



Edenside Primary Newsletter

October

From Mr Bewsey

I wanted to take the opportunity to thank all parents, carers, pupils and staff for the incredibly warm welcome I have received since joining the school in August. When friends and family ask me how my new job is going, I can honestly say that, for my part, I am very happy here and have enjoyed every moment (so far!) The staff are such a dedicated team who work hard to provide excellent learning experiences and high levels of care. The children are happy, friendly and polite who thrive in a school that is nurturing and challenging in equal measure. I am looking forward to this coming year and to working with parents and carers to ensure this school and our pupils continue to 'be the best they can be'.

Staffing update

P5: We welcome our new teacher, Mrs Welch, this week. Our thanks to Mrs Mabon for her support over the last few weeks.

P7 and P4/5: After the October break, Mrs Bryce will be moving to P7 on Mondays and Tuesdays and Mrs Matthews will be taking over P4/5 full-time. This gives the P4/5 class a single teacher for the week.

Mrs White: In Miss Douglas' absence, Mrs White was successful in being appointed as interim Principal Teacher. Congratulations!

News round-up

P5 Bikeability

Some of our Primary 5 pupils (those in P5D) enjoyed a day of 'Bikeability' training with SBC's Outdoor Education Team. The visiting team commented on the positive attitude of all our pupils. We are currently making arrangements for the team to return to train our remaining Primary 5 pupils (those in P4/5).

P7 Kingswood

Our Primary 7 pupils had an amazing time away last week at Dukeswood House, Hexham, for their annual residential adventure. They were exhausted (and smelly) by the end of it but everyone gained so much from their time away. Our thanks to Miss Nimmo, Mrs Brown, Miss Cowan and Mr Currie for supervising the children.

Coming up

Parents' Evening

Just a wee reminder that we are hosting our new October Parent Consultations on Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd. We introduced the Parents' Evening Booking System and this has been well received (with a few technical hiccups). If you are unable to attend your meeting, please let us know and we will try to arrange a new time. If required, Mrs McLear is available for appointments on both evenings – just ask!

Hockey and Rugby Festivals

Primary 5 and Primary 7 will be taking part in the annual sports festivals on Tuesday 2nd October. Joining pupils from other Kelso schools, the P5s will be enhancing their rugby skills while P7s will be improving their hockey. Photos will be added to the website in due course.

Other news

Parent Survey

To help us know how we, as a school, are doing, we are sending all parents and carers a short survey (please check your email inbox). The multiple choice questions are designed to help us know what we're doing well and what we need to do better. Your time and input is valued and appreciated.

Secret Garden Update

As most of you will know, we are fortunate to have a wonderful secret garden that our pupils enjoy exploring and learning in. We have recently asked SBCs Unpaid Work Team to help us develop this space, including installing an 'accessible for all path' and some new play items. Our thanks to the Parent Council for their ongoing support with this space.

Free Books for Schools

The Scottish Sun has teamed up with Collins publishers to give primary schools across the country a bumper pack of 105 Collins Big Cat books, worth more than £550. All we need to do is collect the daily tokens in The Scottish Sun by the 18th November. Please share this with friends and family and help us collect the tokens we need. Thank you.

Communication Update

Our school website is, we hope, improving as we add new content and regular posts. If you haven't already, please SUBSCRIBE to the site to receive automatic updates direct to your email! To add to the website, we will be launching a new school Facebook page that will be a place to share school successes and important news. Full details will be shared after the October break. Please remember, however, that we are always at the end of the phone and our door is 'always open' if you ever need to speak to a member of staff about any query or concern.

Time to shine!

Mr Hastie Scotland selection

We are delighted to share that Mr Hastie, our janitor, has been selected to run for Scotland at the upcoming international long distance running competition taking place in Wales in November. We wish him all the best!

Edenside Primary School – Be the best you can be!