



Cockenzie Primary School NEWSLETTER 10 27th April 2023



Curious
Positive
Successful
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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 are off to a great start to the summer term.

P7s are away at camp in Whitehaugh and are having a fabulous time. The P7s and staff are due back tomorrow after a few days of kayaking, abseiling and gorge walking. Camp is only possible because of the commitment and dedication from a number of staff and I would like to thank Ms Mackay, Mrs Anderson and Mr Stitt for the many hours organising the vast amount of paperwork that is necessary for such a trip to proceed and to Miss Hay, Mr Backe, Mrs Simpson, Mrs Saunders, Miss O'Neill and Mr Marshall for accompanying the P7s on this memorable trip. It is greatly appreciated.



Staffing

On Monday 17th April, we welcomed Miss Jill Craig as our Acting Depute Head to cover Miss Murray's absence. Miss Craig's remit will be Early Years, including Nursery, P1 and P2. Miss Craig is looking forward to getting to know the whole school community in her new post here.



Miss Louise Smith joined the nursery team as an Early Years Practitioner. Miss Slevin will be returning on 15th May from maternity leave and she will be teaching P6A on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Our Newly qualified Teachers (NQTs), Miss Rosie and Miss Kramers are now both in class fulltime from this week, as is the norm for NQTs. Thank you to Mrs Clark and Miss O'Neill for their hard work and commitment in these 2 classes this past year.

Cockenzie and Port Seton Curriculum

As part of our School Improvement Plan this year, we have been working on developing our curriculum and to support our learners to be curious about our local community. Cockenzie and Port Seton area is steeped in history and we have developed a progressive framework of learning about Cockenzie and Port Seton from Early Level (Nursery – P1) through to the end of Second Level (P7). We will kick off this new part of our curriculum in May, with learners learning about a variety of topics such as Fishing, the History of The Harbour, Local Artists, Battle of Prestonpans, Cockenzie House and its' history, Waggonway and Salt Pans, Cockenzie Power Station, Gala traditions. We are so excited about this new aspect of our curriculum and it really will make our curriculum unique. We hope to build on this learning over the years. Perhaps you have old photographs, stories, newspaper articles, etc that you could share. If you would like to contribute to any of our Cockenzie Curriculum, please get in touch in the usual way.

Some of this learning will be 'on show' during our Curious Cats Learning Event on Friday 1 June, 11am – 12pm.

Nursery



After a spell of slightly warmer weather the nursery children have been enjoying playing in the garden. While planting in our vegetable plot we were enjoying digging so decided to dedicate an area of the garden to this. We worked together to remove a patch of grass and then dig a trench around the area, deep enough to place tyres in. We have since enjoyed playing in the area digging holes and playing with the dumper trucks and bulldozers.

Inside, an interest in spring animals encouraged discussions about how animals are born and who looks after them. Our house corner became a vet surgery, with a treatment room to administer first aid to our animals and a reception where we could practice our literacy skills, answering the telephone, making appointments and writing prescriptions.

We have lots of transition events planned for our nursery children who will be starting school in August. Look out for transition details /overview tomorrow in your child's bag.

P7

There are lots of events in the pipeline and we have already asked P7 parents/carers to save the dates of 19th June (PM) for the show and 28th June for the church (9.30am). Full transition dates for May and June will be issued next week.

Ordering School Lunches

I know many of you do this but I would encourage everyone, when ordering lunches for their child, to do this together to ensure that your child is happy with their lunch choices. There is a new menu in place and so this is really important that you do this with your child. Thank you.

PTA Spring Discos

Thank you to our PTA once again for the fabulous spring discos for our P1-P7 children – an amazing **£600** was raised which will go towards our school library.

The PTA are holding their next meeting in the Thorntree on Tuesday 2nd May at 7pm. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

Diary Date(s)

May Day Holiday:	Monday 1 st May 2023
Additional Public Holiday:	Monday 8 th May 2023 (to mark the King's coronation)
Staff In-service Day 5:	Monday 22 nd May 2023 (school and nursery closed to all pupils)
Sharing our Learning (P1-P7):	Friday 2 nd June 2023 ('pop-in' between 1100 & 1200hrs)
Sports Day (P1-P7):	Tuesday 13 th June (back up day Tuesday 20 th June)
Sports Day (Nursery):	Thursday 15 th June (back up day Thursday 22 nd June)
Last day of Term:	Wednesday 28 th June



Reporting Absence

Please contact the school office by 9am if your child is absent from school/nursery. You can do this by email admin@cockenzie.elcschool.org.uk, calling the school absence number – **01875 811327** (Option 1) or texting **07860 049051**.

You must state your child's full name, their class and the reason for absence.

If we do not receive any notification about your child's absence then this will be marked on the register as an 'Unauthorised Absence'. Thank you for your co-operation.



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, Head Teacher