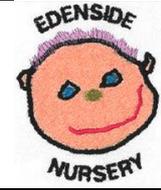




Edenside Primary Newsletter

November 2019



News round-up

Kakasitsi Musicians

At the start of last month, we were visited by the Ghanaian Kakasitsi drumming group who performed some amazing traditional music and dance. This was followed by workshops for our Primary 4 children. It was fantastic!

Parents' Evening

It was good to see so many of you at the recent consultation evenings. We hope the time with class teachers was helpful. Thank you also, for engaging with the various activities and feedback forms we hosted on the stage. The next parents' evening will be in February.

Choir sings for Grove House residents

Our children were a hit as they sang for residents of Grove House care home. The choir have been rehearsing on a weekly basis with Mr and Mrs Mabon and were invited to perform at the home. The songs were a mixture of old and recent tunes but all were enjoyed by the residents. The children were a credit to the school.

Nursery visits Grove House Care Home

Following the success of the visits to Queen's House, our nursery children were delighted to accept an invitation to Grove House care home. Spending time in each others company was a huge positive experience for the young and old alike. The children particularly enjoyed the juice and snack!

Junior Road Safety Team

Our recently appointed Road Safety Team were a huge help in supervising last week's 'Walk to school' bus. They have also started a daily supervision of the car park at the front of the school; they are reminding everyone (children and adults) not to cut across the car park but to keep to the paths. Be safe!

Kelso Food Bank donations

A huge thank you for all the donations of food items in support of Kelso Food Bank. P6S were able to deliver 36 bags of items, ranging from pasta to peas and biscuits to beans. As we learnt in our **HARVEST** assembly, it's a time to SHARE.

Parent Council news

Halloween Disco: Once again, the annual Halloween disco was a success in providing a fun-filled hour of music and dancing that helped raise funds for the school (£200). Same again next year?!

Bake Sale: The termly bake sale is becoming a tradition now, with every child enjoying a baked treat, courtesy of the parents and families donations. A total of £252 was raised this time.

Secret Garden clear-up: The Parent Council has very much taken a lead role in developing and maintaining our wonderful Secret Garden and the recent efforts are no exception. Under the direction of Mrs Welch, a small team of parents (and a grandparent) helped clear a huge pile of debris, freeing up a whole new space within the garden.

Coming up

Raising Children with Confidence workshop

Following the success of last year's sessions, Mrs McLear is hosting a third workshop series on a Wednesday afternoon, 2.30-3.30pm. This weekly course supports parents and carers to learn about our children's well-being and how we can support healthy emotional development. All welcome; just come to the school office.

Primary 7 Sports Hall Athletics

This annual event, taking place in Galashiels, sees a team of Primary 7 pupils compete in a series of indoor athletic events, including standing jump, shuttle runs and chest throws. We wish our team well.

Enrolment Week

The annual enrolment week (for all children hoping to start nursery or school in August 2020) takes place from Monday 18th November. Please remind any friends or family who would like their child to attend Edenside nursery or school.

Other news

Parent Survey

If you haven't already, we invite you to complete our online survey that will help us gather your views and input about the school and nursery. The link to the survey was sent out in the new weekly bulletin email. If you would prefer a paper version or would like support in accessing the survey, please call the school office.

Repeat reminder - Dropping off and picking up by car

Please, please remember that the lay-by outside school is not for general use; it is provided for buses and 'special circumstances' users. A similar rule applies to the swimming pool car park; this is **NOT** for school drop-off and pick up.

If you need to drop off close to school please use the main road parking spaces. Ideally, why not try to 'park and stride' by parking at the workshops (end of Inch Road) and walking? Thank you for your support and understanding.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 6 th Nov	'Raising Children with confidence' course starts
Thursday 7 th Friday 8 th Nov	In-service days. School closed to children.
Thursday 14 th Nov	P7 Sports Hall Athletics event
Friday 15 th Nov	Rag Bag collection
Monday 18 th Nov	Enrolment week!
Monday 18 th – Friday 22 nd Nov	National Book Week. Details to follow.
Tuesday 12 th Dec	Christmas Show! P1 + 2 children only. Matinee and evening performances. Details to follow.
Wednesday 13 th Dec	Nursery nativity (morning). Details to follow.
Thursday 19 th Dec	Christmas Church Service – P3 to lead

Stay in touch

It's good to talk so please do get in touch if you have any questions or queries.

 Speak to a member of staff at the school gate each morning

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