



GULLANE PRIMARY SCHOOL
MAY 2019 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you had a relaxing Easter break and that you were able to make the most of the glorious weather.

This is the time of the year when we review previous developments and consider what we need to work on next session. If you have any thoughts about this please contact the school office.



We would like your views on a number of other areas and would be delighted if you could support us by completing the survey that will be sent to you.

This will close on Friday 10th May.

If, at any time, you have feedback/suggestions for us please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Seonaid McGillivray



SCHOOL CLOSURE

The school will be closed to all pupils and staff on **Monday 6th May**. It will reopen as normal on Tuesday 7th May.

There is an in-service day on **Monday 20th May**, which means that the school will be closed to all pupils. It will reopen as normal on Tuesday 21st. Please see attached 2019/20 Session Dates.



PARENT CARER COUNCIL



The next meeting of the Parent Carer Council takes place in the Staff Base at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 5th June.

All parents/carers are welcome to attend.

MINDSET MATTERS

**FIXED OR
GROWTH
MINDSET?**

We recently had a visit from Jen Kemp, Live'n'Learn, who delivered growth mindset workshops to pupils, staff and parents. Children, staff and parents responded very positively to these and we will keep looking at this approach as part of our work in Health and Wellbeing.

These workshops were possible thanks to the generosity of our PTA.



EAST LOTHIAN SWIMMING GALA



Well done to those P5, 6 and 7 pupils who recently took part in the above. They all worked so hard in preparation for the event and on the competition day itself. The P6 boys winning the freestyle relay, against much larger schools, was a fabulous achievement, especially when one of them was from P5!



CROSS COUNTRY



Congratulations to primary 6 and 7 pupils Charlotte, Edward, Joshua, Daniel, Hannah, Emma, Matthew, Fraser and Max who, in February, represented the school at an East Lothian cross country event. The boys' team came third out of thirteen and the girls' came fourth. A special mention goes to Max who came third in his event.

Charlotte, Edward, Joshua, Daniel, Hannah, Emma and Max also took part in the Scottish Schools Athletics Association national cross country event on Saturday 27th April. Unfortunately, we did not have enough girls to make a team; however, they all did very well in a race against 123 other girls. The boys' team came 10th out of 17 teams. Joshua did very well coming 36th in a race of 136. Max came 29th out of 116 in his race. Well done!



EUROQUIZ



Huge CONGRATULATIONS and best wishes go to primary 6 pupils Edward, Matthew, Toby and Tommy who represented the school at the recent East Lothian heats of the national Euroquiz competition. They were ably supported by Jack. Despite having some very difficult questions to answer and being up against close competition, they came out on top. They will now represent East Lothian on the 13th May at the finals, which are being held in the Scottish Parliament. The event can be viewed on the Parliament TV channel. Good Luck!



SCHOOL UNIFORM

It is the time of year when you might be thinking about school uniform for session 2019/20. As you may be aware, the way we handle uniform orders has changed in the last few weeks. We no longer stock any uniform in school and all orders must be placed direct with our supplier, Patricia Bewsey Designs online at www.garmentprinter.co.uk. All orders placed online will be delivered to the school free of charge.

You can place an order at any time throughout the school year; however, please do bear in mind any orders placed in June may not be delivered to the school until August, with orders being available for collection on Tuesday 13 August from 10am. Likewise, any orders placed in July and the beginning of August will be available for collection at the same time.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REMINDERS



Road Safety: It has been brought to our attention that some parents are driving too fast in and around the school. For everyone's safety, we would request that all drivers pay attention to the speed limit. Ideally, parents/carers should park away from the school and walk their child to the school gates.

Sunscreen: We have recently had some warm and sunny weather. Please remember to send your child/ren to school properly prepared for this. This might include providing your child/ren with a hat and some sun cream. It should be noted that the school takes no responsibility for applying sun cream.

Water bottles: We would ask parents to ensure that children are sent to school each morning with a filled, named water bottle. This can be refilled, if required, during the day. **Please note** - only water should be provided as sipping fruit juice, fresh or diluting, can lead to tooth decay. Fizzy drinks are not allowed in school.



AROUND THE CLASSES



We would like to welcome everyone back after our Easter Holidays with

a particularly warm welcome to the new children who have started with us this term. We would like to take the opportunity to remind parents/carers that outdoor play is a big part of our daily curriculum and to remind you to send your child prepared for all weathers. The weather has improved so let's hope this continues as Spring has officially 'sprung' and our thematic learning has naturally moved onto this. The children have been sharing their experiences of seeing animals over the holidays and have been showing an interest in the blossoming flowers. We will be discussing the new season and the changes that this has brought as well as looking at living things and discussing what they need to be able to grow. Pre-school parents should have received information about school transition, if you have not please ask a member of the team. We also have a date for pre-school parents' diaries - we will be

having our annual sports day on Thursday the 30th of May at 9am on the field. We are hoping for nice weather. Over the next few weeks we will begin to practise the sports day activities. We would like to invite the parents of our afternoon children to come in for a stay and play session, which is a great opportunity to find out more about your child's learning journey. Dates and times along with a sheet to indicate your preference will be displayed in the cloakroom area.

The Nursery Team



P1 will be exploring creatures and habitats under the sea. We will be creating models of habitats and using the internet and non-fiction books to find information.

We will be continuing to use the outdoors to enhance lessons in Primary 1 with the hope of travelling further afield to Gullane Beach before the end of term.

We have set up a class fruit and vegetable shop in our role play area and are busy learning to identify coins and use money. We are having lots of fun taking turns to be the shop keeper and using our knowledge of addition to add amounts.

Well done, P1!

Mrs Cooper



P1/2 will be writing imaginative stories based on familiar traditional

tales. They will also use headings to write notes. I will be asking the children to prepare a short talk about an object, interest or experience they have had.

In numeracy, the children are learning to identify and order coins and notes. The house corner has been set up as a shop and children can take part in role play activities involving buying food and giving change using a variety of coin combinations. We will carry on with addition and subtraction using different strategies.

In RME, we are learning about Christian ceremonies and comparing with Muslim ceremonies.

In HWB, the class will be learning about their growing body and the correct names for body parts. We will be preparing for Sports Day with the focus being on athletic activities.

In science, the children will be designing and carrying out experiments to demonstrate the changing state of water around us. We have planned some nice cooking activities with the children to include working with solids, liquids and gases.

Mrs Grainger



P2/3 enjoyed sharing their learning and IT skills with all the relatives who attended our drop in at the end of last term. It was so encouraging to see the number of people who attended. Thanks for

your support.

The children took great delight in planning and looking after seeds and beans with Mrs MacIver, and this term she will be covering Time and Money in our Maths Session once a week.

I was very impressed with the high standard of book reviews that the children did at home, and how they presented them as talks to the class. Well done!

As we have Miss Gordon our PE Specialist on a Tuesday, our other class PE session will be on Monday mornings. It would be appreciated if you could ensure the children have an old pair of trainers at school to enable them to participate in lessons outside.

We will also have art lessons with Mr Connell on Fridays, which I know the children are delighted about.

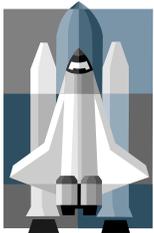
One of our focuses this term will be looking at 'Recycling,' and we will be going on a visit to Kinwegar Recycling Centre on Wednesday 8th of May. Thanks to the generosity of East Lothian Council, there will be no transport costs for this event. I would be grateful if you could return the forms as soon as possible and indicate if you are free to help with this. We are looking forward to sharing our learning with you at our assembly on 30th May, which has been rescheduled to enable us to do this.

We will also use this as a focus for our Interdisciplinary Learning, in areas such as Writing, Technologies, Drama and Art.

The children enjoyed their cooking lessons with Mrs. Elderfield, and this gave them an opportunity to reflect on their learning in Solids, Liquids and Gases. We will be doing a few more experiments with this area of science over the next few weeks and are planning to have a few more lessons with Mrs. Elderfield in her kitchen!

Thanks for all your help.

Mr McEwan



P3/4 are going to be learning about forces and magnetism this term. The children are interested in finding out about space and will be focusing on investigating the forces involved in space travel and exploration. Please could you save any cardboard boxes (large and small) and send them in to school as we will design and build our own spaceships in the final week of the project. In the second half of the term the class will be investigating the needs and wants of the local community and may request to interview parents and carers about their opinions. The class will be learning about money in maths and numeracy and will be taking part in a Moneysense workshop, delivered by Royal Bank of Scotland volunteers, about fraud and identity theft next week. In PE, we will be learning about invasion games, athletics and teamwork. In literacy, the class will be applying what they have learned so far this session to write imaginative and creative stories relating to the theme of space. In the second part of term they will develop and present short talks to the class on a topic of their own choosing.

Ms Ferguson



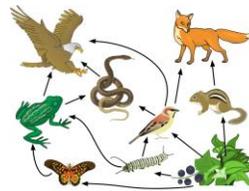
P4 have returned with a healthy glow after the Spring Break. The children have a fun packed final term starting with a whole school commitment to Mindset Matters; where the whole school community has been given the opportunity to engage with this approach. The

children have experienced a workshop to raise their awareness of embracing a positive mind set; providing the opportunity to develop their inner confidence, deal with peer pressure and attitude and begin to raise their aspirations, coping with setbacks and giving them the impetus to start believing in themselves. This fits in really well with the Health and Wellbeing expectations within the Curriculum for Excellence.

Within Social Studies, we will be covering People, Place and Environment - investigating landscapes and people. We will be exploring the natural environment looking at climate and how physical features influence the variety of living things. The class will be looking at habitats and camouflage, taking our learning outdoors and comparing features over several different climate zones. This will be an interdisciplinary unit of study which will feed through our language, maths, expressive arts and technology activities.

It was lovely catching up with you all at the recent parent consultations and I hope you enjoyed sharing some of the exploits and learning we have been up to in P4 this session, time passes so quickly.

Mrs Cowie.



P5 are continuing our learning based around John Muir. This will involve Storytelling and Dance. We will work in cooperative groups to investigate our outdoor grounds. Activities will include identifying trees and plants, food chains and bird spotting. The children will be developing their debating and persuasion skills when faced with conservation and sustainability dilemmas.

In art, we will be creating observational paintings of flowers and studying an artist of our choice. Later in the term we will be preparing a short presentation on our chosen artist to share with the class. We will also be getting stuck into the clay!

Our class novel is Stig of the Dump, another classic. This term the children will have the opportunity to get involved in Literature Circles (book clubs).

Our focus in number will be fractions, decimals and percentages. We also have money related visits from a number of parents, thank you.

The class really enjoyed our recent Live'n'Learn workshop. We will be exploring the idea of 'flexible mind-sets' and 'The Learning Pit'; equipping ourselves with strategies to help with challenges in everyday life.

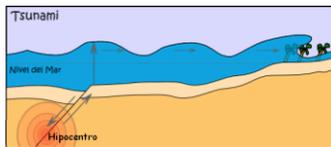
On Wednesday 29th May we will be visiting JOBS KINGDOM LIVE at Queen Margaret University. The children are really excited by this. More information to follow.

Well done, Kirsten for having your entry chosen by Greywalls as their new children's menu.

Our class assembly will be on Thursday 13th June. Please add this date to your diary.

We are looking forward to another busy, fun term in Primary 5.

Mrs Shepherd



P5/6 are raring to go after our brilliant boost of sunshine during the sunny April Holidays!

We would like to say a big thank you to all of the parents / carers / helpers who supported our Fair Trade event in March. We had a wonderful day and thoroughly enjoyed sharing our learning and knowledge with everyone who came along to visit us. Thank you! :)

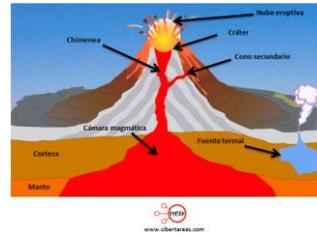
This term the class have chosen to study Natural Disasters, which will encompass:

- Geographical areas where extreme weather can occur
- Maths - in order to measure the heights of volcanoes, temperatures and wind speed
- Geology - to understand the major characteristics of Scotland's landscape and how these are formed
- History - looking at Mount Vesuvius and Pompeii
- Literacy - writing newspaper and performing weather reports
- Science - experiments such as cyclones in bottles, how volcanoes erupt and flood simulations.

We are looking forward to art lessons with Mr Connell who will be teaching us how to paint tsunamis. The children will also be taking in part in outdoor PE to practise their athletics. In numeracy/maths, we will be looking at algebra,

expressions and equations, number patterns and sequences.

Mrs Thomson



P6 is looking forward to a busy final term. The children have decided they would like to learn about 'Natural Disasters' this term, with a

particular focus on volcanoes. We will be finding out what volcanoes are, how they occur and about all the different types. We will also be looking at how volcanoes have shaped the landscape in Scotland as well as in other countries - especially their chosen comparison island of Hawaii.

In RME, we will be finding out about the religion of Sikhism, how Sikhs worship, Sikh beliefs, artefacts and festivals.

In Science, we will be doing some investigations into micro-organisms and the role they play in producing and breaking down some materials....could be gruesome! Many of our literacy activities will fit into our 'Natural Disasters' theme - newspaper reports, poetry, emotive stories, research, debates, presentations etc.

In maths/numeracy, we will be developing our numeracy skills and strategies, working on 'time', probability/chance and some problem solving. Lots of 'times tables' practice to increase speed this term too, so more of this at home is always beneficial!

We are hoping to do some of our learning and lots of our P.E outdoors this term so please ensure outdoor trainers, sun cream, water bottles etc. are brought to school and any hay fever medication has been given if appropriate.

Mrs Gordon



P7 are now into their exciting final term and the residential camp at Dounans is just around the corner. This will be a wonderful opportunity for the class to get to know other youngsters from Dirleton, Aberlady and Athelstaneford with whom we will be spending the week and the majority of whom will also be

heading to North Berwick High School after the summer.

On 1st May, we are off to the **Risk Factory**, an interactive safety centre in Edinburgh, for a morning of learning how to safely deal with risks in everyday life and how to avoid certain risks altogether. I was very grateful for all the offers of help on the trip and had to pick names out of a hat in the end as there was only space to take two helpers. As you will know, our application to Virgin Money's "Make £5 Grow" Programme was successful and the class have been very busy planning and preparing their ideas on how to make some money and essentially run a small business. We will soon be ordering all the necessary materials and making various products for the **P7 Enterprise Afternoon** in school on Wednesday 29th May at 1.30. More details about this event will be available in the next few weeks.

As well as ongoing work for their Enterprise Afternoon, I have set P7 the task of researching, preparing and practising a 15 minute **talk/presentation** on any topic of their choice, to be presented to the class at the end of May. This is an important life skill and will inevitably involve some research and work at home. They can choose to work on their own or in pairs and everyone in the class will be involved in peer assessment.

Bikeability was the victim of some bad weather last term but we are planning to reschedule the postponed final session as soon as possible in May so that the class can be assessed and awarded their certificates.

Until Mr Adamson returns later in the month, I will continue to use our P7 **Google Classroom** to communicate with the class and to share work and homework tasks. This will be useful experience for the class as they get ready for moving on to high school where Google Classroom is used by many teachers.

Mrs Jones



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Wednesday 1st: P7 visit to the Risk Factory.
 - 13:20 - WWW Club (1/5)
 - Monday 6th: **HOLIDAY**
 - Wednesday 8th: 13:20 WWW Club (2/5)
 - Monday 13th: P7 off to Dounans.
 - Euroquiz final
 - Monday 20th: **In-service day**
 - Wednesday 22nd: 13:20 WWW Club (3/5)
 - Thursday 23rd: Interscholastics, Meadowmill
 - Wednesday 29th: 12:30 - 15:00 P5 to attend Jobs Kingdom Live at Queen Margaret University. PM - P7 Enterprise event.
 - Thursday 30th: P2/3 Assembly. Parents/carers of this class are welcome to join us at 9.00 am.
 - Pre-school nursery sports
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- Wednesday 5th JUNE: 13:20 WWW Club (4/5)
 - Friday 7th: Sports - weather permitting.
 - Saturday 8th: School Fair
 - Wednesday 12th: Wednesday Club (5/5)
 - Thursday 13th: P5 Assembly. Parents/carers of this class are welcome to join us at 9.00 am.
 - Friday 14th: Sports - second choice.
 - End of session reports come home.
 - Monday 17th: P7 Activity Day, NBHS
 - Move up day for rest of the school.
 - Tuesday 18th: P7 to S1 transition, NBHS. (1/2)
 - P7 Parent information evening, NBH
 - Wednesday 19th: P7/S1 transition, NBHS. (2/ 2)
 - Thursday 20th: P7 Leavers' Assembly. Parents/carers of this class are welcome to join us at 9.00 am.
 - Thursday 27th: P7 Leavers' event - information to follow later.
 - Friday 28th: Last day of the session.



You did it!
Congratulations

Emily, P7, did exceptionally well at the recent Edinburgh Competition Festival! She was placed first in the solo singing class and awarded the Ella Lamb

Medal, runner up in the Songs from the Shows and received a highly commended in her piano solo class. She has been working very hard on developing her piano and singing skills, and it's lovely to see her achieve the recognition for all her efforts. Well done, Emily!



COMMUNITY NEWS

TEA-TIME CHURCH

15:30 - 17:00 Sunday 26th May, St Adrian's Episcopal Church, Sandy Loan. We will be exploring the Pentecost Story and the Holy Spirit with crafts, games, worship, songs and snack. For children accompanied by carers. All welcome.

GIRLS' RUGBY OPEN DAY

North Berwick Rugby Club 11:00 to 12:15 18th of May. The event is for girls currently in P5/6/7. In order to ensure that we have enough coaches available, if you are interested, please email Mark at northberwickdo@gmail.com. The medium-term hope is to have enough girls interested to form a team and play games against other girls' teams.

GULLANE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Gullane After School Club will be running a **Summer Holiday Club** from 8am - 6pm, Mondays to Thursdays, 15th July -8th August, for children aged 4 - 12 years. Full days (£30) and half days (£15) available. They have also introduced a new '**Fun Friday**' session during term time, starting this Friday 3rd May. Arts, crafts, and outdoor adventures and more from 1-3pm every Friday. All children from P1-P7 are welcome, you do not need to be attending the After School Club. £7.50 per child, snack provided. More details on Holiday Club and Fun Friday can be found on our Facebook page @GullaneAfterSchoolClub, our website www.GullaneAfterSchoolClub.com or E-mail Michele on gullaneasc1@aol.co.uk for more information or to book.

EAST LOTHIAN COUNCIL
RESOURCES AND PEOPLE SERVICES
SCHOOL SESSION DATES 2019/20

(Approved by Education Committee on 19 June 2018)

TERM 1	Staff In-service Day 1	Monday	12	August	2019
	Staff In-service Day 2	Tuesday	13	August	2019
	Pupils Resume	Wednesday	14	August	2019
	Autumn Holiday (schools closed)	Friday	13	September	2019
	Autumn Holiday (schools closed)	Monday	16	September	2019
	All Return	Tuesday	17	September	2019
	All Break	Friday	11	October	2019
	Staff In-service Day 3	Monday	21	October	2019
	Pupils Resume	Tuesday	22	October	2019
	Term Ends	Friday	20	December	2019
	<i>Term 1 = 85 pupil days</i> <i>Term 1 = 88 staff days</i>				
TERM 2	All Resume	Tuesday	7	January	2020
	All Break	Friday	7	February	2020
	Staff In-service Day 4	Monday	17	February	2020
	Pupils Resume	Tuesday	18	February	2020
	All Break	Friday	3	April	2020
	Good Friday – 10 April 2020 Easter Monday – 13 April 2020 <i>Term 2 = 58 pupil days</i> <i>Term 2 = 59 staff days</i>				
TERM 3	All Resume (Staff and Pupils)	Tuesday	21	April	2020
	May Day (Schools closed)	Monday	4	May	2020
	All Resume	Tuesday	5	May	2020
	Staff In-service Day 5 (pupils off)	Monday	18	May	2020
	Pupils Resume	Tuesday	19	May	2020
	Term Ends <i>Terms 3 = 47 pupil days</i> <i>Terms 3 = 48 staff days</i>	Friday	26	June	2020