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Gorebridge Primary School

Caring, Preparing for Life…

October 2017 Newsletter

Dear parents, carers and friends of Gorebridge Primary,

As the October holiday approaches and the fine weather, hopefully, stays with us a little while longer, it is a good opportunity to reflect on the outdoor learning our children have experienced.

A large number of our P6 and P7 children have enjoyed learning to Ski at Hillend.

Charlotte Barrett – “It’s good fun but its challenging to stop when you’re turning”

Kayleigh Hutchison – “You challenge yourself when you move up a level!” “I’m at blue level”

P1A and P1s had a marvellous time exploring Gore Glen, I do hope you saw their Tweets, the colours were magnificent.

“We were painting trees with water and paintbrushes. It made the trees shiny. The trees were getting tickled”. - Lucy Nisbet P1

“We were digging in the moss and Hannah found a den”. – Riley Miller P1

“Maybe a Mole lives there?” – Hannah Sharp P1

P4/5M and P5K visited the Botanic Gardens to learn more about the Rainforest plants and on Friday morning P4M and P4S will be exploring Sheep to Shoulder at Roslin Chapel.

In September a group of P4, P5, P6 and P7 children attended cross country events at both Vogrie and Beeslack.

Its been a very busy start to the year indeed!

Still on the theme of taking learning outdoors, we are excited to announce that by doing our daily mile, we have clocked up the virtual miles and by this Friday we will have arrived in Sri Lanka. Miss Landells and Mrs Tocher are very excited about their trip to Ponnilawa School in rural Sri Lanka where they will strengthen the partnership between Gorebridge and Ponnilawa. We wish them both a very safe journey and look forward to hearing about their experiences on their return.

Reminder for Parents/Pupils

* Please remember to bring money for school lunch daily - £1.90 if not in receipt of free school meals
* Please be aware that the 3 disabled parking bays to the front of the school are for blue badge holders only!
* Please remember to supply your child with indoor shoes/P.E kit and make sure these are labelled with your childs name to prevent being lost.
* Please be aware that no dogs are permitted in the school grounds.



*Dates for your diary:*

*Friday 13th October – Gorebridge Gab 9:00am – 9:30am*

*Friday 13th October – P3L Assembly/Harvest Assembly*

*Friday 13th October – P4 Trip to Rosslyn Chapel*

***Friday 13th October – October Break Normal Finish Time of 12:25pm***

***Monday 23rd October – Pupils resume 8:50am***

*Tuesday 24th October – P7 Trip to The Risk Factory*

*Wednesday 25th October – PTA Halloween Disco*

*Thursday 26th October – P6/7 Boys Soccer Sevens*

**Chat from The House Captains**

The House Captains work with the boys and girls in the nursery for 30 minutes every second week.

“It gives us more responsibility and a better idea of how young children learn” Abbie Glover P7G/P

Every Wednesday House Captains organise pupil post for all classes “It helps us develop our skills in organisation” Jacqueline McIntosh P7R

“I was picked as a House Captain because I am responsible and resilient” Naomi Ratunaceva P7R

Our House Captains this year are: Cerys Loughrie P7R

 Ryan Innes P7G/P

 Kayleigh Jenkins P7R

 Naomi Ratunaceva P7R

 Jacqueline McIntosh P7R

 Abbie Glover P7G/P

**Parent Council & PTA News**

Our next PTA Meeting will be held on Monday 6th November at 9:00am.

ALL WELCOME, would be lovely to see some new faces ☺

PTA Halloween Disco dates – Wednesday 25th October:

P1-P3 6:00pm – 7:00pm

P4.P7 7:15pm – 8:15pm

We are still looking for parent helpers for both discos if anyone is free to help!

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 ***New Pound Coin***

*Please be aware that the old pound coin goes out of circulation on Sunday 15th October therefor we can no longer accept them after the October break. Please remember to send your children in with the new style coins if paying for lunches/trips/disco tickets etc.*

***Children’s University***

*“I have done 100 hours of Children’s University and really enjoy getting my hours online for doing the activities I enjoy” “I am looking forward to graduating on 25th November at Queen Margaret University”*

*Sean Hughes P7R*

 *“I enjoyed talking at assembly about how Children’s University works. I do dancing, football and first aid. It’s a good way to share your learning.*

*Aysse Akkur P7G/P*

*“P5-P7 children are part of Children’s University and it’s great to get awards for stuff we enjoy doing”*

*Cerys Loughrie P7R*

*“I’ve got 34hrs on my passport for first aid, gymnastics and dancing”*

*Jacqueline McIntosh P7R*

**School Christmas Fair**

We would like to invite you to our School Christmas Fair on Friday 8th December 12:30pm – 2:00pm.

Stalls will be available; however these are limited to parents and carers only! Please contact the school office if you are interested.





**Head Lice**

There have been some reports of recurring head lice in school. Thank you to everyone for keeping us informed. We appreciate how frustrating this problem is, unfortunately as you are aware, this is a nationwide problem and not only a concern at Gorebridge Primary School.

Please check your child’s hair and the rest of your family’s hair this evening. If your child has head lice they should only return to school once they have been treated. Please continue to check your child’s hair regularly. Treatment for head lice is available free of charge from your pharmacy through the Minor Ailments programme. If you require further advice please contact your local pharmacist who will be more than happy to assist.

 **JRSO News**

In August Andrew Dalgleish P7G/P and Tasha Jane Hume P7R went down to Woodburn Primary School for a big launch of JRSO.

“As part of our duties we went with Tom (Traffic Warden) and Gillian Bathgate to see if we need to remind people to park safely.”

Thank you to everyone who has returned the Park Smart letters.

At assembly we introduced the children to ‘Walk to School Week’. We encourage children to choose to walk to school.