

September/October 2022



Innerwick Primary School Newsletter

Dear parents and families

A huge welcome back, to all our learners and their families. Our new primary 1s have settled in so well, their confidence and enthusiasm has really blown us all away! We look forward to seeing much more of you this year, for school events such as open mornings and church services, and perhaps in school if you would like to volunteer to come in and help with our learning (thanks to those who have already come forward: we will be in touch).

As ever, should you have any feedback or require any support please do not hesitate to get in touch, we are always here to assist and work with you in any way.

Warm regards Joanne Legge (Head teacher)

Parental Feedback

Thanks so much to parents who came along to our Coffee and Chat session, or engaged with our Google Form during last term. Your feedback is very helpful. A summary of some of the main points can be seen via these links: [Feedback \(1\)](#)

[Feedback \(2\)](#)



Our School Improvement Plans

Please click on the links below to find out more about our School Improvement plans this session. These have been informed by our ongoing self-evaluation activities, these include your feedback and consultation. We will ensure that lots of opportunities are available for you and pupils to engage in further self-evaluation throughout the school year. Working in partnership in this way will ensure that our school moves forward and grows in ways that resonate with all of us.

[School Improvement Plans: Writing](#)

[School Improvement Plans: Spelling](#)

[School Improvement Plans: Reading](#)

[School Improvement Plans: Embedding Pupil Voice](#)

[School Improvement Plans: Inclusion and Wellbeing](#)



Embedding Learner Voice: Our Pupil Led Curriculum

We have made an exciting start to our pupil voice work this session, with the introduction of our pupil-led curriculum. This will empower our learners to plan their learning together, both what they are learning and how they would like to learn. We will link all our learning back to our curriculum so that our learners are able to fully understand the skills, knowledge and understanding that they are developing. We are working with Dounby Community School in the Orkney Isles, and several pupils met us last week for a GoogleMeet to share their experiences of pupil-led learning. Our learners were able to ask questions to help them understand exactly how this works. We want to involve parents and families in planning our learning also, and so you will have an opportunity to ask a question about the chosen projects too. We will share our learning with you. The children made a wordcloud to express how they are feeling about being able to lead their learning.

Please click on the links for more information:

[School Improvement Plans: Pupil-Led Curriculum \(1\)](#)

[School Improvement Plans: Pupil-led Curriculum \(2\)](#)

[School Improvement Plans: Pupil-led Curriculum \(3\)](#)



Bikeability

We are very fortunate that we have been able to run Bikeability Level 1 and 2, in recent years. These sessions have been run by Carol Alexander (a parent at Stenton school and also a trained instructor) and other staff who have been trained to support. In order to ensure that we can continue to offer this as part of our curriculum, we would like to encourage parents to consider 'training up' to become Level 1 accredited. This would enable parents to run the sessions at Level 1 that take place within the school grounds. Parents are asked to attend 2 half day training sessions. These take place on Friday mornings or afternoons (please click on link below). There is a possibility that we can organise an 'in-house- training session more locally if we have at least 5 interested parents (across both schools), so if you are interested please could you get in touch and we will keep you informed if this becomes possible. Thank you! [01 Training Course Calendar on web 2022/23 \(edubuzz.org\)](#)



Diary Dates

Tuesday 13th Sept- Tues 11th Oct
TastEd after school club, 3.15-4.15
P5- 7 Young Carer Workshop
Weds 21st September
September Holiday
Fri 16th to Mon 19th September
Open Morning
Fri 23rd Sept 11-12.30am
Parents Consultations
Weds 5th and Thurs 6th Oct
Harvest Service
Tues 12th Oct 1.30pm at the church
Half term break
Fri 14th Oct
Pupils return Tues 25th Oct
Flu Immunisation Day
Mon 14th Nov
Individual and Family Photos
Tuesday 15th Nov



Important Information

-Late arrivals: Please could all children who are late to school come in via the office so that we are aware that they have arrived.

-Medication: Please note that should your child require medication in school that parents must complete a form (provided through the office) and the medication should be in the packaging in which it was dispensed. It is parents' responsibility to ensure the medication is in date and to collect unused medication at the end of term.

In addition, should your child require an inhaler, 2 should be provided (for P4 children and older these may be carried themselves). We also carry an emergency inhaler in school.

Open Morning:

Please come along to school on the morning of **Friday 23rd September between 11 and 12.30am.**

We will share some of our approaches to literacy and numeracy with you, and you will have the opportunity to support your child's learning in class.

We look forward to seeing you then.



Attendance

Your child's attendance matters. Excellent attendance ensures that your child has the best possible learning experience and is widely considered to be a central factor in academic success.

Should your child's attendance fall below 90% over a 4 week period, Mrs Legge will get in touch to discuss this with you and to offer any support required.



Harvest Festival:

We are delighted to invite you along to our Harvest Service at Innerwick Church on **Wednesday 12th October at 1.30pm.** We are collecting to support Dunbar FoodShare, their website is [Home | Dunbar Foodshare | Foodbank East Lothian, Scotland](#). We look forward to seeing you there.

