



Cockenzie Primary School NEWSLETTER 3 October 2022



Curious
Positive
Successful
Respectful

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Curious <ul style="list-style-type: none">Asks questionsSolves problemsLoves to learn 	Positive <ul style="list-style-type: none">Has self-beliefShows resilienceIs kind and helpful 	Successful <ul style="list-style-type: none">Always tries hardWants to improveAchieves success 	Respectful <ul style="list-style-type: none">Includes everyoneRespects others' feelings and propertyPolite and shows good manners 
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Message from Ms Banks:

I hope you all had a lovely break last week. Massive thank you to the PTA for organising the Halloween Parties. It is very much appreciated.

Tomorrow is my 3rd anniversary of being Head Teacher at Cockenzie Primary School and I have been reflecting on the past 3 years. Almost 2 years of COVID and lockdowns were obviously extremely challenging but I am so proud of the whole school community and how we got through these times with each other's help and support.

I am in the very fortunate position of being Head Teacher of a wonderful school full of learners, with dreams and ambitions, who make me proud every single day.

Thank you to all the learners, the staff, the parents/carers and the wider school community for making me a very happy Head Teacher. 😊



Parent/Carer Consultations

Thank you to all of you who came to discuss your child's progress. It was really lovely to have so many of you in the school building. Thank you for sharing your feedback with your child. Next meetings will be in March 2023.

Staffing

Interviews for Depute Head Teacher will take place next month. This is Mrs Mercer's previous post which Mr Stitt has been covering for the last 2 years.

Mrs Anderson has been appointed the new Business Support Administrator at Cockenzie Primary and we all wish Mrs Anderson all the best in her new, promoted role at our school. We will be advertising Mrs Anderson's previous post so please bear in mind that we are still down a member of staff in the office until the post is filled.

We welcome Mrs Wilkie to the post of Early Years Support Worker in our nursery. Miss Connelly has started a new post as Senior Early Years Practitioner in Windygoul Primary School Nursery and we wish her the very best in her new role.

School Improvement

A wee reminder that our 3 priorities for this year are increasing attainment in Reading, Our Curriculum and further developing and improving parental/carer engagement and involvement. The full School Improvement Plan is available on the school blog.



School Houses

September's winning house was Gosford. The P1-7 learners from Gosford celebrated with a movie and popcorn at the end of last term.

Termly Highlights will be issued

Termly highlights will be issued week beginning 7th November.

Message from Parent Council

The next Parent Council meeting will be held in the school on **Wednesday 2nd November, 7pm – 8pm**. We will be discussing how we share learners' progress with parents/carers as part of our self-evaluation.

PTA Halloween Discos

Thank you to the PTA for organising the Halloween Discos. Sounds like everyone had a great time.

Poppies

From **Tuesday 1st of November**, P6 will be selling poppies to raise money for the Poppy Appeal. We will come to classes every day after lunch to accept donations and hand out poppies. We will be selling poppies until Remembrance Day on Friday 11th November.



Reporting Absence

If your child is unable to attend school/nursery, please call that morning as early as possible to let us know on **01875 811327 (Option 1)**. Please phone this number and leave a message giving your child's name, class and the reason for absence. If you have not advised us of your child's absence by 9.00 am on day 1 of an absence, we will contact you by phone to establish the reason for the absence. We will record an absence as Unauthorised if we do not hear from the parent/carer.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 2nd November – Parent Council Meeting (7pm – 8pm)

Week beginning Monday 14th November – Book Week Scotland/Anti Bullying Week

Friday 18th November – Children in Need

Christmas Countdown to follow soon



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