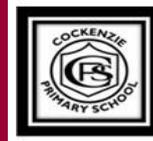


Cockenzie Primary School NEWSLETTER 7 January 2022



Curious
Positive
Successful
Respectful

To report a pupil's absence – call 01875 811327 and press '1' to leave message
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:

Well, we have almost made it to the end of January! We have received some lovely emails from parents/carers with lots of support and I would like to thank those who have taken the time to email. Numbers of Covid cases in the school and nursery are decreasing finally and hopefully numbers continue to fall. We are returning to the dining hall from Monday 31 January and this means a return of the normal menu. A reminder that N-P5 children are all entitled to a free school lunch.

Literacy Survey

We would greatly appreciate parents and carers taking the time to complete this short survey about supporting children's literacy skills.

<https://forms.gle/i1uwbVZn1oavkt858>

Your feedback helps shape our school improvement work in supporting our learners and families. If you have any further questions or feedback about this, please contact Mr Stitt via admin@cockenzie.elcschool.org.uk



Staffing

As you will be aware, it has been a challenging few weeks with staffing and we have had to have some of our children at home Remote Learning and our nursery was closed for a few days. Thank you so much for your understanding that when this happens, it really is a last resort. Issues with staffing are easing this week and hopefully the worst of these issues is now over.

Mrs Willison joins us again as an Early Years Practitioner in our nursery and we welcome her back. Miss Dixon has moved into the role of P6A teacher, full time and Mrs Saunders returns as fulltime Support for Learning Teacher.

Dropping Items at School Late

Please ensure your child has everything they need for school when they leave the house to avoid having to drop things off at the school office after the bell. It would help us greatly. Thank you.



P1 & P2 Dental Inspections



Primary 1 and 2 dental inspections will take place on the morning of Wednesday 9th February 2022. Parents/Carers have received a letter via pupil post regarding this last week. If you **do not** want your child to have this dental inspection please write or email into the school by Friday 28th January 2022.

Scots and Burns Poetry - January 2022

As part of our annual celebration of Robert Burns and the Scots Language, our pupils have all selected a poem. Pupils are encouraged to learn part, or all of their poem to share with their teacher and friends in class. All pupils will receive a certificate of participation and class winners will be encouraged to perform at our school assemblies. Thanks again go to the Port Seton Burns Club for their input and support with this annual event in school.



School Houses



Our pupils have all been allocated one of our new school houses: Gosford, Hailes, Seton and Winton. Very soon pupils will be able to start earning 'House Tokens' to contribute to their House's total points. Each month the winning House will receive a small reward which will be decided by our pupils. Many thanks go to the Cockenzie Primary School PTA for purchasing materials to help us collect our house point tokens.

Whole Body Listening

We have placed a renewed focus on the importance of listening skills. In partnership with our Speech and Language Therapist Linzi Fowler, we have launched programmes of learning and visuals, to teach our pupils the importance of 'Whole Body Listening' (see attached).

School Lunches

Please can you help us by ensuring that you order your child's lunches on [Schoolpay](#). We have so many staffing issues and it poses so many problems if you have not ordered a lunch for your child. It would help us a great deal. **All school/nursery lunches MUST be ordered and paid for (P6 and P7) on Schoolpay.** Please remember that if you would like your child to have a school lunch on a Friday then you must order this before 10am on a Wednesday. Even if your child is having a packed lunch brought in from home, it would be very helpful if you could login to Schoolpay and indicate this (one less thing for the teacher to do 😊). If your child is absent then please cancel your child's lunch on Schoolpay to save waste. I appreciate your help in this matter.

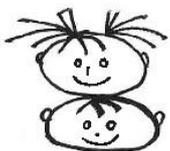


Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 8 February

Safer Internet Day is celebrated across the globe in over 170 countries, with thousands of young people joining in across the UK to explore how they can use the internet responsibly, respectfully and creatively whilst staying safe online. For more information

[Homepage - UK Safer Internet Centre](#) and [East Lothian EduHub - Parents and Carers \(google.com\)](#)

Nursery



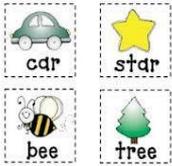
Welcome to all of the new children and their families who have joined us this term. Everyone seems to be settling in and starting to learn the nursery routines. Keyworkers will give families a quick call after a week just to let you know how your child is doing.

The children in the red and purple groups have been exploring winter and arctic animals. They were using books and the internet to find out about the Inuit people and how they live. The blue, yellow and orange groups have been making houses made from different materials after reading the Three Little Pigs. They also had lots of fun re-enacting the story.

As we will be celebrating Robbie Burns birthday this month all of the groups are currently learning some basic Scottish Dancing, some Scottish words and we have a Burns Supper planned for snack.

A reminder that if your child is not able to attend nursery then please call 01875 811327 /Option 1 and leave a message on this absence line with your child names and reason for absence. This would help us greatly.

P1-P7 Learning Update



Primary 1 have been very resilient and hard working since coming back to school this term. We have been generating rhyme and listening carefully for rhyming words during story time. We have shown lots of curiosity when exploring the different forces that make toys move.



Primary 2 have enjoyed learning about money through buying and selling items in our class shop. The children have also had lots of fun learning about the changes that take place in winter. They were all Successful Snails when writing a description of a winter setting. P2 are looking forward to learning French over the coming weeks.



Primary 3 have been curious about their science project of 'Changing States of Water' and are excited to move on to explore magnets next! The children are enjoying reading school library books and taking quizzes on AR. In Maths we are learning to tell the time using quarter past and quarter to using analogue and digital clocks.



Primary 4 have settled back into school well after the Christmas holidays. This term, we will be learning about the Earth, the Moon and the Sun and their relationship. We have already started working on descriptive writing and are well underway with understanding the concepts of rounding and estimating in Numeracy.



Primary 5 have started the new term with a brand new Context for Learning – 'Living Things'. Already, we have shown lots of curiosity and enthusiasm while learning about food chains, food webs, researching Edinburgh Zoo and exploring arguments for and against zoos. In our Writing, we are learning about 'discussion texts' and are looking forward to creating a range of texts linked to our Context for Learning. In Numeracy, we have been learning and applying formal written algorithm to complete subtraction and addition calculations. We will be continuing to practise this alongside our multiplication over the coming weeks.



Primary 6 are doing things differently this year for their Scotland Project. As non-essential visitors or large gatherings in school cannot yet take place, it wasn't possible to have a Burns' Supper. Instead, P6s are holding a Learning Festival that will be filmed and shared with parents/carers. The project is called Oor Bonnie Scotland and the children are really excited to discuss what they can learn through this project.



It has been a very busy time in **Primary 7!** Through our Health and Wellbeing activities we have been developing knowledge and understanding of ways in which we can regulate our emotions, maintain a positive body image, and support ourselves and those around us when faced with difficult situations. We are also continuing to develop understanding of financial planning and budgeting...watch this space for an exciting P7 project coming soon!

In addition, P7 have been involved in outdoor learning activities with the Outdoor Education Team as part of the ACE Escape Programme we are currently involved in.

We have also been busy learning our Burns poems, and are getting ready to recite these very soon!

February Mid Term Break

The school and nursery will be closed to all pupils from Monday 14th – Friday 18th February 2022 (inclusive). Monday 21st February is an In-service day for staff. Pupils will resume on Tuesday 22nd February at the usual time

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 9 th February:	P1 & P2 Dental Inspections
Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th February:	February Mid Term Break
Monday 21 st February:	Staff In-Service Day
Tuesday 22 nd February:	Pupils Resume

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