

Cockenzie Primary School NEWSLETTER 31st January 2020



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Term 3 is flying by and the children have been enjoying playing on the pitch at break and lunchtimes. P1s and P2s are out playing in the Quiet Garden at break times now on alternative days. We have been kindly donated flower tubs which we have popped into the Infant Playground and we have had some volunteers come in and 'sort' the bottle greenhouse and do some gardening. Thanks to those who have come in to help. ☺

Parking/Dropping Children Outside The School

We ask you all to please be mindful when parking outside the school. **No parking** is allowed on double yellow lines/yellow zig zags. Also, please **DO NOT** stop in the road and drop children at school. This is a significant concern due to safety implications. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



Dogs in the Playground

We would like to remind everyone that NO dogs (except guide dogs) are allowed in the playground. Thank you.

East Lothian Council School and Nursery Review

A team of Quality Improvement Officers and Head Teachers will be visiting our school and nursery on Tuesday 4th - Thursday 6th February 2020. The team will be looking at our strengths and areas for development, using Quality Indicators to assess how we are doing in Leadership of Change, Curriculum, Management of Resources, Learning, Teaching and Assessment, Raising Attainment and Achievement, Ensuring Wellbeing, Equality and Inclusion. After the review, the team will issue a report to us, which will be shared with parents/carers. During the review, the team will visit classrooms, observe lessons and meet with staff, children and parents/carers. We look forward to welcoming our visitors.

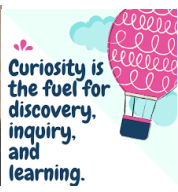


Baby News

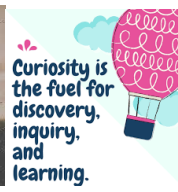
We are delighted to announce that Miss Slevin had a baby girl last week. Miss Slevin and her daughter, Lily are both doing well and we all send our congratulations.



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Wider Achievements

At Cockenzie Primary School we would like to continue to recognise our pupils' achievements (however small) and help the children understand the skills they have. It is important that they are able to demonstrate and describe these skills to others, and build on these skills. We have a Wider Achievement Wall where we display photographs of all the different achievements.

Achievements can be:



- ~ Hobbies and interests, e.g. sports, clubs etc.
- ~ Helping within the community
- ~ Helping others e.g. grandparents

- ~ Helping around the home or garden
- ~ Tying shoe laces etc....

Please continue to share your child's achievements with us by emailing us (pics too!), sending a post it note, sticky label, writing in Learning Logs when they come home. ☺

Class News

P7B and P7S have visited the Scottish Parliament this week to better understand Scottish Democracy. They had a fantastic tour, including looking at the debating chamber and the specific way in which the building has been designed to represent Scotland and its people.

The children had lots of opportunities throughout the day to be curious, positive and successful and managed to achieve it all. They even had the opportunity to meet our local MSP Iain Gray, and ask him lots of questions about his life as a politician. Mr Backe and Miss Lyon would like to recognise how respectful ALL children were during every aspect of the trip - Well done P7!



Our annual Burns Supper is a wonderful event and the P6s are raring to go. They have been learning how to be Entrepreneurs. This is an exciting opportunity for our P6s to learn the skills they will need for the work place. They have been focusing on using their initiative, communicating effectively, team work and solving problems ranging from designing scrunches and making shortbread. P6 are really excited to host their Burns Supper next Tuesday 4th February and can't wait to see their families there.

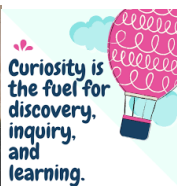
P4 have been learning about the lives of Roman soldiers and how lives then differed.



P3 have been very curious scientists over the past few weeks while learning about the changing states of water. They investigated condensation and evaporation and learned the melting, freezing and boiling points of water and are really looking forward to their next science focus on Magnets.



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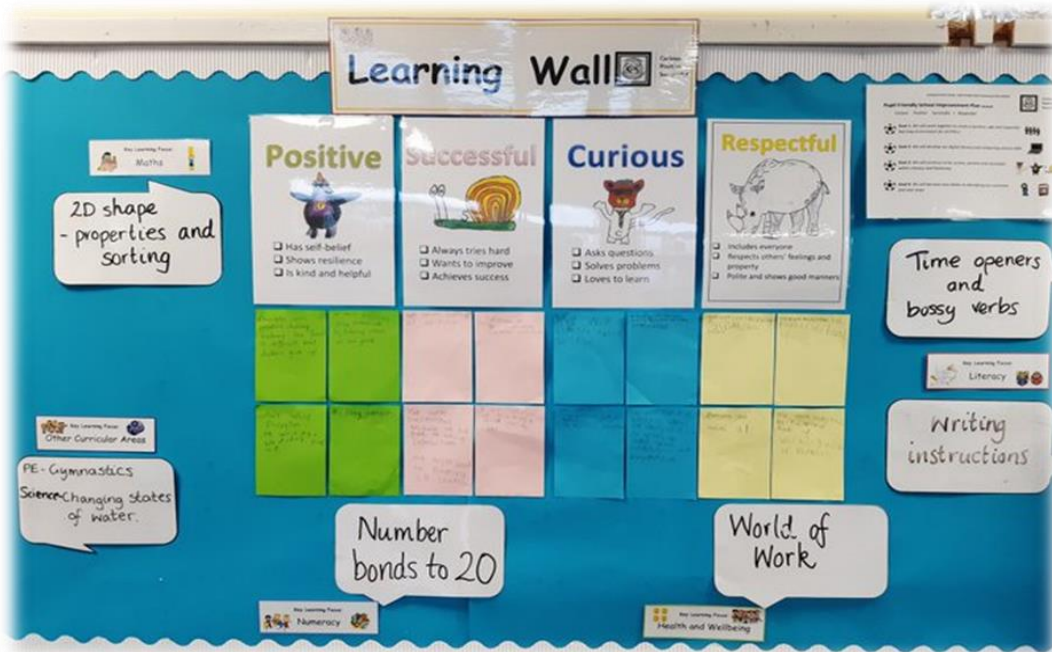
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All classes are now sharing and reflecting on their learning from the past week during Friday Reflection Time. The children are asked to talk about their learning and write on post-it notes and display on their learning wall particular highlights that they have been curious, successful, positive or respectful about over the last week. Please ask your child(ren) at home to share with you how they have been learning through our values.



Nursery



Over the course of the past year the nursery have been working on developing their vision, values and aims. The decision was made to align the nursery with the school's vision and values with the aims being created by the nursery team. The nursery children have been reflecting on how they are "successful snails" and "respectful rhinos" whilst in nursery and Miss Ness has created a beautiful mural of the nursery vision, values and aims. Follow the nursery at

www.edubuzz.org/cockenzienursery

PLHS Pipe Band in concert presents "Aspiration"

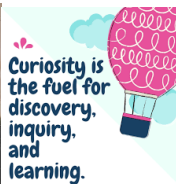
Good luck to the children from CPS that are taking part in the PLHS Pipe Band concert "Aspiration" on Tuesday 4th February.

Boys Football

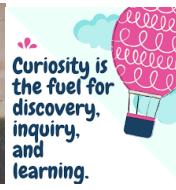
The team made it through to the finals of the Douglas Allan Shield indoor football festival, coming 5th in a very competitive field. Well done to all the players who played in the initial stages and the finals and thank you to Vanda for her continued support with the football.



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Parent Link Update (from Claire Jamieson & Marie McMath)

In November we started to focus on 2 subjects that were frequently brought to us, as being areas of concern: social sustainability and outdoor play. These, and other issues are discussed at meetings, and we are trying to support the school in improving the playground (painting, planting, fixing, loose parts play etc) and regaining the Eco-Schools Green Flag. We have already received lots of generous donations of tyres, planters, paint and loose parts play items, for which we are very grateful.

Do you have any skills you can offer or any spare time you can give? Do you have any thoughts and opinions about the school which you feel aren't currently represented? Do you have a great idea for a new initiative for the school? We'd love to hear from you. Either pop along to the next tea & toast, or evening meeting, or contact a member of the parent link directly.



World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March.
Further information will follow in February.

Ms Banks GB Team Selection

I have been selected for the British Powerlifting Team, to represent GB at the upcoming European Championships in France in March. Thank you to East Lothian Council for their understanding in this.



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Dates for the Diary

Half Term Holiday:	Monday 10 th - Friday 14 th February 2020
Staff In-service day:	Monday 17 th February 2020
Pupils resume:	Tuesday 18 th February 2020
World Book Day:	Thursday 5 th March 2020
Sports Relief:	Friday 13 th March 2020 (further info to follow)
Easter Holiday:	Monday 6 th - Monday 20 th April 2020 (Good Friday - 10 th April / Easter Monday - 13 th April)
All resume:	Tuesday 21 st April 2020

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