



## Edenside Primary Newsletter November

### **From Mr Bewsey**

Doesn't time fly?! I have been Headteacher of Edenside for just over 3 months but it seems like a lot longer – in a good way! The welcoming, inclusive ethos of our school has made me so welcome that I already feel like 'part of the furniture'. A lot has happened over the past term but I trust you and your child continue to feel valued and supported. This coming month looks set to be as busy as ever and it'll be Christmas before we know it! Here's to continuing to be the best we can be – together.

For your information, all SBC schools have been asked to review our pupil attendance with an aim of all children having a 95% attendance rate. We will be looking at our figures and may well get in touch with individual families to discuss further.

### **Staffing update**

Ms Nimmo: It was with sadness that we bid farewell to Ms Nimmo last week. We wish her well in her new post.

Mrs Bryce: It's official – there's a baby Bryce on the way! Mrs Bryce is expecting her second child in the new year so will be leaving us for her maternity leave at the end of January. A replacement teacher for Mrs Bryce will be sought in due course.

### **News round-up**

#### *Parents' Evening*

Thank you to all parents and carers who joined us last month for our new 'early bird' teacher consultations. It was so good to be able to meet with you early in the school year to talk about your child. The feedback from parents and teachers was very positive.

#### *Edenside Ambassadors*

Our excellent pupil group – Edenside Ambassadors – headed out to West Murrison Farm the other week as part of our 'Developing Scotland's Young Workforce' activities. The group learnt about the skills needed to run a farming business and also talked about some of their skills needed for learning. It was a very interesting morning.

#### *Edenside Buzz*

We published our first pupil newspaper this month. Aptly titled the 'Edenside Buzz', our pupil group tried to capture the variety of learning that has been going on across our school. It made for a very informative read. If you missed it, just visit our website.

### **Coming up**

#### *Dates for your diary*

Please see the attached overview of all events planned for this coming term, including Christmas events.

### *Remembrance Day - "We will remember them."*

This year marks 100 years since the end of WW1 and we wanted to ensure children understood the significance of this so we will be having a special assembly on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November. All families are invited to attend the Kelso Remembrance Parade on the morning of Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Other news**

#### *Parent Survey*

Thank you to all that completed our recent online survey – 50% of families responded. The results were very interesting, with 91% of families saying that your children enjoy learning at school and 96% feeling that learning is progressing well. There were also helpful pointers for improvement which we will and have already sought to address. For example:

You said...	So we...
You would like to know more about your child's learning.	Have introduced Facebook to share classroom insights. Have introduced the 'Edenside Buzz' to share learning news. Share termly curriculum overviews to explain what each class will be learning about.
There could be more clubs and activities offered.	Introduced a lunch time 'Code Club' for P5. Introduced a lunch time 'Ready to Read' club for P2. Will be launching new Sports Clubs in January.
You weren't sure if we listened to your views.	Have added this piece to the newsletter to show that we're listening to what you've said.

#### *Free Books for Schools - REMINDER*

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 18<sup>th</sup> November. Please share this with friends and family and help us collect the tokens we need. Thank you.

#### *Communication Update*

Our new school Facebook page has been very popular with 165 'Likes' so far. We hope you have found the learning insights helpful. If you haven't already, please do 'Like' our page - @EdensidePS.

Also, don't forget to subscribe to our website to get news updates direct to your email.

### **Important changes**

#### *Resilient Schools*

Following feedback from parents and the wider community, SBC has decided to revoke the 'Resilient Schools' protocol. This means that decisions about school closure in adverse weather will be made on a school-by-school basis. Full details about what this means for Edenside will be shared in due course.

Edenside Primary School – Be the best you can be!