

Cockenzie Primary School

Mini NEWSLETTER

8 November 2022



Curious
Positive
Successful
Respectful

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<p>Curious</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asks questions • Solves problems • Loves to learn 	<p>Positive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has self-belief • Shows resilience • Is kind and helpful 	<p>Successful</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Always tries hard • Wants to improve • Achieves success 	<p>Respectful</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes everyone • Respects others' feelings and property • Polite and shows good manners 
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Message from Ms Banks:

We normally only have 1 newsletter a month but we have so much to share that I have put another November newsletter together with all the information, rather than lots of separate emails.

Anti-Bullying Week - 14th-18th November 2022

Anti-Bullying Week 2022 will take place from Monday 14th – Friday 18th November with the theme of *Listen Up! (Respect our Rights)* because bullying is never acceptable. Each year at Cockenzie Primary we participate in Anti-Bullying Week across the school through assemblies, in class learning activities and events such as Odd Socks Day. Please speak to your child (ren) at home throughout next week about their understanding of bullying and what they have been up to in school.

Whether you're an educator, parent/carer, organisation or influencer, respect me's Youth Action Group and Cockenzie Primary School are calling on all adults to 'Listen Up' and take practical steps to respect the rights of children and young people across Scotland.

Further information can be found at <https://respectme.org.uk/campaigns/listen-up-respect-our-rights/>.



ODD SOCKS DAY!

On Monday 14th of November 2022 we are having an 'Odd Socks Day' at school. On Odd Socks Day learners can wear odd socks to school.

We celebrate Odd Socks Day as part of Anti-Bullying week. We do this so learners in our school can celebrate and recognise differences and the fact we are all unique.

We don't want you to buy new socks so don't feel the need to. It really doesn't matter what kind of socks you wear - you could even wear black and white socks if you want.



From - Cockenzie Primary School House Captains.



Children in Need – Heads Up

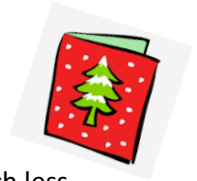
We will be asking everyone to wear bright colours and/or spots if they would like on Friday 18th November ... further info to follow



Christmas Cards

As we approach December, with reference to Christmas cards, we would like to ask, as we did the last two years, a more environmentally friendly and money saving alternative to sending Christmas messages to each other.

Nursery and classroom doors will be decorated again and all children drew/wrote Christmas messages to each other in school/nursery and these will be added to Christmas tree displays in each classroom and in nursery.



The last 2 years it has been a huge success. Not only does it save money, it means there is much less waste too so help us be a Christmas Card free zone.



Christmas Jumper and Other 'Stuff' Share

'Christmas Jumper and Other Stuff Day' will be held in our school mid-December on the same day that we have Christmas lunch (Wednesday 14 Dec). In order to help sustainability, cost, etc, The Cockenzie Learners' Group is arranging a Christmas Jumper and other Christmas 'stuff' share. Perhaps you have Christmas jumpers, Santa/Xmas hats, Christmas head bands, etc lying at home that are too small or not used any more. If you do, please send in these items week beginning 28th November. Please note, Christmas jumpers should NOT be purchased to wear for our Christmas Jumper Day. Anything Christmassy will do, even a piece of tinsel.



Christmas Gifts for Staff

Every year our staff receive a large number of Christmas gifts and we are very grateful for these gifts. The staff team would like for anyone wishing/thinking of buying any of us a gift this Christmas, then please instead, donate an item to the Foodbank.

Items for the Port Seton Centre Foodbank, include - any long life item such as, tins, pasta, rice, long life milk, pasta sauces, cereals, tea, coffees etc. These items can be dropped off at main reception or with your child.

Thank you ☺



PTA Christmas Fayre Hampers

Letters about Christmas Hampers for the PTA raffle will be issued by the PTA and sent home in school bags next week.

Student Teachers

We have a student teacher, Miss Wilson, in P2A and in P2/1, Miss Dahl will be with the class for a few weeks. We are also hosting 2 PE student teachers who will be with us Nov/Dec.

The mini newsletter has turned into quite a lot! The Christmas Countdown info will be issued later this month. Book Week Scotland is next week too and P1 and P2 parents/carers have been issued with information about this. Hope this is all helpful.

Lynda Banks

Lynda Banks, Head Teacher