

# Tynewater Primary School

a thinking, caring, learning community

Information for Parents / Carers  
and Children

Wednesday 8 December 2021



**We want everyone  
to achieve:**

**a**mbitious

**C**aring

**h**ealthy

**i**nclusive

**e**nvironmentally  
friendly

**V**olunteering help

**e**xploring

## 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

## t-h-i-n-k

**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,**

Please find our School Diary as a separate document.

Mrs Munro will issue information about Midlothian Education's Equipped For Learning Programme.



**Well done to Chloe P7 who raised an amazing £1268 by having her hair cut during the October holiday to donate it 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.**

**Thank you for our Poppy Collection for The Earl Haig Fund Scotland**

**Thank you for helping to raise £282 for BBC Children in Need!**

/ Mr Lawson's Retirement

## Mr Lawson's Retirement

Having served as a Head Teacher for 25 years: 10½ years at Pathhead Primary School from November 1996 and 14½ years at Tynewater Primary School from August 2007, I have decided to retire on Friday 11 February 2022.

Retirement has been open to me for the past five years, however, in February 2020, I committed myself to remaining in post to lead Tynewater Primary School through the many challenges of the COVID pandemic which, unfortunately, all schools are still working through.

Developing any school is a never-ending process, and I retire confident in the knowledge that Tynewater Primary School is in a strong position to continue to develop and progress at the highest levels.

In due course, Midlothian Education will contact our Parent Council to involve two or three Parent Representatives in the appointment of the school's next Head Teacher.

Thank you to all my colleagues, who led by me, make up the Tynewater Staff Team and who are commendably dedicated to progressing the learning of every child. We are delighted that Mrs McCallum has joined us as Depute Head Teacher for her secondment to 30 June 2022.

Thank you to the successive cohorts of children for whom the Tynewater Staff Team always strive to provide the best possible teaching and learning for every child.

Thank you for the support and understanding received from parents / carers, several of whom are former pupils!

Thank you for the help received from our community.

I wish Tynewater Primary School children, young people, parents / carers and staff every success in their efforts to be the best possible thinking, caring, learning community.

Yours sincerely,

*Douglas Lawson*

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Head Teacher