

Cockenzie Primary School NEWSLETTER 4 October 2021



Curious
Positive
Successful
Respectful

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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



Welcome back!

Message from Ms Banks:

I hope you all had a lovely break with your children. Hard to believe it is November next week and before we know it Christmas will be upon us. I just wanted to give you an early heads up that due to the success of our 'Christmas Doors' we will be doing this again rather than children bringing in Christmas cards. For the last 2 years, we have successfully opted for no Christmas cards in school and nursery as we are an environmentally friendly school and instead, children share Christmas messages to their friends and classmates on classroom doors which are decorated in various Christmassy ways. We are planning to do a collection for the local Foodbank in December and further information will be sent out to you from the Pupil Council. The Pupil Council and the Junior Road Safety Officers Groups are starting back up again after the pause due to the pandemic so we are looking forward to positive actions from both groups of children.

Reminders/ Housekeeping – A plea

- Water bottles – please ensure your child has a water bottle on a daily basis. Thank you.
- Please cancel any ordered lunch if your child is absent so that there is no food wastage.
- A reminder to pay for school lunches (there is currently £227 outstanding in unpaid lunches and the school has to pay this if parents/carers fail to pay).
- **Warm / waterproof jacket – named!!! 😊 Sweatshirts/jumpers – named!!! 😊**
- Reminder to call in at the earliest opportunity to report any absences and email the office with any details of appointments.
- **Please provide your child with appropriate trainers/gym shoes to change in to for PE.**

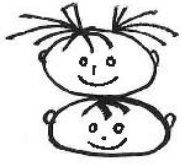
Thank you for your co-operation in this.

Curriculum Update

Letters regarding Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood were issued to all children earlier this week. Please ensure you have checked school bags for this important information.

Library Visits

All classes will be visiting the library at Port Seton Centre soon. PC1 Forms are on the way home to those classes who still need to complete them. Please return these forms to school by Monday 1st November. Please note that children cannot go on these trips unless the form is completed and returned to us. 😊



Nursery

Last term we were investigating dinosaurs and volcanoes in the nursery. The children were keen to watch internet clips of volcanoes erupting and the red and purple group made their own volcano and then watched it erupt. The yellow, orange and blue group made dinosaur bones and fossils and then had fun searching for them in the sand.

We were also learning about money and what it is used for. The yellow, blue and orange groups made their own farm shop, to buy and sell fruit and vegetables. They also wrote their own labels and signs for the shop. The red and purple groups had a hairdressing salon, where the customers had to pay for their haircuts. They also discussed mixing colours to dye hair.

Poppies

From Monday 1st of November, P6 will be selling poppies to raise money for the Poppy Appeal. We will come to classes every day after lunch to accept donations and hand out poppies. We will be selling poppies up until Remembrance Day on Thursday 11th November.



Anti-Bullying Week 2021



Anti-bullying Week takes place from the **15-19th November 2021** and it has the theme '**One Kind Word**'. The week will begin with 'Odd Socks Day' which is supported by CBBC and CBeebies star Andy Day and his band Andy and the Odd Socks. Our pupils will learn more about Anti-bullying through class lessons and assemblies on this week. Additionally, we look forward to seeing our pupils and staff coming to school on **Monday 15th November** in their odd socks to help us celebrate diversity and uniqueness.



Tea and Toast/Parent Council Meeting

The next Tea and Toast session is on **Monday 15 November, 2pm – 3pm** at Port Seton Community Centre Café. This is an informal chat with the parents/carers & some parent council members that will feedback into the Head Teacher's report. Come and chat to us about the school, we'd love to see you in person! If you can't make the formal PC meetings this is also an ideal opportunity to be involved in the school or just meet other parents/carers. If you are new to the village or school you can also see what the community centre has to offer too. The PTA (Parent Teacher Association) is going to run the uniform exchange at the same time as this meeting, so come along and pick up a uniform or a coat.

The next Parent Council Meeting will be held virtually on Google Meet on **Wednesday 24 November, 7pm – 8pm** so please join us if you can. The Google Meet link will follow nearer the time.

Bikeability

Our P6 and P7 pupils have been participating in Cycling Scotland's Bikeability programme. Bikeability Scotland is the national cycle training programme for school children, supporting the next generation of confident and responsible road users. We have been delivering two levels of training:

- Level 1: developing cycling skills in a safe off road environment
- Level 2: learning to ride safely and confidently in a road environment.



Our pupils are very proud of the new skills they have learned and a huge thank you must go out to all the staff and volunteers involved who have made this possible. We plan to deliver Bikeability sessions each school year moving forward from now.

Captains, Vice Captains and Houses

Before the October break our whole school was involved in voting for our new House and Vice Captains. Many of our P7 pupils put themselves forward for these roles and took part in a first round of presentations to Ms Banks and Mr Stitt. Round two then involved presenting for our whole school on a special assembly. Every pupil in school then had a vote.



Our newly elected House Captains are: Grace, Daniel, Isla and Lucia. Vice Captains are Michael, Mary, Ruby and Matilda.

Congratulations to our new House and Vice Captains and a huge well done to all the P7 pupils who put themselves forward.

One of the very first jobs of our newly elected Captains is to help organise the next round of voting to decide our new school houses. Just after the summer our pupils and families created designs for our new houses. The whole school have voted in round 1 and now the finalists will enter the final round of voting.

Our House Captains will now help to organise this final vote - stay tuned.

School Uniform Clothing Bank

Our [PTA](#) are running a school uniform clothing bank on Monday's, 9am – 11am at Port Seton Community Centre. If you are unable to get along during this time, please message them and they will be able to assist with alternative arrangements.



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.

Dates for your diary

- 15th November: Odd Socks Day
- 15th November: Tea and Toast, 2pm – 3pm – Port Seton Community Centre Café
- 24th November: Parent Council Meeting, 7pm – 8pm, Google Meet
- 30th November: P1-P7 Flu immunisations (for those that have given consent)

Contacting Us

A reminder, like always, that if you would like to contact us, please email 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

Ms L Banks
Headteacher