

# PENCAITLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## *Healthy – Active – Happy*

March/April 2011

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### **Dear Parents and Carers**

Thank you to all who attended the Health and Wellbeing Curriculum evening. I hope it gave you a better idea about how we can work in partnership in this area.

### **Red Nose Day**

Red noses will be on sale on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for £1. We will also have a dress down morning on Friday 18 March and pupils and adults will pay 50p for the privilege. More details on the blog.

### **School Photos**

Class and year stage photos will be taken on the morning of Thursday 17 March in the hall.

### **King Loth Performances**

Parents of pupils in P5, 6 and 7 are invited to the performance on Monday 21 March at 11.00 am and 1.30 pm. Make sure you have your tickets. There are still tickets available for the 11.00 am performance but the tickets for the 1.30 pm performance have all gone.

### **Visit by Olympic Athlete (Judo)**

We are lucky enough to have Euan Burton, a former pupil of Pencaitland Primary, visiting the school. He will carry out a master class with P7 pupils and P5's and P6's will have the chance to observe.



### **Parent Council Meeting**

The next Parent Council Meeting will be held on Monday 28 March in the school at 7.30 pm.

### **Book Fair**

We will have the Book Fair in school during week beginning 4 April. After feedback from the last time, we will order books for you if we don't have the one you require. However that can take time and you might not get your book until after the Easter holiday.



### **Parent Consultations**

Parents Consultations will take place on Tuesday 5 April and Thursday 7 April from 4.00 – 6.30 pm. Mrs Telford (Support for Learning teacher) will be available on Thursday 7 April.

### **Easter Assembly**

We will have an end of term assembly on Friday 8 April in the church at 9.30 am. Parents welcome. We will break for the Easter holiday later that day at the normal finishing times.

Staff and pupils resume on Tuesday 26 April.

Friday the 29 April is a holiday because of the Royal Wedding and Monday the 2 May is also a holiday.



Blog Address – <http://edubuzz.org/blogs/pencaitland/>

**Photography and filming at school events.**

Just to give you an update on this:

The Authority overseeing the Data Protection Act in the UK has recently changed its stance on photography and filming at school events. The new guidance is that parents are now allowed to take photos or film their children and that no restrictions should be placed. When a parent objects to his/her child being photographed then he/she cannot stop other parents from doing so, and in the worst case scenario will have to take his/her child out of the event. Link for further details:

<http://www.ico.gov.uk/youth/section2/n/media/c25507301CO9473A996441DD508BA8D2.ashx>

or contact Dr Renate Gertz, Freedom of Information and Data Protection Compliance Officer, East Lothian Council, John Muir House, Haddington

**Making Scotlands Roads Safer through Education, Encouragement, Enforcement and Engineering.**

You will have noticed a police presence in The Glebe at dropping off times recently. This is part of a joint initiative involving police and its partner agencies. Every school within the East Lothian area will be visited on a random basis. Officers will provide advice pertaining to the safer carriage of children and when appropriate enforce Road Traffic Legislation. I will receive feedback about any identified areas of concern relating to poor driving, inappropriate parking and the unsafe carriage of children. Thank you for your continued support in keeping pupils safe around the school.

**Achievement Tree**

We now have our Achievement Tree on display. Thanks to those parents who added leaves with their children’s latest achievements on the curriculum evening. There will also be an opportunity for you to do this at the Parent/Teacher Consultations in April or fill in the slip at the end of this newsletter.



Thanks to all of you for your kind wishes over the last while. Things are gradually improving and my walking is a lot easier.

Best Wishes

Mary McCall  
Head Teacher

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**PUPILS ACHIEVEMENTS**

Child’s Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Achievements

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