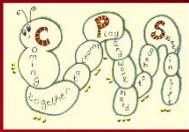


Cockenzie Primary School NEWSLETTER Friday 3rd April 2020



Curious
Positive
Successful
Respectful



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



Thank You!

We just want to begin by saying a huge well done and thank you to all of our parents, carers, pupils and teachers for all the fantastic work they have been doing since the schools closed.

We know many of you have been accessing your child's learning via Google Classrooms and others are using the home learning packs. You will also now be aware that learning from each stage is also being posted on the school

blog.

We hope that parents/carers are finding this all helpful. We also know however that families are also doing lots of other activities that are supporting their child's learning in different ways. This could be by playing board games, reading books, baking, doing exercise, etc. All of this is also meaningful learning at this unsettled time. Please be reassured that we recognise the fantastic job everyone is doing.

We would like to hear your feedback though so if you have not already done so, then we would appreciate you taking the time to complete the following Google poll:



<https://forms.gle/S4udUvc5gkrXAgcK6>

Please remember you can email admin@cockenzie.elcschool.org.uk if you have any queries or need support. We are here for you.



Change to Google Classroom Commenting Times

We have decided to increase the time when our children can communicate with their teachers and classrooms via google classroom from once a day to twice a day. This will not start until after the Easter holidays though.

The times will be as follows;

- 9.30am - 10.30am
- 2.00pm - 3.00pm (Mon - Thurs.)

NB the morning session now starts at 9.30am to allow everyone to complete their morning PE sessions.

Google Classroom Trouble Shooting - Top Tips

Here are some of our 'top tips' if you are having issues with google classroom:

- If you have more than one child using Google Classrooms in your house, make sure you switch users before trying to access each child's work.
- If you are using the app then some of the features do not seem to work the same as if you were using the desktop. If you are having trouble then ask someone to check that it is working on the desk top as well.
- If you cannot log in it could be because the invite to log in has expired. If this is the problem then email us and we can re-set it for you.

Attached to the newsletter is a handy trouble shooting guide for parents.

Free School Meals

From Wednesday 1st April 2020, all children registered for and requesting Free School Meals provision for the current period of COVID-19 School Closures will be provided with a Weekly Lunch Pack. These lunch packs will be delivered to the home address of registered pupils. Parents who had previously arranged to collect Free School Meal entitlement from Children's Hubs will have their Weekly Lunch Packs delivered to their registered home address instead. Free School Meals registered children **who access emergency childcare** at one of our Children's Hubs will continue to be provided for there.

Easter Holiday Period - Free School Meals

Weekly Lunch Packs will continue to be delivered to registered pupil's home addresses until further notice, including the planned Easter Holiday for schools.

Those children who are registered for Free School Meals and have been accessing a Children's Hub Childcare place in response to their additional support needs, will have a Weekly Lunch Pack delivered to their home address for the Easter holiday period. Provision will then revert back to the Children's Hub from Tuesday 21st April 2020.

Additional Support for your Children

Supporting our Autistic learners and their families

www.autismtoolbox.co.uk

The Autism Toolbox website is a free online resource dedicated to supporting Autistic learners, their families and practitioners.

'Covid 19 has brought huge challenges and changes to all our lives. Autistic learners may find coping with the uncertainty and significant changes to their routines particularly stressful and challenging.' www.autismtoolbox.co.uk

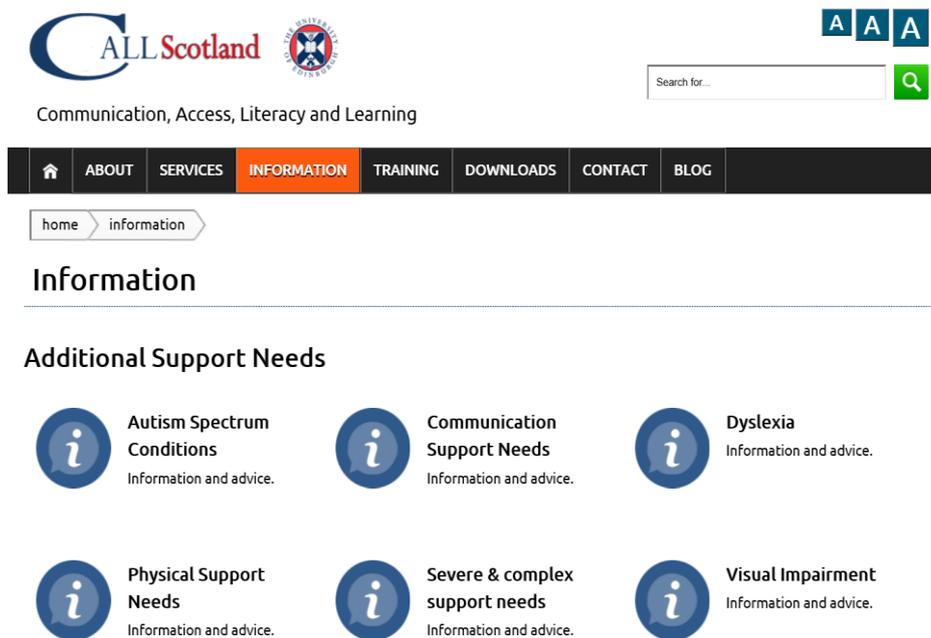
Autism Toolbox has a section of their website specifically aimed at supporting learners and their families during Covid-19. There is small section of helpful resources and recommended links. Please follow the link 'Supporting Learners and Families' on their homepage for more information.

Supporting our Dyslexic learners and their families www.addressingdyslexia.org

The Addressing Dyslexia website is a free online resource dedicated to supporting Dyslexic learners, their families and practitioners.

www.callscotland.org.uk - Communication, Access, Literacy and Learning

The 'Information' section of the CALL Scotland website has some very useful information about supporting children with a range of different Additional Support Needs.



CALL Scotland
Communication, Access, Literacy and Learning

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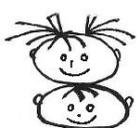
Information

Additional Support Needs

- Autism Spectrum Conditions
Information and advice.
- Communication Support Needs
Information and advice.
- Dyslexia
Information and advice.
- Physical Support Needs
Information and advice.
- Severe & complex support needs
Information and advice.
- Visual Impairment
Information and advice.

** Additional Support for Learning - Information and Support**

If any parents or carers would like further advice or support for their children at home, please contact admin@cockenzie.eclschool.org.uk and address the query **for the attention of Mr Stitt.**

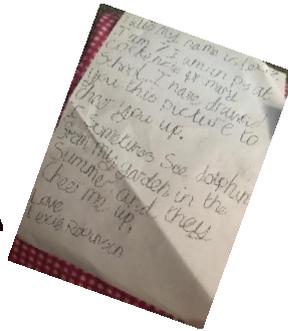


Nursery

The nursery team have been working hard to keep the nursery blog updated every day with challenges for our children to try at home, recipes to cook, activities to try and key learning. It is also updated daily with posts from our families about how they are getting on. If you are a nursery parent/carer and have not yet visited the blog, or if you have younger children at home, then why not have a look at www.edubuzz.org/cockenzienuresery. We love receiving photographs and updates which can be sent to cockenzienuresery@edubuzz.org.

Family Challenge Friday

One of the tasks on a Friday will be a Family Challenge. On Friday 27th March we challenged our families to write to a person who might need some company in the times of social distancing. We provided you with addresses for some of the local care homes and day centres and we loved hearing how you got on via twitter and Google Classrooms.



Class News

Primary 1

Primary 1 have enjoyed learning to draw Fred Bear by following illustrator Rob Biddulph's instructions.

<http://www.robbiddulph.com/draw-with-rob>



Primary 2



Primary 2 have been learning about the life cycle of butterflies as well as making these beautiful dragon flies.





Primary 5

Primary 5 enjoyed following Mrs McLeod's instructions to create these Faberge Easter Eggs.



Primary 7

Primary 7 have continued to learn about politics from home. They have been set work including writing a two sided argument about Brexit. Primary 7 have also been learning about Christianity. Here is a mind map made by one of our primary 7s to show everything that they know about what Christians believe.



Community News



In Port Seton, the Cockenzie and Port Seton Community Council have been awarded funds a number of different local community groups provide food for the elderly, those impacted by the crisis financially and families. The Pennypit Trust are referring Cockenzie and Port Seton families to the community council and sharing the Social Bite lunches with them too. They are now co-ordinating deliveries with support from 90 volunteers, 6 days per week to 98 people and 30 families who are receiving weekly lunch bags (via the school kitchen at Preston Tower). They are basing themselves at Port Seton Centre and are working collaboratively with staff to co-produce the daily food service which is a lifeline to people in the community. The community council are also managing phone calls for practical support. There have been a number of very generous donations from local businesses such as Ramage the Bakers, Seton Sands Caravan Park and the Seaglass Inn. Many thanks to Daniel and the team at The Port Seton Centre for making this all happen.

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Twitter



Don't forget to follow us on Twitter where we will continue to celebrate and share everyone's achievements. We have thoroughly enjoyed reading everyone's post and seeing all your learning via the photos and videos that are being shared.

We would like to wish you all a happy and relaxing Easter Holiday. Learning will be available on our Google Classrooms again from Tuesday 21st April.

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