



Innerwick Primary School

Newsletter

A Message from Mr Taylor:

I would like to be able to confidently say that 'spring is in the air', however I am loathe to tempt fate as I'm sure none of us wish to see any more of the dreaded 'white stuff'. A huge thank you to all parents, pupils, staff and community members for their efforts in helping to keep everyone safe and engaged throughout our unplanned shutdown, and especially to those who helped clear roads, paths and carparks to allow us to open our doors for business again.

The school is, as ever, a thriving and busy place to be and we certainly have a 'spring' in our step! I have been working with staff to review our school vision and ethos, and am looking forward to hearing back from parents on your views as to how we are getting on, or indeed what we could be doing better. Please make sure to send in your completed questionnaire if you have not already done so, and we can include your views as we continue to move forward. I hope to arrange some 'parent drop-in' sessions over the next few weeks which will provide further opportunities to garner opinions. I have really enjoyed the opportunity to get into classes recently, and it's been great to have the children share their learning with me. Both schools are working towards our shared assembly on 23 March, and I think this will be a fantastic opportunity to develop our partnership, and make new friends. I look forward to seeing you there.

Fundraising:

P1/2/3 have been holding a French café during Monday and Tuesday breaks to raise funds for the RNLI as well as improving their French. They have been selling croissants, brioche as well as pears (poires), bananas (bananes) and carrots (carottes) and have raised a further £40 for our local lifeboat.



Friday Morning Run

Congratulations to everyone that took part in our inaugural Friday morning run. This will be a weekly event—thanks to Andrea for volunteering to take this on with the support of Dunbar Active Schools. If your child wishes to take part please let us know—parents/carers are also welcome to join in! The run will take place every Friday morning at 8.30am and is open to all.



Norovirus

If your child has shown symptoms of the norovirus (winter vomiting bug) can we remind you that, in keeping with NHS guidelines, they should be kept away from school for 48 hours after the final symptoms have subsided.



Reminders

- On rainy/cold days please send your children to arrive at school shortly before the bell.
- Please could you use the plastic wallets to send in notes or money from home—please try to include the correct amount as we do not keep petty cash within the school.
- Please ensure that your child brings a filled water bottle with them to school every day.
- Please keep an eye on our school blog 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.
- Please can you telephone the school by 9a.m. if your child is going to be absent—if no-one is available please leave a message on the answering machine.
- Please do not use the car-park or layby to drop your children off—this is to ensure the safety of all the children.

Nursery News:

During our recent topic on "Space", the nursery children were fascinated by film-clips of the first moon landing and, through creative movement and drama, enjoyed exploring different planets and meeting aliens on their travels. They also created many wonderful planets and moons using different media in the art area and with the playdough.

To celebrate Chinese New Year, we enjoyed sampling different types of Chinese food for snack. We had hoped to create our own lion dance and Chinese band, but these activities were postponed due to the snowy weather.

We have set up a new area in the classroom specifically for block play (wooden bricks), which encourages creative thinking skills, imagination and collaborative working. The children have been making good use of this new area and have been creating some very elaborate structures. We will post some pictures of these creations on the school blog.

Parent Consultations for nursery parents will be held during March. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet displayed on the classroom door.



Thank-You:

Thank-you to everyone who volunteers to help in the school your help is very much appreciated from Fiona and her team of helpers who trimmed the willow, the many parents who come in to help in class, the parents that help organise fund raising events and who come in to serve teas and coffees at Community Events—your help is invaluable. We hope that by coming in to help it allows you to gain a valuable insight to the learning journey of your children, and offers an opportunity to pass on any views on school business.



Topics:

This term P1/2/3 and P6/7 will be continuing to study space this term and are to support this they will be travelling to Dynamic Earth on the rearranged date of 26th April. In P1/2/3 our student teacher, Miss Govan has been doing some fantastic work looking at the phases of the moon as well as studying the planets. In P6/7 they have been studying the movement of the Earth and other planets relative to the sun in the Solar System as well as how space travel has developed over the years.



P4/5 have been looking at land uses in our local area as well as renewable and non-renewable energy which has involved trips to Barns Ness to look at the lime kilns and to Torness Power station – where they received praise for their interest and excellent behaviour. They have recently had a visit from Community Windpower and will be learning more about Solar Power thanks to Mr/Mrs Nightingale.



Diary Dates:

March:

- 7th – Community Windpower to P4/5
- 12th – P4/5 Rugby
- 12th – Primary Cross Country
- 19th – P4/5 Rugby
- 23rd – Core Values Assembly
- 26th – P4/5 rugby
- 27th – Parent meetings
- 28th – Parents meetings
- 28th – P4/5 to John Muir's Birthplace
- 29th – Easter Celebration
- 30th – End of Term

April:

- 16th – All return
- 19th – P4/5 Swimming
- 23rd – P6/7 Rugby
- 23rd – Parent Council Meeting
- 26th – P4/5 Swimming

Core Values Assembly:

A reminder that there will be a joint assembly with ourselves and Stenton on 23rd March during which the core values will be introduced by the children from both schools. The children from both schools are working hard on their preparations for this assembly and are looking forward to sharing this with everyone. This will be followed by a Beetle Drive which we hope everyone will enjoy.

Thank-you to everyone who has replied so far to let us know that they are coming as well as offers of refreshments. Can we remind everyone who has offered refreshments that the school has a nut and cherry free policy due to allergies, Stenton operate a soya free policy for the same reason – can we kindly ask that you avoid bringing anything in that may contain these products.

