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Gorebridge Primary School

Summer Newsletter 2023

Reminder for Parents/Pupils

- Please note this is a Nut FREE school, we have a pupil in the school with a severe nut allergy so products containing nuts are not allowed in school.**
- Please remember to pay online for school lunch unless your child receives free school meals
- Please be aware that the 3 disabled parking bays to the front of the school are for blue badge holders only. These are not drop off spaces.
- Please be aware that no dogs are permitted in the school grounds at any time.
- Please remind your child to bring their water bottle into school each day. We also encourage a healthy snack.
- If your child takes their chrome book home, please ensure that this comes into school with them every day, alternatively this can be left in school.
- We aim for high standards in all aspects of school life including uniform. It is smart, hard wearing and good value for money and gives our pupils a sense of belonging to our school family, and we ask all parents/carers to support the school by encouraging your child to wear school uniform. All school uniform/coats bags and water bottles should be named. If your child has lost an item of clothing Lost Property boxes are in each atrium and can be checked at the end of the school day.
- Please remind your child if they do not attend breakfast club that in the morning they should be using the atrium doors and should only come through the office if the playground gates are locked (usually around 9:00am)

Dear Parents, Carers & Friends of Gorebridge Primary,

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter. Now we are into our final week of term I would like to provide you with an update of what has been going on and what is due to go on in and around the school.

We hope you have a lovely Summer and we look forward to learners returning on Wednesday 16th August.

Dates for your diary:



P7 Events

- Tuesday 27th June – BBQ at Vogrie
- Wednesday 28th June – Church P7 Leavers Assembly (Whole school)

Summer Term Ends

Wednesday 28th June at 3:15pm





P1

At the end of May, P1L and P1M visited Almond Valley as part of their learning – Living Things. It was a beautiful day and the children loved seeing all the different animals. We also have been learning about life cycles of animals and plants, and were amazed at watching our caterpillars grow into butterflies. We are now patiently waiting on our sunflowers growing so we can take them home for Summer!



P1/2S

P1/2S really enjoyed our trip to Vogrie Park. It was great to see what we had learned about at school in real life. We saw lots of tadpoles and other water creatures, and had great fun using the nets! Thank you to our parent helpers, without you it wouldn't have happened!





Careers Event P5

Primary 5's from P5M and P5/6S had an amazing experience at a careers event organised by Midlothian Education at the National Mining Museum in Newtongrange. The children enjoyed exploring, interacting and talking to professionals about their jobs.



Bugs



Emergency services



Beta bugs



Bright green hydrogen



Vets



Film



Raise



Farm to fork
PIC-COLLAGE



Vogrie



Mining institute



Author



Dance



Building



Bear



Sensory play

P5M

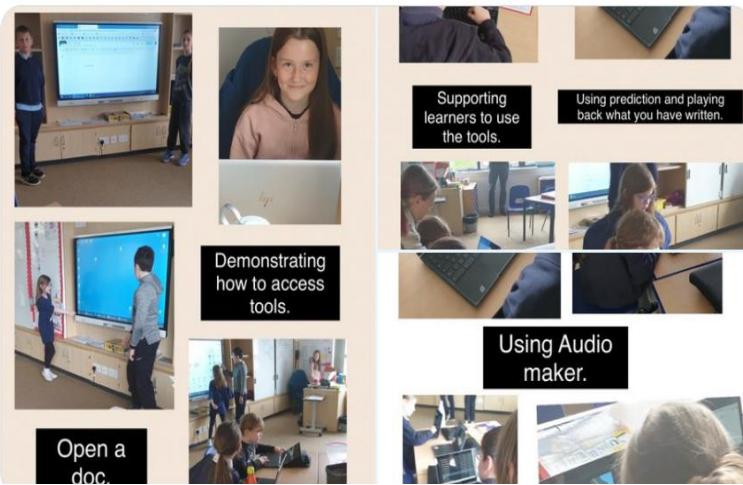
Primary 5M had great fun looking at angles and playing mini golf.





Read & Write Champions

Primary 5M and Primary 6H Read&Write champions had their first experience of sharing their knowledge of how to use the toolbar and supporting P3/4M to access it. P3 were amazed and engaged at what they could do using the Read&Write toolbar. Confident individuals supporting the school on their journey in using Read&Write.



Edinburgh Zoo P6

At the start of June, Primary 6 went to Edinburgh Zoo! This was a fantastic day out for the kids! Over the course of the day, we spotted lots of different animals, enjoyed walking about in the sunshine (though walking up that big hill to see the giraffes was a struggle!) and learned about the cycle of life with the Zoo Education staff! Miss Hunter and Mr Stanfield were so impressed at how well the children represented Gorebridge Primary, and showed great maturity in listening and discussing the cycle of life within animals and humans. There were so many to choose from, but our favourite animals were probably the penguins, the chimps, the tigers, the koala bears and the very sleepy sloth!





P7 Risk Factory

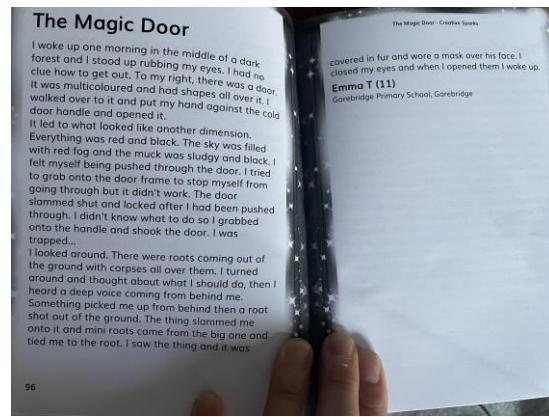
Our Primary 7s visited the Risk Factory this term. The aim of the visit was to teach our learners how to keep safe and how to help others keep safe. Our P7's learned the importance of reacting in an emergency and how quick thinking can save lives. Some of our P7's had to make an emergency phone call to the coast guard and to the fire service when under pressure in a challenging situation.

"At the Risk Factory I was frightened when the Fire Alarm went off but all of the scenarios were real life." (Kayla Swan P7G) "It was a really good experience and I learned how to escape in different scenarios for example from a fire in a building." (Matthew Eliot P7M) "The Risk Factory was once in a lifetime experience. It helped me to understand the importance of safety." (James McMillan P7M)

"It was fun to test my emergency communication skills because I have never had the chance to do this." (Jack McMillan P7G)

P7 Wonderful Writing Success

P7G pupils were encouraged to write imaginative stories with the title 'The Magic Door.' The Stories were submitted to 'Young Writers' who wrote back saying that they would be willing to publish many of the stories. Pupils used figurative language, literary devices and descriptive language to help them to complete their texts. Here are a few of our texts.





Neil Wyse Tournament

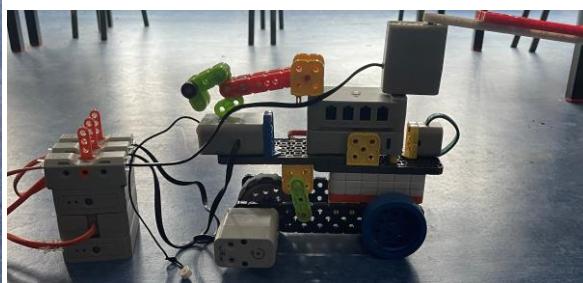
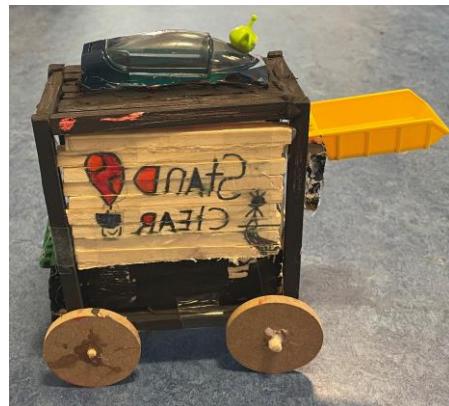
We had an amazing morning on 22nd June hosting and playing in the 30th "Neil Wyse Memorial Football Tournament" with superb visiting teams from GoreGlen, St Andrews and Stobhill Primary School. Great success from our teams who have made us really proud.





P7 Midlothian Stem Competition

P7 pupils participated in a Midlothian Engineering Design Competition 'The Rescuers.' Pupils worked hard to study, plan, design and build their own rescue vehicle. Three rescue vehicles were then chosen from each P7 class to be entered into the competition. The selected vehicles were taken to the National Mining Museum for judging. Our competition entries were on display at the National Mining Museum week commencing 9/5/23 and the exhibition was open to the public Monday 8/5/23 to Thursday 11/5/23. All Primary 7 pupils were given the opportunity to attend the exhibition to view and discuss all of the creative and unique designs, Taking part in the project enabled pupils to develop and learn new science and technology skills and use new resources. Pupils learned about levers, pulleys and gears, discussed and learned more about people who work in STEM professions and were given opportunities to research types of engineers. Pupils also learned to use our new Vex Go STEM resources. Initially, pupils were challenged to build a Supercar, a Hexbug and a few created a functioning litter picker. Pupils then had the choice to use the Vex Go resources, adapt the motorised vehicle that they had already created or use other resources of their choice (recycling materials, Lego Spike etc.) to build their rescue vehicle/machine. The last task was to look at examples of Top Trump cards for rescue machines and create a Top Trump Card for their rescue vehicle/machine. A very memorable and exciting project to have been involved in.





Sports Day

Our Gorebridge Primary School Sports Day took place on Wednesday 7th June 2023. It was an exciting and busy day with lots of families and friends spectating and encouraging our athletes.

Participants competed in their classes and represented their Houses wearing house colours; Borthwick – Blue, Crichton – Red, Newbyres – Yellow. The weather stayed fair and allowed the upper school sports to take place in the morning and the P1 – P4 sports to take place in the afternoon. We would like to thank all of the families and friends who attended this event. It was a very close finish once all of the points were added.

1st Place - Crichton (188 points)
2nd Place – Borthwick (186 points)
3rd Place – Newbyres (182 points)

"This year our sports day was great! We had to do a football dribble, a backwards bean bag toss, hockey dribble, obstacle course and a sprint relay. It was fun but also sad because it was our last sports day at Gorebridge Primary School. In P7G, Newbyres won most of the events." (Logan Calder P7G)

Friday Family Breakfast

Thank you to all who have attended our Friday Family Breakfast this has been a huge success and we look forward to seeing you every Friday. Our Family breakfast will resume on Friday 25th August 2023.



Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is open Monday – Thursday for Primary 1- Primary 7. All children in P1-P7 are welcome to come along and have some breakfast and play some games before the school day starts. Breakfast club will resume on Monday 21st August 8:15am-8:50am.



Thank you to everyone who donated and who came along to the Summer Fair. It was a huge success. A massive Thank You to the PTA for organising the event.

A Message From Mr Wood

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have been enjoying the brilliant weather, long may it last and hopefully it doesn't end on Thursday. I have some updates for you:

Staffing

We are sad to be seeing the following staff leave us this session:

- Mr May has been a fantastic NQT and has done really well with his P4 class
- Mr Manson has covered P3/4 brilliantly, forming really good relationships with his class
- Mrs Garwood has been exceptionally hard working and committed as both a PT and P7 class teacher. She returns to her substantive post of a class teacher at Woodburn P.S
- Mrs Currie has been covering a variety of roles and has done so with great effectiveness showing her positive attitude in all areas of her work
- Mrs Cook is leaving the nursery, she will be fondly remembered by staff and the children for her warm and kind approach
- Mrs Wright will no longer continue her role as Equity and Excellence lead in the nursery. The effective impact she has made will be missed
- Ms Tait our PE specialist has been with the school for a number of years and has been a great asset and will be missed.

Returning to our staff as Principal teacher and P5 class teacher is Mr Dougal. We really look forward to re-joining our team.

Improvement Plan 23-24

We are currently in the process of finalising our improvement plan for next session. The following themes will be the focus of our development –

- Learning, Teaching and assessment
- Curriculum
- Equity
- Relationships
- Wellbeing and Care
- Inclusion and targeted support

Digital recognition for the school

Gorebridge PS recognised for using a toolkit to help all students and close the attainment gap

On Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd of June Mr Wood, Miss Mack, Miss Murray and children were filmed as part of a case study. Midlothian Council asked our school (the only Primary school) to participate in a Read and Write video case study. The video will be used to share publically how Read and Write is being used in Midlothian schools. This video will be used nationally and internationally to promote the “universal by design” approach Midlothian have taken as a local authority to ensure all young people can make best use of the Read and Write toolbar. Read and Write as you may know is a learning toolbar, built into all Chromebooks and iPads in Midlothian. It is used in our school to support learners with study skills, literacy and to help organize learning. The completed video will be shared with you after the summer holidays.

Thank you

Thank you for your continued support this session. Additionally, I would like to thank our PTA who have done a magnificent job across the year, they are a joy to work with. I would also like to thank our staff and our learners for the fantastic commitment they have put in to session 22-23. We look forward to more success going forward and would like to wish everyone a fantastic Summer break.

Best wishes,
Mr Wood