



Innerwick Primary School Newsletter

Message from Mr Taylor

The first few months of this term have truly flown past, and with all the excitement and preparations surrounding the school's anniversary it seems crazy that we are well on our way to the Easter break. I would like to thank everyone again for their various contributions of time, effort, creative thinking, and in particular home baking! What an amazing week we had, and I hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did.

Although the main celebrations around our anniversary are over, there will be further elements which will feature throughout the rest of the school year, notably the burying of our time capsule, the planting of an anniversary tree and the construction of our anniversary display cabinet. You will be kept informed of all these events through our normal communication channels, website, email, Twitter. I am currently grappling with a new piece of software (Sway) through which I hope to feature some additional memories from our anniversary week – hopefully you'll get a link through email soon.

Within the context of new things, I have been working with the council's corporate and communication team to look at our school's digital image. I am hoping that we can align the logos for both our partnership schools but retain respective individual identities at the same time. It may also be that we take this opportunity to consider reviewing the school's official colours. To this end, I would like to invite any parents with an interest in this to join me to discuss further, and propose Thursday 14th March at 10am. Please let the school office know if you wish to attend.

We have been very happy to host Miss Chloe Devlin, a 3rd Year MA student, this year and are delighted with Miss Devlin's contribution to the life and work of the school. Please note that Miss Devlin's focus now switches from P6/7 to the infant end of the school, and she will be working with both our Early Years setting and P1/2/3 over the coming months.

In addition to our busy curriculum, there will be a particular focus on 'Developing the Young Workforce' over the next few months. Early Years children are already getting to experience some traditional crafts and skills with Mrs Laing and the team, while P5 pupils will attend the 'Jobs Kingdom' event at the end of March. We recently contacted parents of **P5, P6 & P7 pupils** to request consent to register the children on a national online database which will allow access to a number of employment related materials and activities. This resource provides a great way for children to think about their futures, however, we have had very few consent slips returned. We will re-issue the original letter, and I would urge **ALL** relevant parents to sign up and return the slips as soon as possible.

As always, many thanks for your continued support, and please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss any aspect of the school.

SchoolPay:

The new online payment system has been operational for a few weeks now and everyone should have received information on this along with a code to enable you to register on Schoolpay. This is the preferred method of payment which enables you to pay for school lunches, trips, milk etc as well as pre-ordering school lunches. If you need a copy of the original letter to enable you to register for this system please let Laura know.



Reminders

- Although we are heading into the warmer weather can be changeable, please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing and footwear.
- Please could you use the plastic wallets to send in notes or money from home
- Please ensure that your child brings a filled water bottle with them to school every day.
- Please keep an eye on our school blog and our twitter posts to find out more about what is happening in school. The children look forward to reading your comments on their posts.
- Children should always have their PE kit in school to enable teachers to include expressive arts in their daily lessons.

Early Years News:

In the Early Years Setting we have had a very busy few weeks starting the 1140 extended hours and being fully involved in the School's 50th Anniversary. The children and their family members have embraced the changes from attending a full day session, Monday to Thursday. The children love learning through play and the longer session offers more time to explore and discover new things and to develop new friendships too. Visiting the lunch hall and sitting at the new table, provided by East Lothian Council, is the highlight of each day. The children contributed to the 50th Anniversary Celebration by creating the numeral 50 in many different ways using natural loose parts, such as shells, sticks and clay. We also had a lot of fun learning and performing Bob the Builder, a favourite song from the 90s.



50th Anniversary:

Well done to the children on all their performances during our 50th anniversary celebrations, they put a lot of hard work into the various performances and displays and we are sure that you will agree the week was a resounding success. Also a massive thank you to everyone that helped with the preparations for our 50th anniversary celebrations we had a small army of parents helping out from sorting through photos, preparing various displays and providing the fabulous home baking the week would not have been such a success without all your help.



Diary Dates:

March:

7th - World Book Day

7th - P7 Spring Fling

11th - Cross Country

15th - Comic Relief

19th - P6 Outdoor Learning

21st - P7 Outdoor Learning

29th - Fairtrade Café

April:

2nd & 3rd—Parents Meetings

5th—Easter Service

8th—22nd - Easter Break

23rd - All return

Comic Relief:

On Friday 15th March we will be doing fun activities for comic relief, the children are invited to wear red in return for a donation to the charity. We will also be selling red noses at a cost of £1.25 per nose during the run up to red nose day



Bikes:

Police Scotland have advised us that there has been some bike thefts in East Lothian. Although this has not been an issue here they have advised that bikes should be secured with a suitable bike lock.



Parent Council News:

The annual Spring Fair will take place on Saturday 11th May and we are looking for as many helpers as possible. If you can spare some time either in the run up to the fair to help with the organisation or on the day can you please let either Tracey or Tricia know as soon as possible.

Thanks to all who helped in the run up to and during the week of the anniversary celebrations and to everyone who supplied home baking.

Finally the planned date for the next parent council meeting (1st April) will need to be rearranged. We will advise you of the new date as soon as possible.

