



Innerwick Primary School Newsletter

Dear Parents and families

Thank you so much for coming along to our Virtual Curricular Evening last Thursday. We had so much to share that we did overrun quite a bit! We hope that you found it informative and interesting.

Please find links to the presentations below:

Read, Write Inc:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1fgQU0gRrts1THG4GBQUz68PrIkdd79jFyiHGUMXxrrU/edit?usp=sharing>

Writing

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/14glG6LdgjwmL4Rpv7hhGHj829EDN7Tx72g2N7AzQILs/edit?usp=sharing>

Multiplication and Division

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/19rHC0r-B-QvQX4Z3QO4KMXV4FL-HYMr8eBhiE2Tgvmw/edit?usp=sharing>

World Book Week at Innerwick

We really enjoyed our Book Week activities this year! Children brought in different types of reading material to share with each other: atlases, comic books, magazines and other types of non-fiction. The Parent Council set each class a 'Read Wide Challenge' and each class filled up their 'bookshelf' to show how many books they had read! The children really enjoyed being able to choose their own book, which was funded by the Parent Council, these have been ordered and we are awaiting their arrival! We also decorated potatoes as our favourite characters!



Innerwick Early Years Setting News

In the Early Years Setting we have been discovering changes to weather, plants and animals as we explore the season of spring. Our learning started with a spring walk and has progressed to recording signs of spring through photography. Please view our recent tweet on the Innerwick Twitter page to see some very beautiful spring flowers - photos taken by Charlotte and Mabel. Soon children will be supported to create their own individual painting of spring flowers - a special gift for Mothering Sunday! Also this term the Phonics Programme will start towards the end of March, Number Fun sessions continue each week and Story Sacks home lending has resumed.

Mrs Laing's chapter *Children as Leaders and Planners in Scotland* in the book *The Theory and Practice of Voice in Early Childhood* will be published on the 17th March. Available for pre-order on Amazon and Routledge. The children who generously contributed their creative plan ideas, will receive an invitation to a book launch party in the nursery.





Lots of children volunteered to join our Friendship Garden Working Group and so we have drawn names out of a hat. We will be meeting with Mrs Legge this week, and then we will be asked to collect ideas from all the classes. Next week we will then share this information with parents and members of our community so that we can start the planning process. If you would like to get involved with the project, please do get in touch, we would love you to come along.

Innerwick Flower Show Committee

The Flower Show Committee will be joining us on Monday 21st March as they have donated an oak tree to the school as part of the Queen's Green Canopy project. We will be planting this outside the main entrance to the school.



This is an initiative to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee, and groups across the UK are invited to 'Plant a Tree for the Jubilee'.

Diary Dates:

Thursday 17th March Whole School Trip to Dynamic Earth

Friday 18th March: Dress down or up day for Comic Relief

Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th March Parent Consultations

Wednesday 6th April Easter Service

Friday 8th April All break for Easter, return on Monday 25th April.

Staffing Update: We are delighted to let you know that Joanna Lumsden is the successful candidate for our Principal Teacher post. She will move to the P5/6/7 class once we have recruited a class teacher for P3/4. Vicky Logan will be leaving us at Easter and we are currently recruiting for her replacement.

Sadly our wonderful classroom assistant Donna has decided to leave us due to family commitments, we will miss her so much but she has assured us that she will return to volunteer in school when this is opened up. Elaine will be leaving us at the end of March to begin her maternity leave, we wish her all the very best and can't wait to hear her news!! Cheryl Bell has taken up a position at Dunbar nursery and we wish her all the best in her new role.

We have welcomed quite a number of new members of staff recently! Emilly Atkinson will be covering Elaine's maternity leave. Elizabeth Elliot has joined us as a Support for Learning Classroom Assistant, she will be working with us on Monday, Tuesday and alternate Fridays. Anna McCraw has joined us as a classroom assistant as part of the East Lothian Works Paid Work Experience Scheme, she will be with us until the summer break on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. We will also shortly welcome another classroom assistant, Emma Togneri-Skelton on Wednesday and Friday.

Pupil Participation: School Development News

One of our development priorities, which will continue into the next session and beyond, is to look at how we can meaningfully offer opportunities for our learners to be fully involved in the work and life of the school. The impact of COVID 19 on our learners has been huge, and we are still trying to fully understand the impact of this. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, which is to be shortly incorporated into Scottish law, provides us with an important lens through which to evaluate our school.

We want to develop our learners' skills in the planning and evaluation of our curriculum, in making decisions for our school and engaging with our community in issues that are important to them. We want to look at the leadership opportunities that we provide for our learners. As a school community, we will be engaging with you over the coming months as we start to explore this together, your views and ideas will be important in moving this work forward.