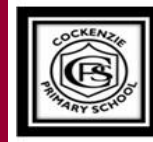


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Curious
Positive
Successful
Respectful

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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:

I hope you all had a lovely February break. I am hopeful for a positive and successful term ahead with COVID restrictions easing. Slowly we will be restarting assemblies in the hall, first of all with smaller numbers of classes, then building up to having the whole school back together at some point in March. What a joy that will be. 😊

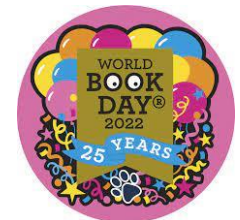


Parent Council Tea & Toast – Monday 28th February, 1400-1500hrs

The Parent Council will be holding a Tea and Toast on **Monday 28 February, 1400-1500hrs** at Port Seton Community Centre. Please drop in if you can.

Cockenzie's Big Brilliant Book Swap – Thursday 3 March

As you know, World Book Day is on **Thursday 3 March** and the Cockenzie Learners' Group (Pupil Council) is organising a Big Brilliant Book Swap. We are asking every child, from Nursery to P7, if they could bring in a book this week and next (before Wednesday 2 March please). Each class will have a collection point. The idea is that every child will swap their book and go home with a new one.



Please make sure that the book your child brings in is good condition and is appropriate for their age. If you have more than one book to donate then please do so (as we may have some children who do not bring in a book). We do want everyone to go home with a 'new' book.

In addition, the children have decided to have a 'Potato Book Character' competition for P1-7s on World Book Day. Choose a favourite book character and decorate/dress your potato up as this character (please do not buy anything, just use things in your house/garden). Children should bring their potato characters in on Thursday 3 March to their class. This is optional.

Your child also has been given a World Book Day token to redeem against a book in different retailers.

Staffing



Mrs Hughson from our nursery will be leaving us on Friday 25 February and we thank her and wish her well.



Parent/Carer Consultations (P1-P7) – week starting Monday 28th March

Due to current Scottish Government guidelines, we are still unable to have Parent/Carer consultations in school and will therefore continue to hold these via Google Meet. Further details on how to book an appointment will be emailed to you in the next couple of weeks.

If you are not the main carer you will receive a separate email about your Parent/Carer consultation appointment which will be a telephone call from your child's teacher.

Scots and Burns Poetry – January/February 2022

- Shield Winner – Michael (P7B)
- Primary 7 – Michael (P7B)
- Primary 6 – Sophie (P6A)
- Primary 5 – Francesco (P5A)
- Primary 4 – Isla (P4A)
- Primary 3 – Rosie (P3B)



Thank you to the Seton Burns Society for their support and very kind donation to the school. Thank you too for judging the poetry recitals which was a very difficult task indeed.

Thank you to all the children in P1-P7 who recited poems. Massive well done to all these confident individuals in the school. I had the pleasure of hearing many of the P1 and P2s recite their poems and they did so well.

Message from the PTA – Spring Disco



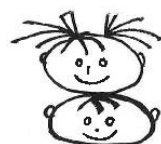
Spring disco on **Tuesday 5 April** at Cockenzie and Port Seton Royal British Legion.

- **P1 - P3** 6.00pm - 7.15pm
- **P4 - P7** 7.30pm - 8.45pm

Tickets cost £4 and anyone who had purchased a ticket for the Christmas Disco will automatically transfer to the spring disco. Tickets can be purchased via admin@Cpspta.co.uk. Please do NOT email the school. Thank you 😊

PTA Uniform Bank

Our PTA recently tweeted that the school uniform bank has now relocated within Port Seton Community Centre to the Pantry. This is available to everyone who is looking for jackets, shoes and uniform essentials (sizes range from 4-14 years).



Nursery

The Blue, Orange and Yellow groups have been reading an Elmer story which has led on to lots of discussion about what makes us different and how we are the same. The children have also been drawing round each other and learning what organs are inside our bodies.

The Red and Purple groups have been making castles and shields in the arts and crafts area. At Chinese New Year they started looking on a globe to find out where China is and this has led to investigating other countries.





Rights Respecting School

As a school, we are focussing on gaining our Rights Respecting Schools Silver Award. We were awarded our Bronze Aware in 2020! Staff are looking at our action plan to see how close we are to gaining silver. Our Cockenzie Learners' Group (Pupil Council) will help develop activities for school assemblies. All children will be involved in helping us gain our award through PALs sessions.

UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)

We have also, discussed important recent Scottish Policy; The UNCRC (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill. This was introduced to the Scottish Parliament on 1st September 2020 and was passed unanimously on 16th March 2021. The main purpose of the Bill is to bring the UNCRC into Scots law. It is now a legal requirement for all adults in a child's life to uphold and respect their rights. For more information about this bill: <https://www.parliament.scot/bills-and-laws/bills/united-nations-convention-on-the-rights-of-the-child-incorporation-scotland-bill>. We will keep you updated on our progress.

Dates for your diary

Monday 28 th February:	Parent Council Tea & Toast, Port Seton Centre, 1400-1500hrs
Thursday 3 rd March:	World Book Day
Friday 18 th March:	Red Nose Day
Week commencing 28 th March:	P1-P7 Parent/Carer consultations start
Tuesday 5 th April:	PTA Spring Disco (P1-P7)
Monday 11 th – Friday 22 nd April:	Easter Break
Monday 25 th April:	All 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