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Carstairs Junction Primary School and Early Learning & Childcare

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Head Teacher's Report – 6.3.25

Pupil Voice

This week most of our committee groups met. Some of the updates are as follows:

Pupil Council The committee discussed Children's Rights and were in agreement that we do make reference to it at Get Together and with regard to Fun 31 but we need to further raise awareness. Some of our committee members are working on a power point to be shared at Get Together next week. We also discussed if they would like a Shorts & Shades Disco. Almost all said yes but we agreed that we should ask the rest of the ELC and school. Some of our pupils visited ELC and class to ask. Shorts & Shades remains a favourite in the calendar. 'Other' suggestions were given by pupils; these could be a possibility for the house treats in future. The committee also discussed where to relocate our 'You Said, We did' suggestions box to further increase pupil voice.

Inclusion & Equality The committee have discussed a focus on Autism Awareness month in April. There will be a challenge for ELC and classes to complete during April. They are also keen to have a sensory day. They also wanted to focus on Epilepsy Awareness on 26th March.

Enterprise & Charities The committee are keen to raise awareness of poverty and how we can help. The pupils are in the process of creating a poster which will be sent out to families shortly.

Sports Committee The Sports Committee have achieved their Silver Award from Sport Scotland and are now working towards their Gold Award! They also discussed ideas to further promote sport in our school and are looking to create a Sports Committee display in the gym hall.

Extra-Curricular

In addition to the clubs shared in my last HT report (Cross Country & Dance), we have been running a Fitness After school club. The Welcome All Hub have also kindly offered to run a Lego Club, which commenced last week. We have been inundated with requests to join therefore plans to run a series of blocks of Lego club to facilitate this request. The Welcome All Hub is also recommencing the Knitting and Crochet Club as of next week, we have some new members joining which is great to see.

We also have a Football After School Club planned for our seniors, which will commence after the Spring break. This will coincide nicely with the Small Schools Football tournament in May.

Successful Funding

We have been successful in gaining £500 of funding from 'Wild about Woodwork'. This funding application was all thanks to Elaine, our Youth Family Community Learning Officer (YFCL). Elaine is in the process of ordering tools and equipment. We look forward to sharing more information with you. In the meantime, ELC are looking for donations of household materials to begin an introduction to woodwork. They are looking for donations of material, buttons etc.

Carstairs Drama Group have very kindly donated £100 to the school. We will discuss with staff and pupils where they would like this funding to go.

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