

Gorebridge Primary School

Newsletter April 2016

Caring, Preparing for Life....

Dear parents, carers and friends of Gorebridge Primary,

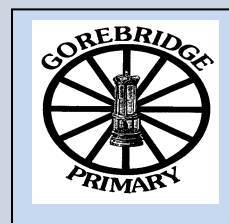
As we head into the last 6 weeks of term, it looks like the weather is improving at last! We are all delighted about this as our focus this term is to take our learning outdoors. P1 children are visiting Gore Glen over the next few weeks and Miss Peacock's class are already bursting with excitement about their learning 'down the Glen'. Mrs Sture's class were busy planting seeds yesterday donated to them by Dobbies and Mrs MacGregor's class were out in the playground learning about volume using some tricky methods for working together to transfer the water. Miss Saddler's children were busy practicing their spelling words in chalk in the playground and our Daily

Daunder is still a firm favourite with P1-P4 classes and it's super to see an increased stamina of the children.

Of course, our P7 pupils glorious sunshine for their Cluster Camp at Kingswood and arrived back on Friday exhausted after a week of exciting outdoor activities!

Learning can take many forms and some of the most memorable experiences take place outdoors!

We are delighted to say that our P1 children will be involved in tree planting in the Community garden (opposite the exit of the school car park). This garden area will be a wonderful addition to our community and we, as a school, intend to make good use of it as an outdoor learning area! It will also be great for the P1s, at the end of their primary school years to see how tall 'their' trees have grown!



MAIL DROP

For this term we are looking to send the majority of correspondence home in school bags on

WEDNESDAYS.

Please make sure you regularly check school bags for letters etc and particularly on a **Wednesday.**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs. 19th May	Tom Hutchison football tournament
Monday 23rd May	P5 pupils Ryder cup golf activities NCHS
Wed 24th May	INSERVICE DAY (pupils off)
Wed 25th May	P1 Community tree planting
Wed 1st June	P1 Transition - Teddy Bear's Picnic 1pm
Thursday 2nd June	Parent Council meeting / Nursery trip to Blair Drummond
Monday 6th June	P1 Transition 1.30pm
Tuesday 7th June	SSPCA P1 - P7 Workshops
Wed 8th/Thurs 9th June	P1 Transition 9.30am
Fri 10th June	P7 High School Visits
Tues 14th June	PTA Summer Fair
Wed 15th June	P1 Transition 9.30am
	Olympic themed Sports Day

Breaking news!
Well done Ava Harvey P7 who has been selected to represent the Scottish Region in a trampolining competition at the end of this month!!

School Improvement Plan

As a school it is important that we continue to improve so that we can deliver the best possible learning experiences and outcomes for our children. As part of developing our Improvement Plan, it is important that we listen to the views of everyone involved in the life of our school. We have discussions in school with our children and ask for your views through exit polls, feedback and through questionnaires.

I would be grateful if you could take some time to consider and return the questionnaire in



today's pupil post.

Just a note to inform you that there have been some reports of recurring headlice in school. Thank you to everyone for keeping us informed. We appreciate how frustrating this problem is, unfortunately as you are aware, this is a nationwide problem and not only a concern at Gorebridge Primary School. Please check your child's hair and the rest of your family's hair this evening. If your child has headlice they should only return to school once they have been treated. Please continue to check your child's hair regularly. Treatment for head lice is available free of charge from your pharmacy through the Minor Ailments programme. If you require further advice please contact your local pharmacist who will be more than happy to assist.

Twitter 

@gorebridgeps

We are using this social network as a means to keep our parents/carers up to date with all of the exciting learning experiences that are taking place in and out of school. Our tweets link directly to our school website

Assessment Capable Learners

As you know, one of the priorities in our School Improvement Plan this session has been for our children to be able to discuss what they have learned and what their next steps in learning are. We have our Learning Hero and our Learning pit to help us remember our learning powers and we have had a focus on sharing next steps with our children. Mrs Binnie and I have learning conversations with groups of children from every class and below are some of the comments children made about their learning.

"My teacher shares all our targets"

Kevin P1

"We use our feedback in our writing and write our next steps"

Eilidh P7

"We are always aware that we know what our learning intention means"

Megan P6

"We go on the honey pot when we come out of the learning pit"

P1 pupils

"My teacher helps me with strategies to get better at my learning"

Kye P5M

