



Dirleton Primary School

Dream it, Live it, Achieve it



School Newsletter

September 2019

Dear Parents

Subtle changes in the weather, a change in the colour of the leaves and dark nights drawing in are now noticeable as we bid farewell to the long summer days.

With this in mind, please ensure your children bring a coat to school in preparation for the unpredictable nature of a Scottish Autumn.

Be part of your School – Get Involved

☺ ALL WELCOME ☺

School Improvement Plan 19/20

Thank you to all those parents who responded to the recent questionnaire about school improvement, it is always very helpful to know the thoughts, feelings and opinions of our parents in relation to what and how we are doing and what our next steps will be.

The school improvement plan for this session is now available on our school blog.

The priorities for this session are:

- Review the implementation of activities to support the development of pupil Health & wellbeing
- Develop a consistent whole school approach to learning, teaching and assessment of learning
- Develop approaches to engage parents/carers with family learning and partnerships
- Develop approaches to support high quality play



Thank you to all those who joined us to raise funds for Macmillan cancer care. We raised a fantastic

£136

A thank you to the DSP, A great effort by everyone.

Supporting Charities

We are a very charitable community, traditionally supporting lots of good causes but this year the children and school decided that we should focus our charitable intentions on 4 worthy causes over the course of the school year. A list of worthy charities were identified by the children and then a vote commenced across the school community that included offering children and families the opportunity to vote

The 4 charities that received most votes and who our school will support this year are

- East Lothian Food Bank
- Edinburgh Children's Hospital Charity
- Chest, Heart & Stroke Scotland
- The Make a Wish Foundation

One of the charities that was voted upon was Muirfield Riding Therapy and whilst it received many votes it did not finish in the top 4; however, if you wish to support this charity on a personal level they have an upcoming event.

Muirfield Riding Therapy Indoor Market

Sunday 20th October 2019 11am-3pm
50 Stalls, Live Music, Barn Café and Christmas Shopping
£1 entry, Children and parking free

House Captains

Since returning to school after the summer break, Mrs Fletcher and P6/7 have been learning about the Scottish Parliament and the democratic process of electing representatives and how government works. This learning culminated in our P7 children seeking election to the role of House Captain. They confidently put themselves forward to be appointed to the role and ran an election campaign with the support of their P6 classmates. The P7 election campaign ended with all children in the school voting for their House Captain. The votes have been counted

and verified and we congratulate the newly elected House Captains and their Vice Captains

Ruthven House Captain - Eleanor Stirling
Vice-Captain - Nathan Cronan

De Vaux House Captain - Tom Hamer
Vice-Captain - Alex Meikle

Halyburton House Captain - Zidane Rafique
Vice-Captain - Robbie Ritchie

We must commend all senior children who participated responsibly and respectfully with this process, they were a credit to themselves. I have been very impressed by the attitude and commitment of our senior pupils, they have all taken on additional responsibilities and are doing so with a great deal of enthusiasm. A very well done to everyone and a thank you for a great start to the school year. Keep up the good work.

Friday Achievement Assemblies

Please remember all parents & families are welcome to come along and share our success at Friday assemblies from 12-12.30. I am aware that people lead busy lives and most parents may have work and other commitments but if and when you are able, please join us; the children enjoy your attendance and it adds to our sense of community.

An appeal from Gullane Community Children's Hub to join their team as a "Driver".

The Hub are looking for a 'driver' to pick up children from Dirleton Primary at 3pm and/or 3:30pm, and drive them to Gullane Primary School at 3:15pm or Gullane Community Children's Hub at 3:30pm. It may suit a parent doing pick up of one child at 3:30pm, as they would be able to do the 3pm pick up, drop the children at Gullane Primary School (we will provide car seats for smaller children), then come back and pick up their own child and up to 3 others to drop them off at the Hub.

We would provide a good rate of pay for one hour's work every day and we pay mileage of 45p per mile. This person would become a member of our staff team and would need to be PVG'd. This may be of interest for someone keen to work with children as there may be other opportunities to work within the Hub - we are open from 7:15am until 6pm and are currently seeking bank staff, as well as a cleaner. If anyone is interested they can e-mail me at BusinessManager@GullaneCCHub.or



HELP US RE-STOCK OUR PLAYPOD.

Old unwanted items lurking in your attic, garage or shed?

We may make use of things you don't need. We are looking for a few additional items for our playpod to enhance playtime adventures. The provided list is a guide of what we are looking for at this time. The general rule of thumb is that items should be larger than a laptop, sturdy, clean and safe ie: no nails, sharp edges etc.

Play Items Materials Wish List

Pots /Pans / Bowls
Overalls / Old uniforms/ adult size dressing up outfits
Old buggies /Steering wheels / Old suitcases

DSP

The next Dirleton School Partnership Meeting will be held in the school on Friday 25 October 2019 @ 9am. This will be an opportunity to share your thoughts and contribute your ideas. We are always most grateful for the support of our parents, being a small school the involvement of our parents is hugely important and we are keen to improve the number of parents involved with our DSP. Please come along and share a chat over a cup of coffee and a slice of something nice.

☺ **ALL WELCOME** ☺

P1 Enrolment for Session 2020/21

Children who will be 5 on or before 28 February 2020 can be enrolled to start school in August 2020.

The enrolment of primary one pupils who should start school in August 2020 will take place at Dirleton Primary School on the mornings (9.30am to 12.00 noon) of 4th & 5th November 2019.

B Moody
Head Teacher

Dates for your diary

October:

Monday 21st	In Service Day
Tuesday 22nd	In Service Day
Wednesday 23rd	Pupils return
Tuesday 29th	Final P4 Swimming lesson
Tuesday 29th	P6/7 Cluster Hockey Festival at NBHS (details to follow)
Wednesday 30th	DSP Halloween Fancy Dress Party – flyers coming home after October Holiday P1-3 5.30-6.15pm P4-7 6.30-7.30pm

November:

Monday 4th	P1 Enrolment for Aug 2020 starts 0900-1200
Tuesday 5th	P1 Enrolment for Aug 2020 starts 0900-1200
Friday 8th	Fundraiser Crazy Hair Day for Edinburgh Children’s Hospital Charity

December:

Thursday 5th	P7 STEM (Science Technology Engineering Maths) trip to Edinburgh College (details to follow)
Tuesday 10th	Christmas Lunch in School
Thursday 12th	Pantomime at Brunton Theatre (details to follow)
Friday 20th	School Holidays begin

January:

Tuesday 7th	In service Day
Wednesday 8th	Pupils return to School