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Gorebridge Primary School

October Newsletter 2022

Dear Parents, Carers & Friends of Gorebridge Primary,

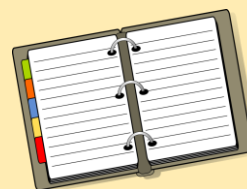
Welcome to our October Newsletter. Now we are into our final week of term I would like to provide you with an update of what has been going on and what is due to go on in and around the school.

We hope you have a lovely October break and we look forward to learners returning on Wednesday 26th October.

Reminder for Parents/Pupils

- 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.
- 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.

Dates for your diary:



October Break Term Ends Friday 14th October - 12:25pm Pupils Resume Wednesday 26th October

Flu Immunisation – Wednesday 26th October

Autumn Disco – Thursday 27th October

School Photographs – Wednesday 2nd November

Parent Consultations – Tuesday 22nd &

Wednesday 23rd November

Book Fair – Monday 21st November –

Friday 25th November



The Following School Activities have taken place over the last few weeks

- P6 have been Skiing for the last 6 weeks
- Meet the Teacher took place in person
- Maths Week Scotland
- P7 visited Newbattle Community High School for European Day of Language Transition
- P5/6 Visited Yellowcraig Beach

Digital Update



Gorebridge Primary are making great strides in using digital technology to enhance our learning. We are using the Chromebooks and iPads in everyday lessons, learning how to be safe online, and how to use the Google suite to create power points, documents and taking videos/photos. Primary 1-3s have been working on successfully logging into their devices, practising their typing skills, and scanning QR codes to play games linked to their learning. The Primary 4-5s have loved using Jam boards to share their learning with their teachers, and produce prototype app designs. The Primary 6-7s have used Google slides to help write stories, research information linked to topic, and explore the Google Arts and Culture websites. All classes have been using the Read and Write Toolbar to aid their literacy skills.

We are planning on sending devices home after the October holidays. Expectations on device use, care and routines (bringing it from home to school each day) will be reinforced with children closer to the time.

Please find below the link for Parent/Carer information on Devices for any queries you may have https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EgI3Ujj70BiOEK2S0_mMdWuhmHphu1olZ4TIVEbPxck/edit#

Skiing P6

This term, Primary 6 have had the opportunity to take part in skiing over at Hillend (Midlothian's Snowsports Centre). This has been a fantastic experience for the kids! Over the course of the 6 weeks, they have learned new skills, used the ski lift, and are travelling down the ski slopes with quite a lot of speed and precision. Miss Hunter and Mr Stanfield have loved watching these children increase their confidence each week and breeze down those slopes in style! Well done to all of those who took part!



Maths Week Scotland



We celebrated Maths Week Scotland on 26-30th September.





Yellowcraig Beach P5/6

This term, P5/6S had the opportunity to travel to Yellowcraig Beach. Along with admiring the natural beauty, they also met a ranger who took them rock pooling along with a nature trail walk up an extinct volcano. They had a great day learning more about their topic and meeting some of the seas creatures face to face!



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.



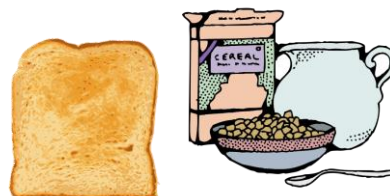
Active Schools



This term has seen the long-awaited return of Active Schools Clubs in school. Through a mixture of Active Schools coaches and enthusiastic teachers, we have been able to run multiple clubs this term. We have had a successful cross country club and the Gorebridge Football Team is back up and running and will be continuing into next term as well. Currently, we also have a lunchtime basketball club running until the middle of November and flyers will be out shortly about an American Football club starting after the October holidays. All of these clubs have been focused at P6-7 but our younger pupils will also get some opportunities later in the year, do not worry!

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.



Family Room

We have recently opened the doors to our new Family Room. Open Mon-Thurs 9-10am and 2-3pm and a Friday 9-10am. Come along for a tea or coffee and a chat.

School Uniform Recycle

Free good quality second hand uniform available – Pop in on the last Friday of each month to the School Assembly Hall 8:15-8:45.

A Message From Mr Wood

Thank you for your continued support this session so far, we have really enjoyed seeing you in school at our 'Meet the Teacher' event and also those of you who are attending the family breakfast. It is very important we build those connections after a long time of not being able to meet face to face. During November we will welcome you back into school for parents consultations which we look forward to.

We have had a very good start to the session and have had visits from our councillors and from a team of Education staff who have visited to review our progress. All have commented upon our positive, welcoming ethos and the relationships we have within our school community. This is something we value and look forward to building this session as we engage with you further.

Vision, Values and Aims



We continue to develop our Vision and Values – REACH your potential BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE. We established these in consultation with all of our school community. We have made good progress in publicising these and engaging everyone with these. We now need to make our values meaningful to our school community. Soon we will consult parents and carers about how each value should look within Gorebridge Primary and ELC e.g. What should Respect look like? This will then help us be clear about each value and help us plan how we develop each value.

School Improvement Plan

A colorful poster for the school's improvement plan. It features the REACH logo and school crest at the top left. The title "Gorebridge Primary School Improvement Plan 2022-2023" is in the center. The plan is divided into four main areas: Raising Attainment: Literacy, Raising Attainment: Numeracy, Equity and inclusion including nurture, and Enhancing learning, teaching and assessment through digital technology. Each area has a list of specific actions. The background is a gradient of purple and blue with star patterns.

**Gorebridge Primary School
Improvement Plan 2022-2023**

Raising Attainment: Literacy

- Moderation planned for all areas of literacy, supported by ASG PT Literacy
- Continued development of reading interventions: Read, Write Inc, Fresh Start and PM Benchmarking
- Overall focus on Writing across the school

Raising Attainment: Numeracy

- Implement new MUMP progression planners designed by Numeracy Recovery Leads
- Develop numeracy pedagogy with teaching staff
- Continue and develop the use of numeracy interventions

Equity and inclusion including nurture

- Further develop the understanding of children's rights across the school
- Nurture groups will continue across all school stages. 6 Principles of nurture implemented
- Further improve attendance

Enhancing learning, teaching and assessment through digital technology

- Update and review digital schools award
- Develop digital pedagogy through professional learning
- Develop Internet safety and Cyber resilience
- Devices rolled out so they can be used at home

We have 4 improvement priorities for session 22-23. These are:

- Raising Attainment in Literacy
- Raising Attainment in Numeracy
- Equity and Inclusion including Nurture
- Enhancing learning, teaching and assessment through digital technology

Pupil Equity Fund

Our Pupil Equity fund this session is £106575. We are using this funding on the following interventions:



I would like to wish you all a wonderful October break and look forward to seeing you all back refreshed in the new term.

Best regards,

Mr Wood