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PRIMARY SCHOOL



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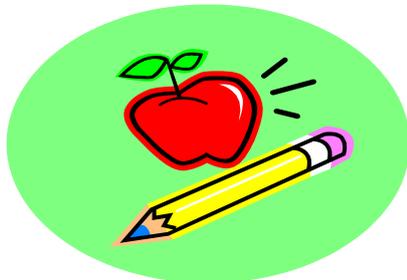
Dear parents, carers and friends of Gorebridge Primary,

Welcome to our first Newsletter of 2018... and our first major snowfall!

The children have been very busy since our return to school last week and, since yesterday break time, we have had several new 'visitors' to our playground in the shape of snowmen.

Snow (for children anyway) is such an enjoyable and exciting thing and, as long as the children are appropriately dressed in warm coats, wellies or sturdy shoes/boots, we take every opportunity to be outside at break/lunch and even as part of learning time. The children ALL know my snowball rule and I am so very proud of the way they follow it and enjoy themselves without throwing snowballs!

As you would expect, there is a wide variety of learning going on in all classes and some of the children have shared their learning with me.



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 child's name to prevent being lost.
- Please be aware that no dogs are permitted in the school grounds.

January 2018 Newsletter

We are learning how to measure and draw angles with a protractor. Ayse & Megan P7G/P

In P6H/M we are learning about the Solar System. Uranus has an "upside down ring". Lawrence Aird P6H/M

We are learning a Scottish poem and song for Scots Assembly. It's fun!

We are learning about the Solar System. Thomas and Precious P6S/H

We are learning about Egypt. Mummies go in the golden box - Tutankhamen was a Pharaoh. Lillie, Scott and Logan P3L

In literacy we are doing some comprehension work on Egypt. We are learning about 3D shapes in maths. Aaron & Erin P3M

We are learning to scan a piece of work for information. In numeracy we are all practicing our Basic Facts. Kirsten & Sonja P4M

In P5K we are learning about digital and analogue time. We are beginning to get really good at our Scots poem and song. Eilidh & Connie P5K

To help us with our numeracy, we have been playing times table games. Tasha P7R

In writing we are learning about discursive text. We recently did a debate about whether school uniform should be compulsory or not. Reece P7R

"I think it should be a choice as long as its school colours." Cerys Lennie P7R

We have been doing better than our best handwriting. Austin and Alisha P4/5M

We are comparing life in Scotland and Sri Lanka in our IDL (Interdisciplinary learning). Abbie P4/5M

P1A have been looking at dates on the calendar and are able to find their birthdays. We have also been learning nursery rhymes and have been sequencing them.

P1S are writing poems using rhyming words and have learnt 'Fireworks Aff The Castle' to perform at the Scots Assembly. In P.E we are becoming experts at balancing.

P2S have been reading with our buddies from P7G/P on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. We are also able to name 3D objects around us.

P2A really enjoyed their trip to the National Museum of Scotland to find out more about toys past and present. They are also working really hard on their spelling walls.

P7 BURNS PROJECT

Each year, our P7 pupils submit a personal project based on the life of Robert Burns. Year on year, the task of selecting the winner of the Burns' Bust, Sandy Law shield and the Jim Dunsmuir Memorial Trophy becomes more and more challenging for the judges! I am sure that this year will be no different! The pupils' work is celebrated at an awards ceremony on Thursday 1st February at 2:00pm to which all P7 parents will be invited.

Parent Council & PTA News

Plans are underway for the Valentines Disco on Wednesday 7th February. If you can help please let the school know or contact me, at careyfairgrieve@gmail.com

Our next PTA meeting is on Monday 5th February at 9:00am.
Parent Council Meeting 24th January 2018 at 7:00pm.

PARENT PAY

I am delighted to inform you that our school will go live with ParentPay on 29th January 2018.

You will be sent an individual letter detailing the account activation procedure in next week's pupil post.

BOATS

Next BOATS sailing into the harbour will have a Health Focus!

Week commencing 26th March 2018.

Finer details will follow in due course.

SCOTS WEEK



As part of celebrating our Scottish culture, children from nursery to P7 have been learning poems and songs in Scots language. Next week there will be lots of cultural learning happening in class from, food tasting, famous Scots people, dancing and our learning will culminate in our Scots Assembly on Friday 26th January.

A selection of children from all classes will perform either the poem they have been learning or the song in front of a large audience.

Parents and carers of those children who have volunteered, or been chosen to perform, will be invited to join us.

Nursery – P3 9:15am – 10:00am

P4 – P7 – 11:00am 0 12:00pm

Dates for your diary:

Friday 19th January – P5K Assembly

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th January – Scots Week

Tuesday 24th January – Burns Supper

Wednesday 31st January – P6 Zoo Trip (Cycle of Life)

Thursday 1st February – Burns Assembly (2:00pm)

Friday 2nd February – P3M Assembly

Monday 5th February – P3L/P3M Discover Bushcraft

Wednesday 7th February – PTA Valentines Disco

Friday 9th February – Gorebridge Gab

Thursday 15th & Friday 16th – February Break

Friday 23rd February – P2A Assembly

Monday 26th February – Friday 2nd March – P6 Camp

Learning Discussions

An important part of learning for our children is to talk about it. To talk about what they are learning, how well they have done, what their next steps are and how they can improve.

Every Friday morning at the same time all our children will be involved in "Learning Discussions". This time is an opportunity for the children to discuss their learning with their teacher and their peers.

Mrs Grant and Mrs Binnie will also be involved in the "Learning Discussions" and are looking forward to hearing even more about the wonderful learning that is taking place at G.P.S.

'How Good is our School'

In our school we strive for excellence and each school year we ask ourselves what improvements we need to make to continue to work towards reaching this goal. We publish these improvements in our School Improvement Plan which you can find on our school website. It is important that everyone in the school family is involved in making decisions about future improvement priorities. We send home questionnaires to get your opinions on 'HOW Good is Our School' but one of the most powerful ways of involving everyone in the school (at the same time) is through MAD assemblies - Mixed Age Discussions!

*There will be a MAD assembly on **Friday 16th March at 11am** and we would be delighted if you could join the teachers and children as we discuss ways of improving outcomes for our children and families.*