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# Gorebridge Primary School Spring Newsletter 2024

## Reminder for Parents/Pupils

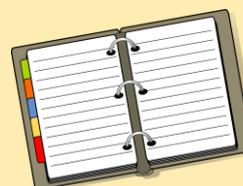
- **Please note this is a Nut FREE school, we have a pupil in the school with a severe nut allergy so products containing nuts are not allowed in school.**
- Please remember to pay online for school lunch unless your child receives free school meals
- Please be aware that the 3 disabled parking bays 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 Spring 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 break and we look forward to learners returning on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

## Dates for your diary:



- 22/03 – 21/06 P4 Swimming
- 25/04 - P7 Risk Factory
- 06/05 - May Holiday
- 09/05 - P2 Dynamic Earth
- 20/05 - Victoria Day (school closed to pupils)
- 22/05 – Sports Day (Reserve date 27/05)
- 31/05 - P1 & P1/2 North Berwick
- 06/06 – P6 Edinburgh Zoo

## Term Ends

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 3:15pm





## **P7 Camp**

The P7s took off for camp on the 11th March ready and raring for a week of adventure! They mastered the art of putting on harnesses safely and climbed trees, trapezes, Jacob's ladders, vertical challenged, walls and abseiled back down! Alongside this they took part in archery, orienteering, the giant swing survival skills and problem solving. Teachers loved seeing the children's bravery, perseverance, teamwork and celebration of their achievements. Well done to all the P7s that went!





## **National Museum of Scotland P6/7**

P6S, P6W and some of our P7s went to the National Museum this term. We all had a terrific time, learning lots of fascinating facts and seeing some incredible sights.



## **Gorebridge Chess Club**

Excellent effort displayed from both Gorebridge and Stobhill primary school pupils during our 3rd Chess Event. 32 players showing immense focus and concentration, well done to all involved. Gorebridge primary were the winning team.





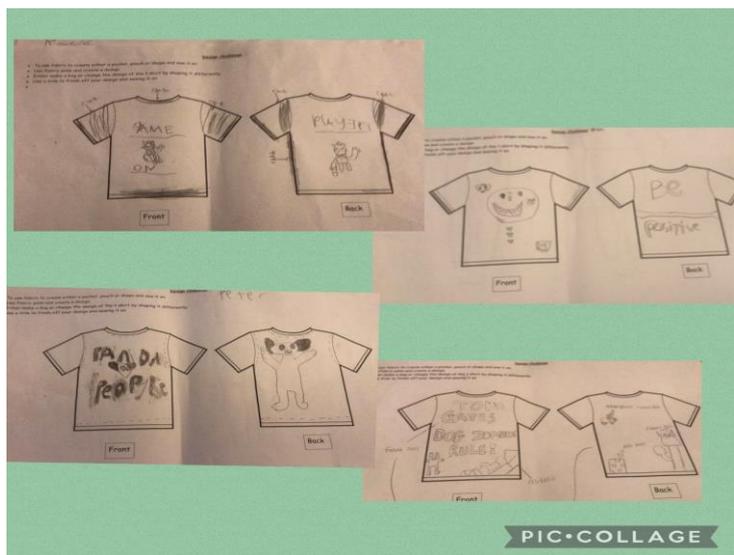
## Boccia

This term we introduced Boccia Club on a Thursday lunch time with our Boccia experts who attended the festival last year and they choose a friend to bring along. We have enjoyed learning new skills and competing against our friends and teachers! We're looking forward to continuing this next term.



## P4M

P4M have been learning to sew in preparation for their up cycling task where they will use old clothes to create a new item to wear, a bag, a cushion or another item in preparation for our fashion show. Perseverance and determination to succeed



P4M have been studying Global Goals and have looked at responsible citizens. They have to use leggings or a t shirt and upcycle to a design of their choosing. This is a sample of some designs.



## Rugby Tournament

A mixed team of P6/P7s took to the field at Newbattle High this term. They played some brilliant rugby, scoring plenty of tries and finishing in 2nd place!



## Red Nose Day

Thank you to all who donated to Red Nose Day, the children enjoyed the Movie morning and we raised a total of £168.27.

## Friday Family Breakfast

Thank you to all who have attended our Friday Family Breakfast. We look forward to seeing you every Friday. Our Family breakfast will resume on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April.



## 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 Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 8:15am- 8:50am.





## A Message From Mr Wood

This is my final message to you all before I leave. I have had a very enjoyable 5-6 years in the role of Head Teacher at Gorebridge Primary and ELC. There have been several hurdles we have had to navigate, for example 3 months after starting we had a full scale inspection and also we had the incredible challenges which Covid brought.

Reflecting back I am really pleased how we coped with these challenges and there have been notable successes during my time. Some that come to mind are: We refreshed our Vision and values; We created a teaching, learning and assessment toolkit, We have had successful authority visits and have improved our gradings for Quality indicators 1.3 and 2.3 to Good from Satisfactory; We have made improvements in digital learning with our practice celebrated across the authority and the successful integration of 1-1 devices across the school; We have made improvement in attainment in literacy and numeracy across this time.

I will be incredibly sad to leave, I have made some strong connections with learners and families in our school community and I will be left with some great memories. I am leaving you in good hands with a strong, passionate leadership team and positive and highly motivated staff, keen to do the best for your child. I would like to wish you all the best in the future and thank you for some of the kind words you have shared with me as I have approached leaving. I will keep in touch with the school, who knows they might invite me back one day.

Thanks and best wishes,

Mr Wood

