

# Gorebridge Primary School Newsletter September 2016



*Caring, Preparing for Life....*

**Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Gorebridge Primary**

I would like to begin by thanking everyone for their support whilst Mrs Grant has been recovering from her hip operation. Mrs Grant is recovering well and sends her best wishes to you all.

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs McWilliam who has been with us here at Gorebridge Primary for 6 years. She will be missed by both children and staff however we wish her well and lots of happy years in her retirement.

It has been a busy month here at Gorebridge Primary! And I thought it would be nice to share some of what we have been getting up to with you.

## Skiers and Swimmers

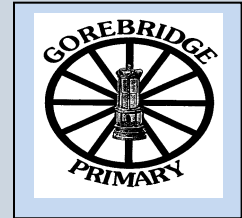


Primary 7 and 6 pupils have been enjoying skiing lessons up at Hillend ski slope and some of our upper primary also represented us at The Dalkeith Schools Campus in a swimming gala in which they did us proud!

## European Language Day



Our children were involved in European Language Day on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September where there was lots of tasting of French food as well as learning about famous people and landmarks.



Remember to check out the school's website at [gorebridge@mgfl.net](mailto:gorebridge@mgfl.net) for a variety of information including our 'Anti-Bullying' Policy and our Literacy Policy



*You can now follow us on twitter @gorebridgePS*

## Partner School



It's exciting times here at Gorebridge Primary as we embark on a partnership with a Primary School in Tanzania. We had a visitor Mike Knox in to show us photographs of the school and the children we will be partnering up with. Watch this space for updates!

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	P7 @ Risk Factory
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu Immunisations (Nasal Spray)
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	P5 @ Botanical Gardens
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	School closed October Break
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	All resume
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Halloween Disco (Tickets on sale at the school office from Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> )
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Nursery Parent Workshop

### Gentle Reminders



Please could I ask you as the Winter weather approaches that your child comes appropriately dressed for school. I would also ask that they have a change of shoes for indoors as very often in the bad weather shoes become dirty and this is transferred onto the carpets.

### Scooters and Bikes



Whilst we encourage our children to bring their bikes and scooters to school we would appreciate if they didn't ride them in the playground as there are lots of buggies and smaller children around. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

### HOUSE CAPTAINS



The children have been busy voting for their house captains and they have now been elected.  
Newbyres- Megan Power & Taylor McLellan  
Crichton- Grace Ross & Macaulay Tait  
Borthwick – Sam McLean & Ewan Miller

### JRSO OFFICERS



We also have two new JRSO Officers who have recently been on a training morning at Woodburn Primary School and they are:-  
Hallie Ramsay & Lewis Johnston  
We wish them well in their new posts and look forward to hearing all the ideas for our school soon.

### Ben Nevis Challenge



A huge congratulations to our very own Miss Lockhart who together with a group from Midlothian Council and her husband and daughter scaled the dizzy heights of Ben Nevis on 10<sup>th</sup> September. It took her 7 hours to complete the climb and descend and in the process raised £800, £400 of which will go directly to school funds.  
Thank you and well done!



### PTA News

Well we are into the new school year, have held our AGM and we are currently submitting our first charity return. Our contribution to the Panto has also been boosted by donations from Gorefry with £89.89 from the 5p carrier bag charges.

The next event is the **Halloween Disco on Wednesday 26th October – Tickets on sale at the school office from Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October.** If you can help on the night please let the school office or one of us know - [careyfairgrieve@gmail.com](mailto:careyfairgrieve@gmail.com).

After the Summer Fair our cupboards are bare so any tombola donations will be very gratefully received! Again please hand into the school office

Our Facebook page is: Gorebridge Primary Parent Council and PTA Page.