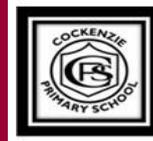


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Curious
Positive
Successful
Respectful

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<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:

This busy term has certainly whizzed by and I am sure everyone is looking forward to more lovely sunshine and warm weather that we have recently experienced.

I would like to say thank you for all the donations of seeds for our Growing Garden and next week some of the classes will start to plant seeds. Mrs Thomson, a former teacher here, has kindly offered to volunteer to help us with this new and exciting project. Have a look out on Twitter for photos of the first planting in our garden.



Staffing

I am very pleased to welcome 3 classroom assistants to our school. Mrs Harley joins us as full time permanent Classroom Assistant and Mr Goldie and Mrs Dryburgh join us a part time temporary Classroom Assistants, funded by our Pupil Equity fund. Miss Miller will be joining the nursery team on 25th April as an Early Years Practitioner.

Cockenzie's Big Brilliant Book Swap



The book swap was a great success with everyone in the school and nursery going home with a 'new' book. We are hoping to designate somewhere in the school and nursery for permanent book swap areas to encourage children to read and swap books. This also saves money and helps recycle old books. Further information to follow.

'Decorate a Potato' was a great success and all the potatoes and other decorated veg were displayed in the corridors for everyone to see.



Thanks to The Cockenzie Learners' Group who organised the events on World Book Day and thank you to everyone who brought in a book and a potato and made the day such a great success.

Red Nose Day

Thank you to you all for donating a fantastic amount of **£367.57** for Red Nose Day!



Cross Country

A huge well done to the 12 P7s who took part in the Cross Country Event at Meadowmill. They represented our school really well and ran fantastically. For most of the team, it was the furthest they had ever run. Well done to all the runners.

A big thank you to Mrs Saunders and Mrs Dow for taking the team to the Cross Country event yesterday.



Visual Supports Project

We are very proud to share that we have been awarded our Silver Level Award through the Visual Supports Project. We have an ongoing partnership with Linzi Fowler (our Speech and Language Therapist) who provides invaluable support and training for our staff, through Pupil Equity Funding. This is great recognition of the whole school's commitment to providing high quality universal visual supports for all our learners.

Building Resilience 'Get Active'

Our next whole school focus through the Building Resilience programme is 'Get Active'. This unit is all about how looking after the body and mind is important for our health. Taking part in regular exercise, or being active in other ways, brings many benefits to our physical health as well as our mental wellbeing. Through our next unit of Building Resilience, the children will learn that in order to help us feel resilient, we need to live a well-balanced and healthy life. Please find attached some further information and an optional family home learning challenge.



P7 Adventure Week

P7A and P7B had such an entertaining and interesting adventure a couple of weeks ago on Monday the 14th March. The adventure took place in Musselburgh. It started the week before on the 10th of March and both P7 classes completed a sponsored walk and beach clean in our local harbour to help raise money for the ACE Escape Week. We raised an immense amount of money just under £2,000! A week later, all the activities began. We experienced canoeing, paddle boarding, kayaking and solving tricky problems as a team on the first day of the programme. On the second day the P7s learnt how to tree climb, walk and balancing on slack lines as well as learning how to stay safe near them. The P7s learned fantastic life skills and made new friendships, as well as memories that will last a lifetime.

By Hannah and Megan P7B





Parent/Carer Consultations (P1-P7)

Thank you to all those who attended their Google Meet consultation with their child's teacher. Partnership with parents/carers is so very important. We hope that the next consultations (in October) will take place in the school building which would be amazing!

P2 Spring Show

P2 are very excited as they have started getting ready for their virtual Spring Show. They can't wait to display their learning to the whole school and families after the Easter holidays.



Message from the PTA – Spring Disco

The Spring Disco is on Tuesday 5th April. Tickets cost £4 and include Face painting, tattoos, games and an amazing themed photo booth to take home fun memories! Our resident DJ Rachel will be playing the latest party tunes and we will have a tuck shop and glow stick bar for those extra party treats!



Times:

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

Cockenzie and Port Seton Royal British Legion.
Email admin@cpspta.co.uk

Message from Cockenzie & Port Seton Gala – Easter Egg Hunt

Cockenzie & Port Seton Gala Committee are holding an Easter Egg Hunt on Thursday 7th April, further details below . . .

Thursday 7th April

5.30pm start at Community Centre

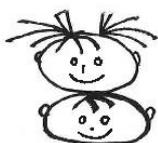
£1.50 per child

Children can bring a decorated boiled egg (labelled with name and class) to be in with a chance of winning a prize.

Tuck shop, win a giant bunny, glitter tattoos and more!



Nursery



There has been lots of excitement in the nursery with the arrival of the long awaited news that the nursery can now operate as one 'class.' The team and children are very busy rearranging our learning space back into one room, which the children can explore freely, mixing with all of their friends. We are also talking about the signs of spring and preparing for Easter.

School Group Photographs

We have arranged for a photographer to come in to school for photographs.

Dates as follow:

- **26th April** – Group Photos
- **22nd September** – Individual & Family Photos



Parent Council Date

The next meeting for the Parent Council is **Wednesday 4th May**. Details will be issued after the Easter holidays.



Easter Break

Just a reminder that the last day of this term is Friday 8th April. School and nursery will reopen on Monday 25th April. On behalf of the Cockenzie Team, I wish you all a very happy Easter break.

Dates for your diary

Week commencing 28 th March:	P1-P7 Parent/Carer consultations start
Tuesday 5 th April:	PTA Spring Disco (P1-P7)
Thursday 7 th April:	Cockenzie & Port Seton Gala Committee – Easter Egg Hunt
Monday 11 th – Friday 22 nd April:	Easter Break
Monday 25 th April:	All resume
Tuesday 26 th April:	Group Photographs
Monday 2 nd May:	May Holiday
Friday 3 rd June:	Jubilee Holiday



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