

Tynewater Primary School

a thinking, caring, learning community
Information for Parents and Children
Thursday 14 October 2021



Early Learning to Primary 7

We want everyone to achieve:

ambitious

Caring

healthy

inclusive

environmentally friendly

Volunteering help

exploring

Our School Aims

We believe that each of us can confidently:

- Be ambitious, imaginative and creative
- Make healthy choices to take care of ourselves, others, and our environment
- Seek new challenges to learn together to achieve our goals
- Explore, be involved in, and build up our community

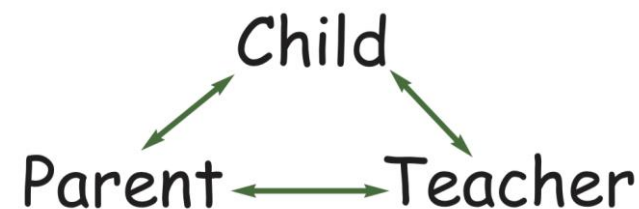
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Modelling attitudes and behaviour; thinking before we do, say or write something – including social media:

- Is it true?
- Is it helpful?
- Is it inspiring? (Does it build up?)
- Is it needed?
- Is it kind?

If not, do not do, say or write it!

Dear Parents / Carers and Children,



Thank you for taking part in your child's Parent-Child-Teacher Video Meetings. These important termly 15-minutes' consultation meetings provide opportunities to discuss your child's progress and next steps in their learning.

Please find attached:

- A one-page summary of our priorities in our School Improvement Plan for 2021-2022
- Diary Dates as at 14-10-2021
- Information about NHS Parent Anxiety Workshops



We recycled 100 kg (kilogrammes) of textiles through our Rag Bag Textiles Collection Bin in our playground, so raising £40 for our school funds to benefit all children.



Preston Hall Estate have made part of the New Wood safe and available for all classes to use for Forest School activities and outdoor learning.

Thank you to Mrs Clarke (P6 Teacher) for arranging this. Mrs Clarke undertook Forest Schools training sponsored by the school five years ago.

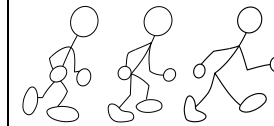
Early Learning and Primary 1

Outdoor Learning

Our Early and Primary 1 Learners, Mrs Glennie (P1 Teacher), Mrs Simpson (Learning Assistant), Mrs Watt (Learning Assistant), and our Early Learning Team want to form 'a Planning Group' to develop outdoor learning in the garden area immediately outside our Primary 1 Classroom, in our wider school grounds and in our local environment.

To help us do this, we invite 4 parents / carers to represent ALL parents / carers Early and Primary 1 Learners. If you are interested, could you please let Ms Glennie know?

We envisage meeting from 14.45 to 15.25 to enable Early and P1 Learners representatives to be fully involved.



Our Early Learners walk and learn in our local community and environment nearly every day.

Aeneas' Travels with P5 and P6

We have received the video recording from the Dunedin Consort showing The Travels of Aeneas - the prequel to Dido and Aeneas, as interpreted and communicated by eight primary school classes, including P5 and P6 from Tynewater PS (as last year's P4 and P5).

We are asking the Dunedin Consort if we can obtain the parts presented by P5 and P6 to share their creativity with their parents / carers via Seesaw.

Our updated A to Z of Information for Parents / Carers of P1 to P7 Learners and for Parents / Carers of Early Learners are both available on our school website.

Can any parent provide six wooden pallets for our Central Garden?

A request from Chloe P7

Hi! My name is Chloe and during the October break I am cutting 16 inches (40.64 centimetres). I am donating my hair to the Little Princess Trust who make wigs for children and young people who have cancer, or any other condition that has made them lose their hair due to the treatments.

I would like to raise money to send with my hair so that the wigs can be made. So, if you could please sponsor me that would be great!

Please add your donation to:
www.justgiving.com/fundraising/chloe-simpson10

Thank you, Chloe



Pupils' Library Bags

Our Parent Council kindly buy each pupil a Library Bag costing £5 to protect books from our wonderful Lending Library whilst being carried between school and home. Could your child please return their Library Bag to their Class Teacher each June so that he / she can continue to use the same library bag each year. **Lost or non-returned bags will be charged at £5 each.**

If your child has a library bag at home, could he / she please bring it to school to continue using it.



Thank you to Mrs Eleanor Morris of Woodcote Estate by Fala / Soutra who kindly donated the delicious, freshly harvested, home-grown, organic grapes which were placed in bags by P7 pupils, and made available free for parents and children to enjoy.



Thank you for the work of every member of our Tynewater Staff Team (page 4) for each and every child and their family.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any feedback, questions, suggestions, concerns, or simply need to talk through something. I am always happy to speak with you about any matter relating to your child(-ren). We can do this by telephone, via a video meeting, or meeting outside in person – weather-permitting.

With best wishes for the October break,

Yours sincerely,

Douglas Lawson

Douglas Lawson, Head Teacher
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Thank you for the work of our Tynewater Staff Team for all our children and families:

Allan Hares	Skanska Janitor	Lianne Moyers	Cleaner
Alec Knox	Brass Instructor	Lisa Craig	After School Club Manager
Alison Ketchion	Learning Assistant with P6	Lisa Watt	Learning Assistant with P2/3 and P1
Amanda Hunter	Learning Assistant with P4	Louise Munro	Administrative Assistant
Ann McKenzie	Skanska Janitor	Lucy McCormack	Kitchen Assistant
Ashleigh Blyth	P5 Class Teacher	Mandy Clark	Kitchen Assistant
Callum Watson	P4 (Tues pm + Wed) & P7 Class Teacher (F, Thur)	Mary McInroy	Visiting Music Teacher - Thursdays
Danielle Clark	After School Club	Mhairi Braby	Breakfast Club
Eilidh Nicol	After School Club	Mharie Cook	Early Years Practitioner
Emma Beattie	Sen Early Years Practitioner (maternity cover)	Nicola Faux	Kitchen Assistant
Emma Williams	After School Club	Pamela Scott	Kitchen Manager
Gary Bowman	EYP Modern Apprentice (Cohort 7)	Paul Christie	Learning Assistant with P5
Gemma Goodwin	Visiting Art Teacher - Mondays	Sophie Thorburn	P2/3 Class Teacher
Iona Cruikshank	P3 Class Teacher	Stephen Whitehead	Skanska Janitor
Isobel Leonard	P6 Teacher (Wed am, Thur and Frid)	Teresa Anderson	Office Assistant; Dining Superv; Sen Cleaner
Jackie Bee	Cleaner	Tracey McCabe	Principal Teacher & Support for Learning
Jackie McNairn	Learning Assistant with P3		
Jane Simpson	Learning Assistant with P1		
Jennifer Davie	Sen Early Years Practitioner (maternity leave)		
Jessica Seaton	P2 Class Teacher		
Jo Clarke	P6 Class Teacher (Mon, Tues & Wed)		
Josie Purvis	P4 Class Teacher NQT		
Jude Hawthorne	Learning Assistant with P4, P7 & P6		
Kirsten Glennie	P1 Class Teacher		
Laura Thompson	P7 Class Teacher (Mon, Tues & Wed)		