



# Cockenzie Primary School

## NEWSLETTER 11

### 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021



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Positive  
Successful  
Respectful

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<p><b>Curious</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asks questions</li> <li>• Solves problems</li> <li>• Loves to learn</li> </ul> 	<p><b>Positive</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has self-belief</li> <li>• Shows resilience</li> <li>• Is kind and helpful</li> </ul> 	<p><b>Successful</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Always tries hard</li> <li>• Wants to improve</li> <li>• Achieves success</li> </ul> 	<p><b>Respectful</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes everyone</li> <li>• Respects others' feelings and property</li> <li>• Polite and shows good manners</li> </ul> 
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Hello to you all

We are fast approaching the end of another academic session. Hopefully the weather will be better over the next few weeks. In line with updated Scottish Government Guidance, PE can now take place indoors so this is progress in the right direction. New guidance has just been released about singing in nurseries and primary so hopefully small singing groups can happen, taking into consideration the risks and mitigations. P1-7 teachers are currently preparing End of Year Reports which will be issued on the last week of term. We are also working on staffing and classes for next session and you will be informed of this next month in time for transitions to be in place. Further information will follow in June and I thank you for your patience and understanding in this matter.

I would like to ask you to complete a survey in order to gather your valued views, thoughts and opinions across a wide range of topics regarding your child/ren and the school/nursery. I would really appreciate if you could take the time to complete the relevant survey. Please complete the survey/s by Friday 4 June 2021.

School Survey - <https://forms.gle/wrNfGKRhkp8WCqQy9>

Nursery Survey - <https://forms.gle/6JXpCWtd6imCTjYw9>

Thank you

Lynda Banks  
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### Staffing Update



As you know, Mrs O'Connor will be moving on to pastures new in August when she takes up her new post of Depute Head Teacher at Gullane Primary School. I would like to thank Mrs O'Connor for her valuable and extensive contribution to Cockenzie Primary School, the children, families and wider community over almost 14 years. We will all miss her cheery smile but we do wish her all the very best in her new role. The children at Gullane Primary are very lucky to have her.

Mrs Barry, our current P4C teacher, is also moving on. Mrs Barry has secured a promoted post and will begin her post as Principal Teacher at Preston Tower in August. Mrs Barry has been with us at Cockenzie for the last 6 years and I would like to thank her for the positive impact that she has had on so many children at our school. An excellent practitioner, Mrs Barry will be missed greatly. We all wish her well on her leadership journey.

## Rights Respecting Schools



Cockenzie Primary School is committed to ensuring Children's Rights are embedded within our curriculum and ethos of the school. At present we have a Bronze Award from UNICEF which recognises our commitment. From August, we will be relaunching our focus on Children's Rights and continuing our journey towards Silver. This will form a key part of our School Improvement Plan for next session and we will be creating opportunities for pupils to become more actively involved in making decisions about the life and work of the school. We will also be looking to increase parental participation in this - so stay tuned.

## Cockenzie Code

Recently through our assembly programme, discussions have been had about our Cockenzie Code. Our school code is linked to our school values and promotes positive behaviour and choices. The code is a clear, simple set of statements that are easily understood and very familiar to our pupils. Our Cockenzie Code is shown below:

We are **respectful** by keeping our hands and feet to ourselves.

We use **positive** and **respectful** words.

We are **successful** by always trying our best.



## P7 Leavers Hoodies

Our P7s were each presented with a Leavers Hoodie as a gift from Cockenzie & Port Seton Gala Committee, Cockenzie & Port Seton Community Council and Links Road Garage. This was a lovely surprise for our P7s and thank you once again to all that funded the hoodies. This is a one off with these hoodies and has been done because our P7s have had a very different experience to what P7s would usually have in a 'normal' year.

Moving forward with P7 school sweatshirt colours, we want to have a P7 colour which remains the same year on year. This option means that it is more sustainable and that our P7s have a distinct colour known to all in the community. Each child in P1-6 will be asked to vote on a colour choice. The staff and our families will also get a vote and a Google form will be sent out to each family soon.

## Parking/Driving Near School

There has been lots of concerns and complaints raised by parents/carers and local residents recently over the safety of our children when they come to school and home time. This is a plea from parents/carers, children, local residents and school staff to please try and be considerate when planning your school journey. If you can avoid taking the car please find alternative ways for your children to come to school. If you have to take the car then please drive and park responsibly.

If you are worried or have concerns over child safety in relation to school traffic, parking, etc please use the following emails:

- contact the Council regarding parking complaints is: [parking@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:parking@eastlothian.gov.uk)
- contact Police Scotland regarding parking complaints / traffic issues is: [PrestonSetonCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:PrestonSetonCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk)

## Parent/Carer Consultations

Thank you to everyone who booked a consultation for a Google Meet/telephone call and having a chat with the teachers. The teachers felt it was a very positive experience and enjoyed actually 'meeting' so many of you who they hadn't met this year due to the restrictions. The Parent Link members reported that it was a very positive experience and enjoyed seeing the teachers. We all hope to welcome you all back into school in session 21-22 for consultations in October.

## Milk Orders

Schoolpay will be open from **Monday 31 May 2021 until Tuesday 15 June 2021** for School Milk Payments. If you wish your child to receive milk please arrange to make payment online, complete the form which will be sent home with your child on Monday 31 May 2021 with the reference number and return to school as soon as possible. **No milk payments will be taken after this date.** If your child is in receipt of FSM they will receive milk and there is no need for you to do anything.



## Nursery

In the nursery this term we have been learning about living creatures. We have enjoyed watching our nursery caterpillars turning into crystallises in preparation for becoming butterflies.

Photographs of this can be viewed via the nursery blog at

<https://www.edubuzz.org/cockenzienuresery/>

Just as our caterpillars are beginning their transitions into butterflies, so too are our pre-school children beginning their transition as they prepare to move into primary 1 in August. This year the nursery and primary 1 team are running a joint project whereby every child in the nursery are creating a caterpillar full of information all about them. These will go with them into primary 1 to help their new class teacher learn all about them. The primary 1 team will then turn these caterpillars into butterflies with the children as they begin their new adventure in school. Further information about the nursery to primary 1 transition programme can be found at <https://sites.google.com/edubuzz.org/cockenzie-transition-p1/home>



## End of Term

Last Day of Term – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June

## 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. We are here if you need any support or just a chat.



Thank you

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Headteacher

Mrs N O'Connor  
Depute Headteacher

Mr S Stitt  
Depute Headteacher (Acting)