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Gorebridge Primary School

October Newsletter 2023

Reminder for Parents/Pupils

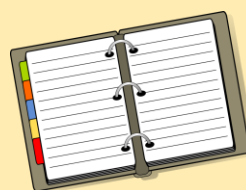
- **Please note this is a Nut FREE school, we have a pupil in the school with a severe nut allergy so products containing nuts are not allowed in school.**
- Please remember to pay online for school lunch unless your child receives free school meals
- Please be aware that the 3 disabled parking bays 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). All bikes and scooters should be left in the racks provided and not left outside the office door.

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 Tuesday 24th October.

Dates for your diary:



October Break Term Ends Friday 13th October - 12:25pm Pupils Resume Tuesday 24th October

P3/4 & P4M School Trip – The National Museum of Scotland – Thursday 26th October

P7 Visit to High School – Thursday 26th October 2023

Autumn Disco – Thursday 26th October

Parent Consultations – Tuesday 21st & Thursday 23rd November

Book Fair – Monday 20th November – Friday 24th 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
- P6 & P7 took part in cross country
- BOATS day

P4M are enjoying purposeful play this session. They are using stem toys to develop their understanding of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math using curiosity, learning, and education. STEM-related toys and products are important to help children develop useful life skills.



BOATS

We had fun showing our adults what we have been learning in class.



Maths Week Scotland



During Maths week Scotland not only were P4M competing in the national competition but the whole school competition. Three children from our class took 1st, 2nd and 3rd out of the whole school. Well done P4M the whole class did amazing

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. Mr Stanfield and Mrs White 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!





Harvest Festival

We would like to say a huge Thank You to everyone who has made a donation to our Harvest Festival. All donations have now been delivered to the local food bank



Active Schools

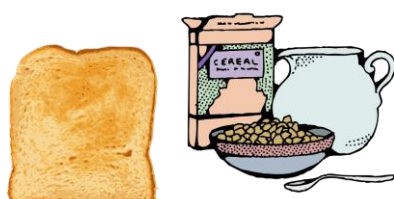


A group of P6 and P7s represented Gorebridge Primary at the Active Schools Cross Country Event. The race was 1500m and everyone put their maximum effort in to running - we are so proud of you all, what an achievement completing this in the rain! It was so lovely to see everyone supporting and encouraging each other, well done and thank you!



Breakfast Club

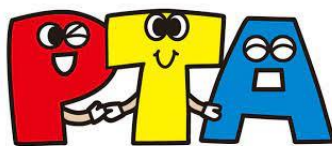
Breakfast club is open Monday – Thursday for Primary 1- Primary 7. All children in P1-P7 are welcome to come along and have some breakfast and play some games before the school day starts.



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.





We are looking for a Secretary to help with minute taking at meetings. If you are interested please get in touch via our Facebook page.

We are excited to be hosting a Halloween disco on Thursday 26th October. £2 via parent pay or on the door (includes drink, crisps and sweets) No masks or accessories please. More details to follow.

We raised a fabulous £2794 in 2022/2023, from events including autumn and spring discos, Christmas and summer fairs and the hundred club.

Contributions were made to the school for many things, including partly funding the panto trip 2022, P7 yearbooks, startup money for P6 grow a fiver, books for nursery/P1 Santa gifts, Christmas trees and end of term ice creams.

Hundred Club for 2023/2024 is now open. Please get in touch via the Facebook page, or visit the page for info.

We are also hosting a Christmas shopping evening on Thursday 16th November, 5:30pm - 7:30pm. Come along and do some Christmas shopping and enjoy some home baking and a festive drink.

A Message From Mr Wood

It was great to see many of you attend our BOATS session in school this week. It is important we see more of you and try to involve you in your child's learning and the life of the school. This first session of the year was really positive with adults fully involved in supporting their child with activities, we hoped you all enjoyed the event. We will definitely have many more opportunities to have you in the school.

Staffing

It's a final goodbye to Mr Dougal, who moves on to Mayfield as a depute. It is really sad to see him leave us as his cheerful personality brings a lot of fun and laughter to the school. His departure does present us with the opportunity to recruit a permanent principal teacher. This is currently being advertised and we are hopeful we will be able to secure a strong candidate to help us on our improvement journey.

After the October break we have three staff members joining / re-joining the team. We would like to welcome back Mrs Provan who will cover teacher non-contact time for a range of classes. Also we will have a new staff member joining us, Ms Soulsby will join us as a learning assistant. Finally, Mr Forbes will join as the temporary teacher of P5D whilst we are trying to recruit a new principal teacher.

School Improvement Plan

Please see our improvement plan for session 23-24



Gorebridge Primary School Improvement Plan 2023-2024

Learning, Teaching and Assessment

- Continue to develop 'The Excellent Gorebridge Teacher' toolkit
- Continue to develop learner involvement in school improvement
- Develop learner assessment profile to support moderation of achievement of a level
- Improve parental engagement with learning, teaching and assessment

Relationships, Wellbeing and Care

- Revisit and improve our current positive relationships and behaviour policy
- Continue to develop our REACH values to ensure they are understood and permeate everyday life within the school community
- Learners discuss and track their own progress using Health & Wellbeing indicators

Equity, inclusion and Targeted Support

- Improve understanding of Midlothian's attendance procedures
- Increase staff understanding of poverty and the impact it has on life chances
- Continue to develop a rights-based approach
- Use centralised systems, guidance and processes to enable staff to identify learners' needs, and meet these in a timely manner



Curriculum

- Embed use of literacy progression pathways for teaching, learning and assessment
- Continue to embed Numeracy progression pathways
- Develop play pedagogy in P1 and P2 through SEIC connector programme
- Continue to develop digital pedagogy of staff
- Develop guidance to support consistent teaching of writing across the school

