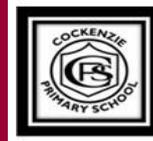


# Cockenzie Primary School NEWSLETTER 3 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020



Curious  
Positive  
Successful  
Respectful

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[admin@cockenzie.elcschool.org.uk](mailto: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



## REMINDERS from Ms Banks:

Again I have to issue reminders.

Please ensure you all adhere to 2m physical distancing when you are in the school playground. It is up to everyone to keep our school community safe.

The playground is only open from 0835hrs so please do not send your child to the school before this. Children are expected to line up on entering the playground.

Please keep younger children off the Trim Trails as these are not to be used at the moment (East Lothian Guidance).

**Again, I plead with those who continue to park on the double yellow lines and zig zags to park somewhere where it is safe and legal to do so.**



## Mr Campbell

Mr Campbell, the janitor, retired last week after many years of working at Cockenzie Primary. On behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank Mr Campbell for his service to the school and wish him a very happy, long and enjoyable retirement.

## Class Information



**Nursery** parents and carers were notified this week that we will be starting 1140 hours again after the October holidays. The nursery team will spend the October In-Service day preparing for this by dividing the room into three sections to ensure that we are complying with the Early Years Guidance for COVID. Our children in the nursery have enjoyed learning about Harvest and autumn this term. They have enjoyed eating homemade soups and bread, walking around the school grounds to look for signs of autumn and are starting to investigate nocturnal animals.



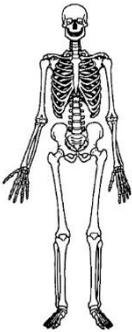
**Primary 1** are all very busy learning their sounds and we are beginning to use our sound knowledge to read and spell words. They have been creating wonderful autumn art using a range of materials such as paint and chalk. This term P1 children are focusing on their listening skills and what it means to be a good listener.



**Primary 2** have had lots of fun exploring their context for learning all about Nurture. The P2 children have shared lots of ways that they feel safe and nurtured and are very proud of their 'nurturing hearts' that they made. The children are now so excited to start learning all about the Vikings.



**Primary 3** have been working hard learning about animals from cold lands and how they have adapted to survive. They have really enjoyed working outside to create sentences about animals to use in fact files. In Numeracy, the children are getting very confident with counting by 3s and adding and subtracting doubles to 20.



**Primary 4** children have been learning all about the body. They began by learning about the skeleton, its functions and the bones of the skeleton. The classes have now moved on to learning about the main organs of the body. They have been learning about their function, how to keep them healthy, and how they all work together to keep us alive and well. The children are using their knowledge and research to write non chronological reports on an organ of their choice, along with labelled illustrations. The children have been able to link their own life experiences to their growing knowledge of the human body, and have been making lots of connections. P4 classes have also been able to discuss healthy options, and how a healthy diet and exercise can help maintain a fit, active and healthy body.



**Primary 5** are focusing on pioneers and thinking about the evolution of technology. In the next few weeks, the classes will be researching Scottish pioneers, their inventions and how they have developed over time. In Literacy the classes are learning about report writing and how to use planning for writing non-chronological reports.



**Primary 6** have been busy studying World War Two this week. The children have been learning about the evacuation of children from the cities to the countryside, and what the children were told to take with them. Next the classes will be learning about the Battle of Britain and the Blitz. In Writing the P6 children have been using the class novel "Letters from the Lighthouse" to inspire writing an informal letter from Olive to her mum. In Numeracy, the children have been learning about strategies that will help with addition and subtraction. Finally, in Health and Wellbeing, the classes have been listening and talking about how to be kind and empathic to our friends and classmates.



**Primary 7** classes have had a very busy month or so settling back into school life. They have created our class charter, looking at the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and identifying the rights they think are important to be the best learners they can be. The children have agreed some responsibilities they have to make sure those rights are met. In Health and Wellbeing, they have been focusing on our wellbeing indicator "Safe" and exploring what safety means to them. The P7 Context for Learning is Survival Instincts, where the children have been learning about the Amazon Rainforest and have built prototypes of shelters that would keep them safe if they ever had to spend a night there.

### **Learning Outdoors and PE Outdoors**

Some learning is taking place outdoors and PE continues to have to take place outdoors. If you would like to pop an extra pair of socks in your child's school bag in case of wet feet then please do so. Also, please ensure that your child has suitable shoes for being outside and/or trainers for PE.





### **Rights Respecting School**

At Cockenzie Primary School we are embarking on a journey to become a 'Rights Respecting School'. This is an accredited award developed by UNICEF and will recognise how well our school works to promote our children's wellbeing, participation, relationships and self-esteem.

Together, the children, staff and the school community will learn about children's rights, putting them into practice every day. The award is not just about what children do but also, importantly, what adults do. In a 'Rights Respecting School', children's rights are promoted and realised, with adults and children working towards this goal together.

We look forward to sharing our progress on this journey with you.



### **Best Start Grant**

Social Security Scotland has asked us to share with you information regarding the Best Start Grant School Age Payment. This is a £250 payment towards the cost of starting school and is open to people who receive certain benefits or tax credits and are a parent or carer of a child born between 1 March 2015 and 29 February 2016.

For further details please visit <https://www.mygov.scot/beststart>

### **Parent/Carer Consultations**

Due to Scottish Government Guidelines, face to face parent/carers consultations will not be permitted to take place until further notice. I will inform you of the arrangements as soon as possible as these are currently being discussed with teaching staff.

### **Flu Vaccinations**

A reminder that the flu vaccinations, for those who returned the forms by the closing date of 21<sup>st</sup> August, will take place on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November.



### **Reporting Absence**

If your child is unable to attend school, please call that morning as early as possible to let us know on 01875 811327 (Option 1). Please phone this number and leave a message giving your child's name, class and the reason for absence.

### **October Holiday**

The school and nursery will break on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October for the autumn holiday. Staff will return on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October for the In-service day and children will return on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Contacting Us**

A reminder, like always, that if you would like to contact us, please email [admin@cockenzie.elcschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@cockenzie.elcschool.org.uk) and your email will be passed on to the appropriate member of staff. Please ensure that you inform us by telephone or email if your child has any appointments and requires to be collected from school during the school day or is coming in late due to an appointment. Thank you



*Lynda Banks*

Ms L Banks  
Headteacher