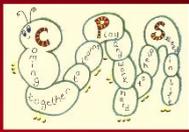


Cockenzie Primary School NEWSLETTER



Curious
Positive
Successful
Respectful

28th February 2020



To report a pupil's absence – call 01875 811327 and press '1' to leave message
admin@cockenzie.elcschool.org.uk
<https://www.edubuzz.org/cockenzie/> <https://twitter.com/CockenziePS>

Curious

- Asks questions
- Solves problems
- Loves to learn



Positive

- Has self-belief
- Shows resilience
- Is kind and helpful



Successful

- Always tries hard
- Wants to improve
- Achieves success



Respectful

- Includes everyone
- Respects others' feelings and property
- Polite and shows good manners



We hope you all had an enjoyable half term break. As you know, there was a School and Nursery Review before the break. The feedback we received was positive and the full report will be shared with you all next week. As I mentioned on the school blog before the holidays, the Review Team were 'blown away' with the children at Cockenzie Primary and Nursery. The team commented on how happy, polite and respectful the children are and how our values are truly embedded across the whole school and nursery.

Reporting Absences - A reminder

If your child is unable to attend, it is **parent/carer's responsibility** to phone the school and explain the reason for the absence. If your child will be absent from school please report non-attendance by telephoning the absence line before 9:00am on 01875 811327 (Option 1).

If parents/carers do not phone, the school will phone/text either the parent or the emergency contact to find out why the pupil has not arrived.

It is a considerable restraint on time if we have to call parents/carers so we would appreciate it if you could call us to report absences. Thank you for your co-operation in this important matter.



PE Kit

A reminder that all children need an appropriate PE Kit. If you are unsure which day your child has PE then please just ask. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



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.

World Book Day - Thursday 5th March

The children have spoken, and the suggestions are in! This year at Cockenzie Primary School we asked the children to decide how they would like to celebrate world book day. And so... this year... to celebrate World Book Day...



On Thursday 5th March the children are invited to bring in their slippers, a cuddly toy and their favourite book from home. As well as this, a special bell will ring during the school day to indicate a given time for the children to get comfy and read or share their favourite story with the class. We're excited to share our love for reading here at Cockenzie Primary School and Nursery and we hope this day will inspire the children to read for enjoyment at home. (Please note that all P3 children will be out of school on a trip this day).

To help us promote reading, we are asking parents/carers if you could email or send in pictures of their children and even themselves of reading a book/comic, etc in an unusual place - for example: on a swing, in the garden shed, upside down, on the climbing wall, at the swimming pool, etc. Be creative! We will create a display with all the pictures we get in. Please send your pics into school/nursery or email the pictures to admin@cockenzie.elcschool.org.uk

Sport Relief

Sports Relief is on Friday 13th March. Children may come to school in their sports kit (no football strips please) that day and donate a small amount to the charity if they wish. We will have a whole school Daily Mile that day and other activities.



Wellbeing

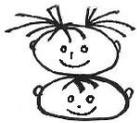
All classes have been learning about wellbeing through the acronym SHANARRI which stands for:

- Safe
- Healthy
- Achieving
- Nurtured
- Active
- Respected
- Responsible
- Included

The children have been given opportunities to learn why wellbeing is important and what they can do as young people to ensure that they look after their wellbeing to help them reach their full potential. Please ask your child(ren) at home if they can identify the different aspects to SHANARRI and what it means to them. The following links are useful if you'd like further information or guidance on the wellbeing indicators.

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/getting-right-child-understanding-wellbeing-leaflet/pages/1/>

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Nursery

This term in nursery Nature Nurture Sessions are being run. All of the children in nursery will have the opportunity to attend sessions and any parents who are interested in supporting the sessions are welcome to join in too. In the nursery we take part of our planning from the interests of the children. For all those who have visited the nursery recently you will have seen the solar system hanging from the ceiling as the children have enjoyed learning about space, the planets and why we have night and day. On the 17th March the parents/carers of children who will be transitioning into Primary 1 are invited to attend the "Preparing for Primary 1" Talk. A letter has been issued about this event but if you would like to find out more information about the talk or are unable to attend then please feel free to speak to Mrs O'Connor or Mrs Pollard.

Active Schools- Football



We are delighted to have football starting after school next week. Parents/carers have been notified about this in an email.

Dates:	Wednesdays - March 4 th , 11 th , 18 th , 25 th ; April 1 st (5 weeks)
Time:	P1-3 3:15-4:15pm P4-7 4:15-5:15pm
Cost:	£10 (for full 5 week block - to be paid when booking) (free to children registered for Free School Meals)

Online booking: www.eastlothian.gov.uk/ActiveSchoolsPrestonpans

If you require a paper copy to book please contact us.

Scottish Poetry Recitals

Well done to everyone who worked so hard on their poetry recitals for our Burns assembly. The quality of the recitals were outstanding and very impressive. Congratulations to the following year group winners:

- Isabella
- Gordon
- Ruaridh
- Leah
- Isla
- Laurie
- Keir



Class News

The **Primary 1's** kick started their new context for learning with a visit from *Generation Science*. They will be looking in to *Solids, Liquids and Gases* this term and had great fun experimenting with a variety of mysterious solutions to discover which caused the biggest 'fizz'. (A little vinegar and baking soda for any of those brave enough to try at home!)

Primary 2 have come back very curious to learn all about the changes that happen in Spring. We have started the preparation for our Spring Show. They are all very excited to sing and perform to our families soon.

While learning about the World of Work, **Primary 3** have been really enjoying visitors coming into class to talk about their jobs. We have been learning how to create questions and have used these skills to question our visitors. If you would be interested in coming to chat to P3 about your work, please email the school office or speak to a member of the P3 teaching team. P3s are all looking forward to their trip to Dynamic Earth on Thursday 5th March which they raised money for through the P3 Ceilidh.



Primary 5 were working on letter writing last term. P5 wrote a variety of letters including persuasive letters to Tesco, B&Q and Homebase where the children successfully persuaded Tesco to donate £100 for planting and gardening resources for our P1/2 playground. P5 have been carrying out research in their learning and have been working on developing their note-taking skills and taking ownership in their learning. We have carried out research in our context for learning topic and writing focusses and will be continuing to develop this skill throughout the term.

P7 Outstanding Behaviour

The P7s recently visited the Scottish Parliament, travelling to and from there by public bus. We are so proud of the great behaviour of the P7s on this day. Their curiosity, positivity and respect shown to others was outstanding, leading to a very successful day out for all. Well done P7s! 😊

P7 (2020/21) Residential Camp

The P7 Residential camp will take place again at Whithaugh Park in Newcastleton. The dates this year are Monday 12th until Friday 16th October 2020. There is an information meeting for P6 children and parents/carers on Thursday 12th March 2020 at 1800hrs in the school hall. All children must attend with an adult.





School Uniform Swap Shop

Many thanks to Jennifer Moodie and the PTA who have kindly kitted out our uniform swap shop with new shelves and storage units. The swap shop will be available for all families to use, whether it's to drop uniform off or to pick up some extra sweatshirts, polo shirts or jackets. We're looking to significantly reduce waste in our school and recycling school uniform is a great first step!

Thanks too to the PTA for purchasing some picnic blankets for us for use in The Quiet Garden when the warmer (and drier!) weather comes. This will allow many of our children to enjoy their lunch outside in the summer term.



Get your Newsletter emailed

We are trying our best to cut down on our paper usage. We also try to be sensible with the school budget! It would help us enormously if we could email the majority of our newsletters. If you would like your newsletters emailed to you please email us at the following address with your request - admin@cockenzie.elcschool.org.uk. Newsletters are always posted on the school website if you misplace your copy.

Dates for the Diary

World Book Day: Thursday 5th March 2020
Sports Relief: Friday 13th March 2020
Easter Holiday: Monday 6th - Monday 20th April 2020
(Good Friday - 10th April / Easter Monday - 13th April)
All resume: Tuesday 21st April 2020

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