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Gorebridge Primary School

December Newsletter 2022

Dear Parents, Carers & Friends of Gorebridge Primary,

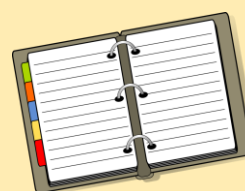
Welcome to our Christmas Newsletter. Now we are into our final week of term I would like to provide you with an update of what has been going on and what is due to go on in and around the school.

We hope you have a lovely Christmas break and we look forward to learners returning on Thursday 5th January 2023.

Reminder for Parents/Pupils

- With the weather becoming colder children will still go outside to play. In the school we have limited spare clothes for girls and boys. If possible please provide a change of clothes and indoor shoes in your child's bag. Please also remind your child to bring an outdoor jacket with them every day.
- 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:



*Christmas Term Ends Tuesday
20th December -15:15pm
Pupils Resume Thursday 5th
January 2023*



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

- Active School Basketball Festival
- P3/4 & P4 visited Craigmillar Castle
- P5M visited Dynamic Earth
- P7 Christmas Dance
- The whole school attended the Brunton Theatre over Wednesday 7th & Thursday 8th December to watch Sinbad
- P1 & P2 Nativity

Basketball Festival



First outing for our new Basketball team. Our team took part in the Active School Basketball Festival in November. Our team showed great enthusiasm and our team work and sportsmanship was outstanding. Everyone had fun and looking forward to our next basketball festival.



Craigmillar Castle P3/4 & P4

" P3/4, P4M and P4F had a fantastic day exploring Craigmillar Castle! Despite the rain, we saw and learned loads, including the tree they would have made their bows and arrows from, tried on some chainmail and armour and also gazed upon Edinburgh from the battlements of the castle. We're looking forward to showing off our learning about this topic in our assembly to the rest of the school next week! "

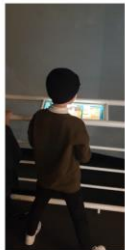


Dynamic Earth P5M

P5M had a trip to Dynamic Earth on the 30th November to learn more about rainforests and selecting sustainable products. They had an amazing trip and were great role models for Gorebridge PS. These are some of our pictures of the trip.



**Scotlands
Time Lords**



Submarines



P5M also showcased their learning about the Rainforest at an assembly on Friday 9th December

Amazon Rainforest



By Niamh

Niamh presented her google slide showing effects, videos and uploaded research and jamboard. Various children presented information. A group of children did a tribal dance they created in PE. Another group performed their version of sounds of the rainforest using various instruments. Finally Tamara read her diary entry about the trip. Although the children were feeling very nervous on Friday they did an amazing job.

Christmas Dance P7

Our P7s celebrated their final Christmas Party at Gorebridge Primary on Wednesday 7th December. We worked hard to learn two Scottish Dances and a few P7 pupils taught us a line dance! The evening was packed with party games, dances, singing and supper.

Our P7s demonstrated many individual talents as well as determination, leadership skills and team work. Our evening ended with staff, guests and pupils joining together to sing 'Auld Lang Syne' and then some Christmas Carol singing with parents and carers around the Christmas tree.

A very memorable evening.

Special thanks must go to our wonderful school catering team who provided supper for the evening and our Learning Assistants who helped and gave up their own time prior to and during the event. THANK YOU.





Sinbad Pantomime

Whole School

The whole school had a fantastic morning on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th December visiting the Brunton Theatre to watch the pantomime Sinbad.



Nativity P1 & P2

Primary 1 and 2 have spent the last few weeks rehearsing for their Nativity - A King is Born. We are delighted to welcome parents back through the door for a live performance of our production. It is time to snuggle up by the fire and see the story of the very first Christmas come to life as Mum reads it to the children on an exciting Christmas Eve!



House Reach Ambassadors



Following our competitive and enthusiastic House REACH Ambassador campaign earlier on this year, our P7 Ambassadors are already settling into their roles. Pupils are helping with and supporting school assemblies, are consulted and participate in our learning and teaching improvement discussions, are demonstrating effective communication skills and gaining in confidence. They are super role models to our younger pupils and are developing their transferable and leadership skills.



Maths & Numeracy

It was a close finish for our P7 classes in the recent Midlothian Winter Wonderland SUMDOG competition which closed at 20:00 Thursday 15th December. In the end, there was only point one difference separating 1st and 2nd place. There were a few excellent examples of team work and encouragement as pupils supported each other both in class and at home during the competition. Congratulations to P7M (Second Place Class Winner), P7G (First Place Class Winner), the other Gorebridge Primary School classes who participated and the many individual impressive results. Gorebridge Primary School had four pupils finish in the top 10 individual results with both P7 classes celebrating a daily win throughout the competition. Well done to everyone who participated in the recent competition.

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. The last Family breakfast for this term will be Friday 16th December 2022 and will resume on Friday 13th January 2023 8:00am-8:50am.



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. The last breakfast club for this term is Thursday 15th December. Breakfast club will resume on Monday 9th January 2023 8:15am-8:50am.



Family Room

A reminder that our Family room is 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

As you can read, it has been a really busy term with classes engaging in lots of fun activities. The run up to Christmas has been very enjoyable with some successes and achievements of note. I would like to give a special mention to the children and staff who put together our first in school Nativity for quite a while. The performances of 'A King is Born' were terrific with talented speakers, singers, actors and actresses on show. During 2023 we hope to continue to build on these events and experiences.

Staffing updates

We would like to welcome Mrs Nicholas to our school as a learning assistant. Mrs Provan is currently on maternity leave, I am delighted to let you know she has given birth to a baby boy and all are in good health. Mr Manson will teach P3/4 for the remainder of this session.

I would like to wish you all a brilliant Christmas and a prosperous and happy New year. We are all looking forward to January and have high hopes for 2023. Thank you for your continued support this year past.

Best wishes to you and your family,

Mr Wood