P5 parents / family members use the learning and information shared at yesterday's session to challenge children to include more ambition in their writing, and to support children to include the 'non-negotiables' in their writing, when doing homework. The more practice they have implementing these aspects into their writing, the more easily these skills will become embedded and just 'what they do'. Thank you.





HT HONOUR ROLL

- We introduced an all-new Assembly Award in the month of October – our HT Honour Roll Award. These certificates will be presented as part of our assembly award rotation to children who consistently uphold, demonstrate and live out our school values of EFFORT, RESPECT, CONFIDENCE & KINDNESS, and who go above and beyond expectations. We want children who consistently excel in these ways to know that what they do never goes unnoticed and is always appreciated.



***Our first HT Honour Roll recipients were:
Jacoby – P1, Lyra – P3, Lexi – P5, Mezu – P6,
Josh – P7***

***Congratulations to all – and keep up the
excellence!***

WE TURNED OUR SCHOOL YELLOW FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH – FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER

- We turned our school yellow and spent the day thinking about and acting upon, ways to keep our minds healthy. The yellow throughout the school certainly worked to bring in the sunshine and a lovely day was had! We raised £50 for the charity, Young Minds, and importantly, raised the profile of the importance of keeping our minds as well as our bodies, amongst our children.
 - Some of our children's ideas included – duvet days, walks in nature, listening to music, singing and dancing, watching a movie, reading a book, talking to people we love and playing! We hope that your upcoming weekend is filled with at least some of our pupils' suggestions, for ways to look after your mind!
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Thank you to our parents for your support in turning our school yellow for a day!

We were delighted to be able to send £50 to Young Minds – well done to all. 😊



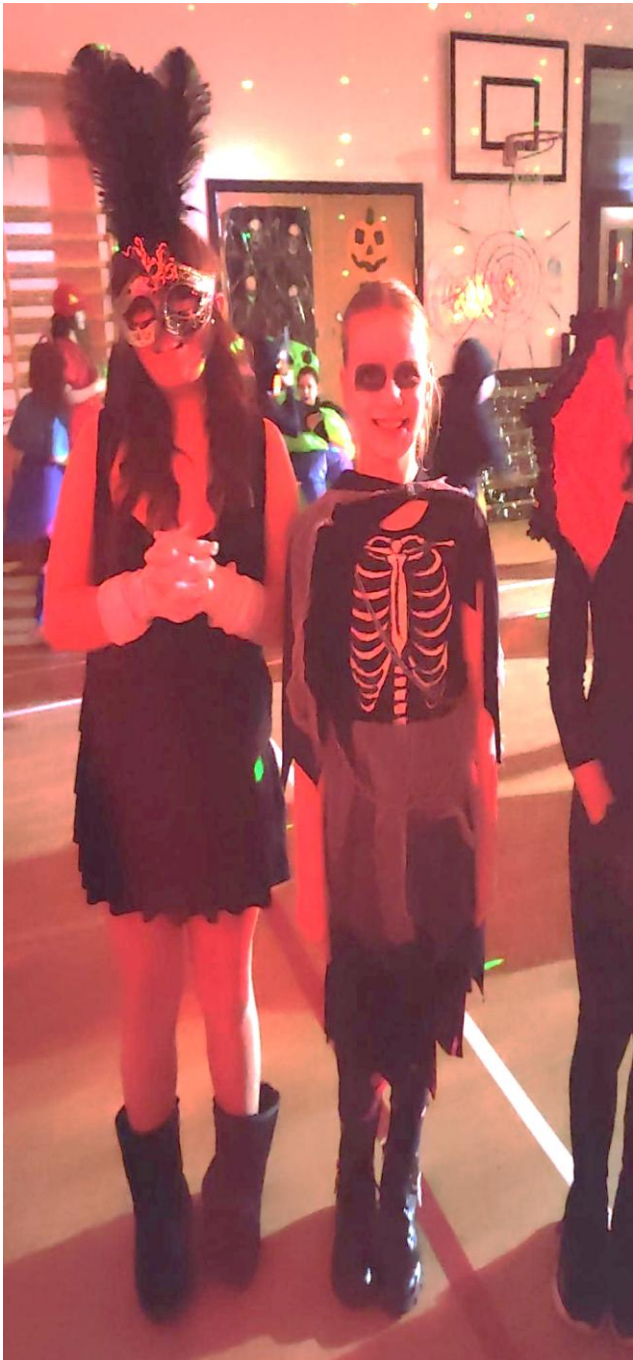
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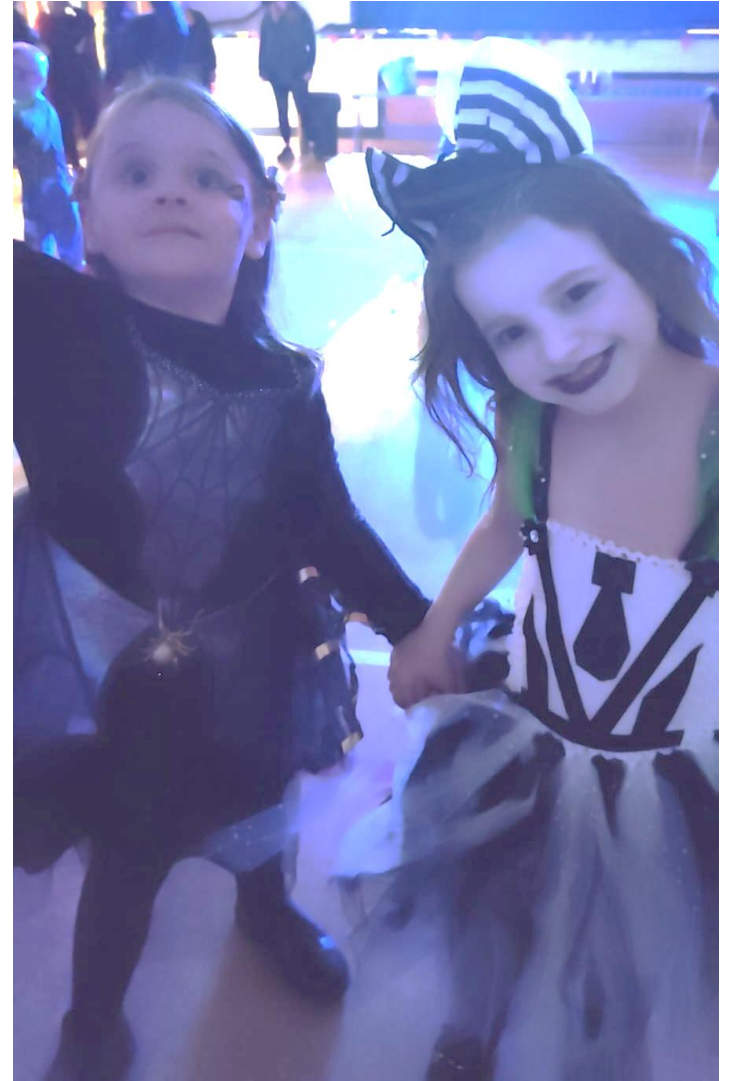
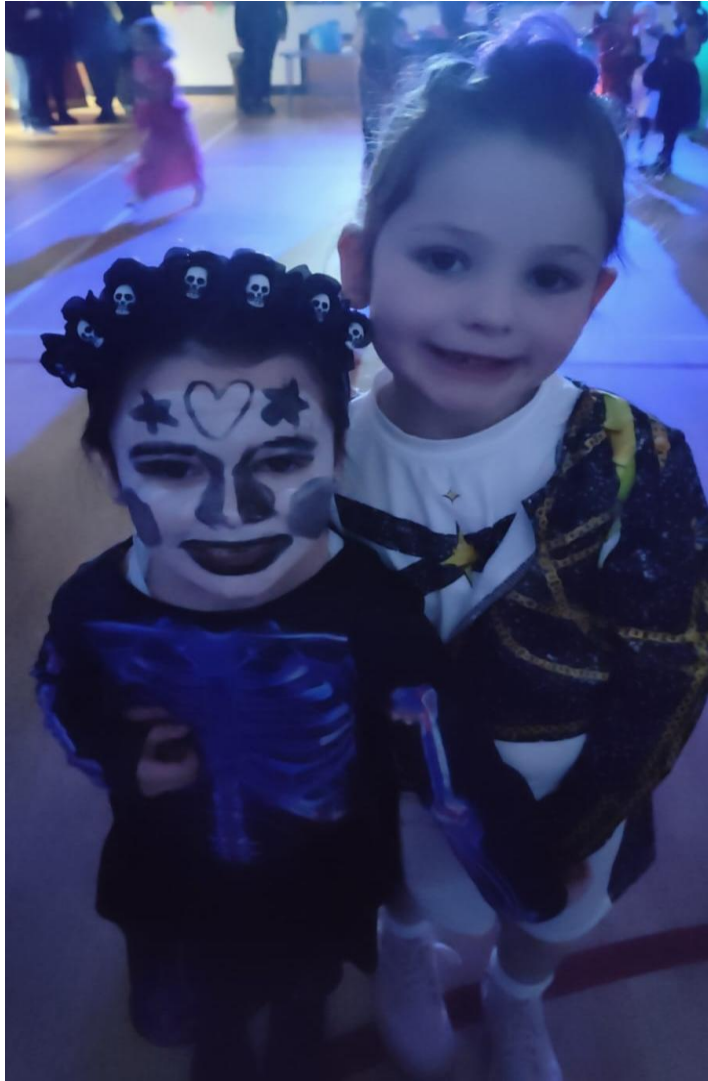
- Congratulations to our Parent Partnership on the wonderful success of this year's Halloween Discos. We had a great turn out at both of the events, and lots of fun was had by all. The effort put into costumes was a joy to see, and it was also wonderful to see our children letting their hair down and having lots of fun. Very well done to our Parent Partnership on their slick organisation and running of the event and thank you to all families for the support shown.
- We hope all who decide to go trick or treating this evening have a fabulous time, back in costume! Stay safe, and have fun, everyone! 😊













DATES

- Monday 03, 17 and 24 November – P1 to P3 after school multi sports
 - Week commencing 03 November – House Vice Captains will bring poppies round all classes each morning, children can purchase for a small change donation (need to bring if want to buy)
 - Monday 10 November – In-service Day, school closed to all pupils
 - Tuesday 11 and 18 November – 4 to 5pm, P7 LGS transition, after school sports club @ LGS
 - Tuesday 11 November – P7 House Captains to participate in Remembrance Service (permissions for House Captains will follow)
 - Thursday 11 December – 9.30, Whole School Christmas Extravaganza event – more details to follow soon
 - Monday 15 December – 1.00, P1 to P3 Christmas Party in school
 - Tuesday 16 December – 1.00, P4 to P7 Christmas Party in school
 - Wednesday 17 December – 9.30, Whole School Christmas Treat – Hopscotch Theatre to deliver panto in hall for all
 - Thursday 18 December – 9.30, Carol Singing & Coffee Morning in hall – all welcome
 - Friday 19 December – School closes at 2.30 for Festive Break
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