

# Cockenzie Primary School NEWSLETTER Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020



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Positive  
Successful  
Respectful

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Other information can be found at:  
<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



### **Message from Ms Banks:**

Hello everyone, hard to believe it is almost June. With the Scottish Government announcement last week that it is proposed that all schools in Scotland return on 11<sup>th</sup> August, we now await further information and guidance from Scottish Government and East Lothian Council surrounding this news. Please be reassured that we at Cockenzie Primary School and Nursery will continue to work as a team to plan for return to school and nursery, taking all the guidelines into consideration, as and when we receive this. Please hold on to the knowledge that one day, we will 'return to normal'. It won't be this way forever.

11<sup>th</sup> August is quite a while away and there is the summer holidays to look forward to. You will be informed of your child's teacher for session 20/21 at some point in June. Thank you for your continued patience.



The virtual classrooms are a new aspect in our online classrooms and I know the teachers and myself had fun creating our avatars. I would like to thank all the teaching and nursery staff for their commitment to trying to engage their classes in innovative and creative ways. Google Meets are happening weekly and I know the children appreciate seeing each other as well as their teachers. Thanks again to the teachers for making this happen. We have also spoken to almost every family in the school and nursery, which is a great team effort. If we haven't managed to get you over the phone and you'd like a call, please email [admin@cockenzie.elcschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@cockenzie.elcschool.org.uk) and one of the Leadership Team will be in touch.

The feedback from Activity Week was really positive and I was amazed to see so many of you undertaking the activities so well done! Next week will be a Health and Wellbeing Week and further information is below.



I know you will all be thankful that the weather continues to be great and with the sunshine set to continue, I hope you all are making the most of being outdoors.

I also want to give a huge thank you to the staff who volunteered for the Hubs. We have an amazing number of 11 staff working in the various hubs. Thank you to you all. I am also very grateful to those staff working behind the scenes, ensuring many different aspects of school proceed as 'normal'.



## **Reports**

Class teachers have been busy writing reports for each child. The reports this year will take account of a child's progress up until March 20<sup>th</sup> 2020 as this is the date school closed. We will keep you informed about when reports will be issued but they will be issued in June and will probably be posted. The Nursery team have also been busy writing an end of nursery comment for each pre-school child and this will be combined with their learning story to create an end of year report. These too will be issued in June.

## **School Uniform**

School uniform is an important aspect of school life, giving children a sense of identity and pride. We encourage all children to wear school uniform. Parents/carers are asked to follow the school dress code for their child. Our school uniform is a maroon sweatshirt or cardigan, worn with white/maroon polo shirt and grey/black trousers or skirt and black shoes/ trainers Sweatshirts, polo shirts, etc are available to order from:



The Workshop  
20 Links Road  
Port Seton, EH32 0DU  
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## **P7 Sweatshirts for Session 20/21**

The Workshop in Port Seton has the P7 sweatshirts in now. The current P6s all voted on a colour and there was an overwhelming majority of P6s who voted for Sapphire Blue.



## **Preston Lodge Ties**

A huge thank you to Davie Ovens from the Workshop for donating a Preston Lodge High School tie to each of our Primary 7s. These will be distributed at the end of June and we will let you know how we will do this next month. Thanks to the PTA for their help with this.

## **P7 Transition**

We're aware that this time of year is normally very special for our P7 pupils as they embark on their transition journey to Preston Lodge High School. Preston Lodge staff have been working hard to create a transition package for all our P7 pupils. Families should now expect to see weekly communication from Preston Lodge, detailing events and activities for the children. Equally, here at Cockenzie, the team are working hard to create a memorable last few weeks for the children. We will be in touch shortly with details of events and activities that are currently being planned by the P7 teachers. If you have any further questions or concerns about transition, please contact the school via the school's email address: [admin@cockenzie.elcschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@cockenzie.elcschool.org.uk)

## **Health and Well Being Week**

We received fantastic feedback about our recent 'Activity Week'. It was great to see so many of you involved in lots of fun, creative activities. In light of this, next week we are offering a Health and Wellbeing Activity Week. A home learning activity grid containing 14 different indoor and outdoor Health and Wellbeing themed activities will be shared across all year groups on Google Classroom and the School Blog. As always, these activities are optional and there is no pressure to complete a set amount of activities per day. It is up to each individual family how and when they complete an activity, if any.





### **Alternative 'Sports Day'**

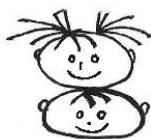
To take account of the fact we will be unable to hold our annual Sports Day, we will also include an additional 'Sports Day/Week' themed activity grid. Our PE Specialist Mrs Dougal has created this and it is packed with fun suggestions and online links. We love to see what everyone is getting up to, so please do continue to share pictures through Google Classroom or Tweet us @CockenziePS

### **Weekly Assembly**

It has been really wonderful to share all of our learning and activities to all of our families each week through assembly. Thank you so much to everyone who has been contributing photos and videos for our assemblies, it has been brilliant to see what everyone has been up to each week while we are all staying home and staying safe. Remember that if you would like to share your photos for assembly, please tweet them with the Twitter handle '@CockenziePS' and we will do our best to share as many as we can! Thank you for watching our assemblies each week, which are posted in your child's classroom, and on our school blog, and well done to everyone for remaining so positive in such an unusual time!



Thank you goes to Miss Lennox for organising these virtual assemblies.



### **Nursery**

The Nursery team have been busy setting daily challenges and recording videos for the nursery children. Last week was Book Bug Week. Over the course of the week we enjoyed doing a story book quiz, making Elmer the Elephants and watching a live book reading by Julia Donaldson. Next week the nursery will also be setting daily challenges that encourage physical activity as we would normally be holding our Sports Day at this time of year.

The nursery blog can be found at [www.edubuzz.org/cockenzienursery](http://www.edubuzz.org/cockenzienursery) and if you would like to send any photographs or videos of your child to appear on the blog then please send them to [cockenzienursery@edubuzz.org](mailto:cockenzienursery@edubuzz.org).

### **Additional Support for Home Learning**

If any parents or carers would like further advice or support regarding their children's learning at home, please contact [admin@cockenzie.eclschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@cockenzie.eclschool.org.uk). A member of the Senior Leadership Team will be in contact with you to discuss how we can offer some help and support.

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