

April and May 2021



Innerwick Primary School Newsletter

Dear families and friends of Innerwick PS

A very warm welcome back to all our children and their families, I hope that you had a restful Easter break. The staff and I were delighted to see all the children returning all together last week. It has been such a pleasure to hear all their news!

This term we will be focusing as a whole school on learning outdoors: this will involve pupils planning for and developing our school grounds. We are very lucky to have an amazing outdoor space, and the children will be spending a lot of time, planting, growing, and getting creative within it. Our learners plan their own learning within this context and have already decided that one aspect they would like to focus on is encouraging wildlife, in particular bees. Our P6/7s will also be taking part in the 'Soil to Slice' in partnership with Sustaining Dunbar. This involves firstly growing and harvesting wheat. We will then thresh and mill the wheat to make flour and bake bread in the Autumn.

Our families and community have shown once again how supportive they can be! Not only did our Parent Council obtain the most amazing prizes from local businesses and individuals for the Easter Raffle, but ticket sales raised a **HUGE total of £848.00**. This is incredible and so much appreciated. Parent Council have asked us to consult with our pupils on how some of this money could be spent as part of our school grounds work this term. Myself and the staff would like to send our heartfelt thanks to all who contributed to this.

Our teachers and support staff continue to ensure that we are supporting all our learners to make good progress. Literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing are still at the centre of our 'recovery' curriculum this term, but we also recognise the importance of providing a breadth of experiences for our learners. We are delighted to welcome Catherine Baird to our staff team this term on Monday each week in the role of COVID recovery teacher. She will be working with a range of children to support identified needs in literacy and numeracy.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or issues, my 'virtual' door is always open.

Warmest Regards Joanne Legge

Can you spare some time to help please?

We have lots of upkeep jobs around the school grounds and would like to ask our wonderful community for some help. Unfortunately, this will need to be outside school times due to COVID 19 restrictions, but we can provide any resources needed. We know how precious everyone's time is so we really appreciate this. The jobs we have identified so far are as follows:

- repairs to rotten slats on a wooden bench
- painting sheds with wood preservative
- breaking up, dismantling and skipping (we have a skip on site) an old picnic table

We may have other requests as the children make their plans to develop the grounds. Your help is so much appreciated as these are tasks that can't be done safely by the pupils themselves.

Please call me on 01368 840227 or email innerwick.ps@innerwick.elcschool.org.uk.

B2b Sounds Stories Film Project P6/7 have been invited to take part in an animated film project with Dave Trouton from the Youth Music Initiative and in collaboration with professional film makers, Jonathan Charles and Simone Bloomfield. We are one of 4 schools who have been chosen to take part. Each school will take on a 'department' within the film making process and will work together to produce an animated film which will be premiered and shared with the school community at the end of term. Our department will develop the storyline and provide the narration. We are looking forward to working with Longniddry, Macmerry and Dunbar Primary schools on this exciting project.

Bikeability

This term P6/7 will take part in 4 Bikeability training sessions, run by East Lothian Outdoor Education. We will be learning about all aspects of bike and road safety and practising our cycling skills in a safe environment before venturing out onto the roads.

Termly Brief In order to keep you informed with regard to your child's learning each term, please look out for a Termly Brief which will be published to you shortly. This will summarise your child's learning in the key areas of literacy, numeracy and health and well-being.

Nursery to P1 Transition

We are working to put together our Nursery to P1 transition programme as I write this. More details will follow very shortly. We aim to provide a comprehensive range of activities, whilst working within all the relevant COVID guidelines.

Sports Day 2021

Although we won't be able to have an 'all together' Sports day this year, Mrs Berwick (and Miss Gordon from Stenton) are currently planning how we might adapt what we do to allow our children to participate and compete as fully as possible.

TWENTY YEARS SERVICE!

We celebrated 20 years service for Elaine our beloved Classroom Assistant on Friday 23rd April. She has known 9 head teachers in her time here and helped countless numbers of children through their years at Innerwick. She works tirelessly to support all the staff and children at the school and we thank her so much for her dedication and commitment. Here's to the next 20 years Elaine!

Diary Dates

Monday 3rd May: Bank Holiday
Monday 24th May: Inservice Day
7th-11th June P7 AWE-some Outdoor activities week
Friday 11th June: Progress reports issued
Friday 25th June: End of Term

Parent Council News:

Thank you to everyone that has already signed up and is using Easyfundraising when purchasing anything online. We have already raised £46.30 in just 2 months! Remember if you use it when booking a holiday or changing energy suppliers, it's a great way to raise funds and fast! Sign up here and raise funds (for free!) for the school. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/aqx16u/>

P7 Transition

This term the children in Primary 7 will be involved in a variety of transition activities to prepare them for moving onto S1. Whilst most of these will be online, we do hope to arrange some face to face visits from the staff at Dunbar Grammar. There will also be a Transition Twitter page set up by DGS later this term to keep everyone informed and up-to-date. More details to follow.

P7 AWE-some week Primary 7 will join with the P7 pupils from Stenton in a week of exciting outdoor adventures. More details will be given nearer the time but fingers crossed the sun will still be shining for us that week!! Thanks to all P7 parents for returning the transport letter sent by Friday 30th, this will help us greatly in our planning.

