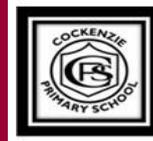


# Cockenzie Primary School NEWSLETTER 10 April 2022



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



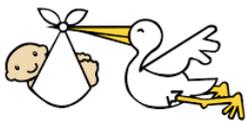
## Respectful

- Includes everyone
- Respects others' feelings and property
- Polite and shows good manners



### Message from Ms Banks:

So, we made it! Term 4 is here. It is so good to see how happy the children are to be back at school and so very settled on the first week back. We are all happy with the updated guidance that masks are not mandatory in communal areas in the school building. Yipee! Any child or member of staff who wish to continue to wear masks in the school will be supported to do so.



Congratulations are in order - we have had wonderful news that Miss Slevin had a baby girl in the Easter holidays, Ava Skye.

Please remember that Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May is a holiday and school and nursery are closed for the day. Enjoy the long weekend everyone.

### Staffing

Welcome to Hannah Miller, Early Years Practitioner who joined our Nursery Team on Monday. We are hosting two PE Students from Edinburgh University who will be with us for the next month. We also welcome back Mr Craig, a student from Strathclyde University who will be back in the P5B class for the next few weeks.

### Growing Garden

We are really excited that our Growing Garden is up and running! Radishes, lettuce, peas and beetroot have so far been planted. We are so pleased to have this amazing resource back in use and all the learners involved in growing things.

A massive thanks to In Bloom and Mrs Thomson for their help. Thank you too to Mr Wilson, a P4 parent for all his help.



## PE Trainers/Gym Shoes and Jackets

A reminder to ensure that all children have suitable trainers/gym shoes for PE please. Children should continue to bring jackets to school as we all know how variable the weather is. Thank you ☺

## New School Menu

The new school menu started on Monday 25th April and menu options are available on SchoolPay to pre-order from now until the end of the summer term. A hard copy of the menu will be sent home via school bags as soon as they come in and an electronic copy can be found on our blog or by clicking here: [New School Menu](#)

Please ensure that you order your child's lunch via SchoolPay. There is a significant number of lunches not being ordered by parents/carers. Any issues please contact us.



### House Winners - Winton

Winton House were our winning house last month. Winton collected the most tokens for their efforts in being curious, positive, successful and respectful. Winton pupils really enjoyed their reward which was a chocolate Easter egg hunt in our playground on the last day of term. Thank you to our house captains for hiding all the eggs!

## Rights Respecting Schools

We are gathering lots of different evidence to gain our Silver Award! Children have been enjoying learning about our different Rights across the school. Every two weeks we learn about a new Right in the UNCRC in Assembly, in class we discuss and learn about this further through a variety of tasks. So far as a school we have covered: Articles 24, 28, 29, 31. This month's focus is Article 3: Best Interests of the Child, and Article 23: Children with a disability. Staff have looked at our yearly plans, and discussed the close links between the Rights and our Context for Learning. Staff have made clear links and included these in their planning of learning.



## Building Resilience

Our next whole school unit in Building Resilience is '*Make a Difference*'. Through this unit, pupils will learn that they can begin to solve some of the problems in the world. By starting with a small idea or with something they care deeply about, they can contribute to making a difference. We know that when we connect to something bigger than ourselves, we feel fulfilled and have a greater sense of purpose.



### Big Battery Hunt

As a school we will start to gather in Recycled Batteries in order to take place in the Big Battery Hunt. This gives pupils the exciting opportunity to be pioneers, powering change in an exciting recycling challenge to encourage pupils and the wider community to recycle more batteries. We are challenged to collect as many used batteries as they can. There are several prizes to win including iPads, Book Vouchers and even school vouchers for sports equipment! We will be collecting AAA, AA, C and D batteries in class from **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022**.

## Future Leaders

In this term, a group of P6 pupils will be participating in the Future Leaders programme, where they will be delivering fitness sessions to P4 pupils during break time. The programme is organised by Active Schools and aims to teach leadership skills to Young People across East Lothian and build the foundations of a leadership pathway through school and beyond. The Programme is designed to develop transferable skills for young leaders and enable other children to be more active and participate in a variety of fun games and activities.

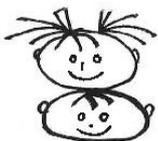


## Wider Achievements

We love to hear about our pupil's achievements out of school. Please let school know of any achievements you would like to share with us so that these can be shared either in class, at assembly or both. At our last assembly we celebrated Molly's (P6) achievement for helping to raise over £1500 by swimming in the sea for charity. Aaron (P6) was awarded a medal for coming first in the Under 10 Solo drumming competition and Amy (P7) placed second in a drumming competition. Belle (P6) was awarded medals for her participation in a dance competition. Well done for these fantastic achievements.

## P7s

An exciting term ahead for our P7s, the last term for these fabulous young people at Cockenzie Primary School. More information will follow with key dates.



## Nursery into P1 Transition

Starting P1 is an important milestone in a child's life and a big step for parents and carers too. All children starting Primary One in August 2022 will be invited to take part in 'Our Journey to P1' Transition Project.

Information with an overview of the project will be sent home, as well as emailed, directly to all families very shortly. We have also created a page on our Nursery blog which we will keep up to date with all the relevant documents, communication and information.

## Nursery

Just before the Easter holidays the nursery were learning about bees and pollination. We found out why bees are so important and how they help us. This term we have ten little caterpillars which we are going to watch grow and hopefully turn into butterflies.



We intended to resume our visits to the library after staff sickness forced us to cancel the last few trips. The yellow group will be the first group to go.

Our adventure teds are also looking forward to once again being able to spend the weekend with the children.





### Message from the PTA – Spring Disco

A massive thank you to everyone who came along to our spring disco and all the amazing helpers who made this happen! We raised £850 for our school! Keep an eye out for more events happening soon!

### School Class Photographs

Class photographs were taken on Tuesday and ordering information will follow as soon as we have the information from Tempest.



Heads Up - Individual and Family photographs will take place on 22nd September 2022.

### Parent Council Date

The next meeting for the Parent Council is **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 1900hrs**. Further information will be issued next week.

### PTA School Uniform Bank

Our PTA recently tweeted a reminder that the school uniform bank is open Monday to Friday, 1 – 4pm within the Pantry at Port Seton Centre.

### Dates for your diary

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May:	May Day Holiday
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May:	Parent Council Meeting at 1900hrs
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May:	Staff In-service day 5 (pupil holiday)
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June:	Jubilee Holiday
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July:	Last day of term



### Contacting Us

A reminder, like always, that if you would like to contact us, please email [admin@cockenzie.elcschool.org.uk](mailto: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*

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Headteacher