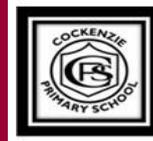


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Curious
Positive
Successful
Respectful

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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



Message from Ms Banks:

As we come to the end of another very challenging year, I would like to say a massive thank you to all the staff at Cockenzie Primary School and Nursery for their commitment and dedication. The Cockenzie Team strives every day to do their utmost for every child in our school.

Thank you to all the children for displaying our values of Curious, Positive, Successful and Respectful and I wish you all a very well deserved break and I hope you all have a great Christmas.

To start the holidays off, the Cockenzie Team have made a Christmas video to share. Thanks to Mrs Greenwood for putting this lovely video of our teachers, support staff and office staff together. 😊

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=Nw7ALsdXUVg&feature=youtu.be>

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish all our families a very Merry Christmas and I hope you enjoy this precious holiday season.

Staffing

Mrs Barnett, who has taught for many years and has been at Cockenzie Primary since 2004, is retiring. Her last school day will be Friday 17th December. On behalf of everyone at Cockenzie Primary School, we thank Mrs Barnett for all her hard work and dedication and wish her all the very best in her retirement.



Building Improvements

As many of you will have seen we have had a number of building works take place over the last few months. The roof has been replaced, the large chimney has been demolished, the whole building has been insulated and all the P1 and P2 classrooms have been refurbished (new lighting, ceilings, storage furniture). All the old windows have now been replaced too.

P1 Nativity

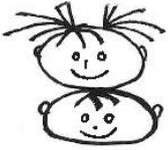
The P1 nativity videos have been shared on the P1 Google classrooms. Although we can't have parents/carers in school, we hope the P1 parents/carers enjoy the Nativity online. It has been so lovely to hear singing in the school again.



P5 Christmas Assembly

We finish the term tomorrow with our Christmas Assembly and we are looking forward to P5 presenting this. Traditionally, the whole school has their Christmas Assembly at Chalmers Church but we are unable to do this currently. We have, however, adapted to the situation we are still faced with and our weekly assemblies (online) are very much part of our weekly school life. The Christmas Assembly is traditionally organised and delivered by P5 and this year is no exception. Lots of practising has taken place. 😊

Nursery



Nursery have been enjoying the build up to Christmas. We have used our numeracy skills to work out the next number when opening our advent calendars. In our groups we have been learning about the Nativity story and have had fun dressing up and retelling the story in our own words. All of the children have been very busy making lots of festive art creations and learning new songs.

In addition to our Christmas activities we have also been investigating signs of winter in our environment and were very interested in the frost in the garden. We used this as a starting point to explore water freezing and thawing.



Christmas Doors

Every classroom and the nursery decorated their doors and children left Christmas messages to their classmates.



Christmas Jumper Day

Thanks to all who donated. We raised £129 for Save the Children. 😊

Message from PTA

Thank you to everyone who braved the snowy weather to join us at our Big Family Fun Christmas Fayre! We had music, games and lots of Christmas Crafts for the children. It was a great turn out and you helped us raise £1000 for our school!

PTA – Thank you

A massive thank you on behalf of all of us at the school for everyone in the PTA who was involved in the organisation and running of the Fayre. The PTA donated money to the school so that children could watch the online panto and have popcorn in the classrooms.

Dates for your diary

17th December: Last Day of Term
5th January: First Day of New Term

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

Lynda Banks

Ms L Banks
Headteacher