

West Barns Primary School

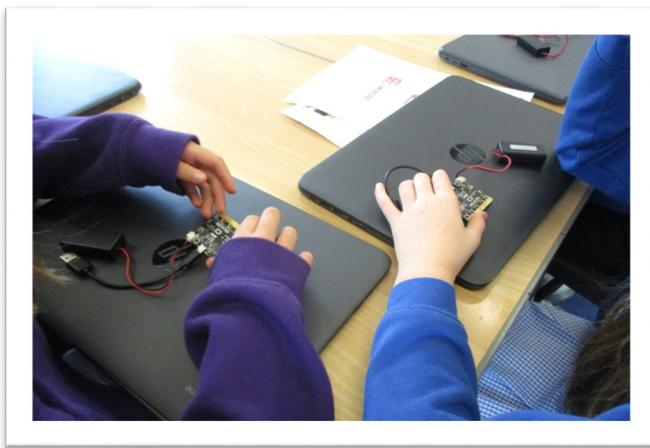
September Newsletter

What's been going on at West Barns?

Digital Skills Masterclass Day

This year one of the priorities of our School Improvement Plan is to develop opportunities for digital learning across the curriculum. Last week saw all pupils take part in a Digital Skills Masterclass Day focusing on providing pupils with taster experiences in coding activities and in using iPad apps such as Stop Motion Studio and iMovie. We were delighted to welcome Mr David Gilmour, ICT Support Officer who lead a workshop in creating a virtual tour of the school, Miss Weir (Dunbar Grammar School) and three students who lead a workshop in Scratch animation and Miss Dunn (Ormiston Primary) and representatives of their Digital Ninjas group who ran a workshop on Microbit coding.

Pupils have given very positive feedback about their experiences and we are looking forward to planning where we will go next on our digital journey. Watch this space!



Winning Ground Force Team

In the last school year some of our current Primary 7 pupils were responsible for developing the raised beds area supported by a group of volunteers. Recently the pupils have used the produce to make chutney which will be for sale at the Christmas Fayre in December.

The school also entered a marrow in the Dunbar Flower Show and ended up winning first prize! Hopefully this will be an annual event that we can be a part of in the future.



House Captain Elections

Recently pupils have taken part in a very important process at WBPS—selecting their House Captain. All candidates had to run their own election campaign and make a speech to their house. Once again the campaigns were of an incredibly high standard, speeches were well considered and prepared and the campaigns were conducted in a fair and mature fashion. Members of Primary 7 set up voting stations and supported younger pupils in making their choices. The final count proved extremely close! Well done to all our candidates for taking on the challenge! We look forward to seeing how you help shape our school this year.

Dates for Your Diary

Term 1 2019

Rag Bag collection	Tuesday	8th October
Harvest Assembly	Friday	11th October
School closes for October break	Friday	11th October
October Break	Mon – Fri	14th–18th Oct
Pupils return to school	Wednesday	23rd October

Please note that this year there are additional in-service days where the school is closed to pupils. In the August newsletter a mistake was made in date pupils return to school after the October holidays—please note that pupils should return to school on **Wednesday October 23rd**.

Harvest Assembly

On Friday 11th October at 11am we will be holding our Harvest Festival Assembly led by Rev. Neil Watson. This year we will again be collecting donations of non-perishable food in support of the East Lothian Foodbank. The children are working hard with Mrs Mailer our Music Teacher on pieces that they will perform on the day. All are welcome.



Rag Bag Collection

Let us turn your old textiles into cash for the school. We are collecting old, wearable clothes, paired shoes, handbags and belts in the **recycle bin** in the school playground to raise funds for the school.

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Netball Club

Our increasingly popular netball club has now branched into two sessions. Parent volunteer Miss Bower leads lunch-time sessions on a Monday for P3-7 pupils and a Thursday lunch session for P5-7 pupils who wish to take part in more competitive games based sessions.



Football Club

Our after school football club for Primary 4-7 is back in action, led by parent volunteer Mr Gray. Training sessions are Tuesday 3.30pm–4.30pm. Please ensure that pupils attending these sessions are appropriately dressed with **sports kit, shin pads and football boots or astro-turf boots**.



Supporting our School

Our West Barns Helping Hands group is invaluable as throughout the school year the group is able to support the life and work of the school.

If you would like to add your name to our list of Helping Hands please leave your name and email address at the school office. We will contact you when we need help and if you are able to offer support just email or phone us with your availability.