



PENCAITLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Healthy – Active – Happy

November 2010

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you had a relaxing holiday and are refreshed for the busy term ahead.

Thanks to everyone who attended the Parent Teacher Consultations in October. They are so important for partnership working and getting it right for every child.

Thanks also for your support at the Book Fair – we now have £599 commission to spend on books for the school.

Another big thank you for the produce you sent in for the Harvest Festival. This was picked up by Bethany Trust and distributed to homeless people in Edinburgh and the Lothians.

“Many thanks for your generous support of the NSPCC’s Childline sponsored event. We raised an amazing £2,244.27. Well done everyone!”

Best wishes

Mary McCall
Head Teacher

PARENT COUNCIL UPDATE

Please find attached an update from the Parent Council

STAFFING

Miss Sutherland took up the post of Depute at Pencaitland on 4 October and we are finding her knowledge of Curriculum for Excellence development very beneficial. Miss McNally started in P2 on the same day and has really fitted in well to the infant team.

Mrs Berry has had her baby – a baby boy called Dylan Lewis. They are both well and we look forward to seeing him when he is a bit older.

Mrs Telford has been appointed as Support for Learning teacher and will work in the school on Wednesday and Thursdays supporting groups and individuals.

ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOL

I have had several complaints from parents about vehicles coming into The Glebe and turning right, then making three point turns when children are coming and going. I am attaching a reminder of the advice about traffic around the school for your information. I will also try to be out and about at peak times and will take the numbers of anyone who I think is acting in a dangerous manner and pass it on to the community policeman. As Health and Safety manager I must ensure the safety of all our pupils. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

RECORDER PRACTICE

We are looking for adult volunteers to help with recorder practise. More information on the blog.

CURRICULUM EVENING

In response to parental feedback we have decided to offer a Curriculum Evening to all parents, based on literacy and numeracy themes. Staff will give talks and provide activities for parents to become more involved with outcomes and experiences of Curriculum for Excellence at three levels. We have tried to organise the evening so that parents with several children can attend all of the talks and take part in some of the activities.

If your child is in nursery or P1 – Early Level is for you. If your child is in P2-P4, First Level is for you and if your child is in P5-P7, Second Level is for you. The times and locations are listed below.

TALKS

6.30 – 6.40	Early Level Maths	(P1 classroom)	7.30 – 7.40	Second Level Maths (7 classroom)
6.50 – 7.00	First Level Literacy	(P3/4 classroom)	7.50 – 8.00	First Level Maths (P3/4 classroom)
7.10 – 7.20	Early Level Literacy	(P1 classroom)	8.10 – 8.20	Second Level Literacy (SFL classroom)

ACTIVITIES

6.30 – 6.50	First Level Literacy	(P4/5 classroom)	7.30 – 7.50	Early Level Literacy (Sunshine room)
6.50 – 7.10	Early Level Maths	(P2 classroom)		First Level Maths (Dining Hall)
7.10 – 7.30	Second Level Literacy	(P5/6 classroom)	7.50 – 8.10	Second Level Maths (P7 classroom)

We will have signs out on the evening to help you find your way and there will be adults to guide you in the right direction. As it is a curriculum evening, the talks are pitched at an adult audience. If you bring your children with you could you please ensure they are with you at all times.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

This year's Christmas Show – "Scrooge...A Ghost of a Chance!" will be performed by P3/4 and P4/5. The performances will take place on Thursday 16 December in the afternoon and the evening. More information about tickets will be sent home nearer the time but I thought that parents of these classes would want a bit of warning.

We have not discussed party/church service dates yet, but will let you know about these as soon as we do.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 6 November	Bonfire Event at Beech's Fields 6.15 PM – organised by the PTA.
Thurs 11 November	P5's start rugby training (pm)
Fri 12 November	P7 assembly at 9.00 am P6 Hockey Festival at Ross High School. The PTA will pay for the transport to this event.
Wed 17 November	P7 Visit to Museum of Flight Curriculum Evening for parents at 6.30 pm (information above)
Mon 22 November	Parent Council Meeting 7.30 pm in Carriage House (downstairs room)