

Gorebridge Primary School Newsletter November 2016



Caring, Preparing for Life....

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Gorebridge Primary

We have an extremely busy month ahead with lots of learning going on in amongst the annual seasonal events. We hope that you will be able to join the children and staff for some of these and share in the festive cheer!

Recently we held our Principal Teacher interviews and Mrs Tocher was the successful candidate. This will mean that Mr Borthwick will remain as Acting Principal Teacher and Miss Stadnik will return to class teacher following the Christmas holidays. We would like to thank Miss Stadnik for all her hard work over the last 9 months as Acting Principal teacher.

Thursday 8th December sees the return of Mrs Grant and we are very very much looking forward to having her back.

Please remember that my door is always open and if you wish to discuss any aspect of the school.
Mrs Binnie

P7 Enterprise

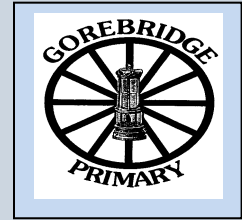


Our Primary 7's have been involved in lots of enterprise activities this term in order to raise money for a residential trip next year. Some of the enterprising ways of raising money have included 'Grow a Pound', 'Home Baking', 'Lucky Dip' and coming up soon the 'Christmas Fayre'. I wonder what exciting event they will hold next!



Gore Glen

As part of their Midlothian topic P4 H/S & P3/4S have been exploring the local community. The classes have been to Gore Glen where they saw a ruin of the Gunpowder Mill and also went to the local church to find out more about the history of Midlothian. Both classes have really enjoyed the this topic especially the model making they have been doing.



Remember to check out the school's website at gorebridge@mgfl.net for a variety of information



You can now follow us on twitter
@gorebridgePS

Parent /teacher Consultations



Thank you to everyone who attended our parent/teacher consultations last week. I hope you found them informative. We had a huge turnout of 95% which is excellent as we continue to work together to support all of our young learners.

PTA NEWS



DRAGONS DEN

The Dragon's Den was a huge success and our Dragons and pupils really enjoyed it. The five council groups put forward their ideas and suggestions and I am very glad to say all were successful in securing the funds for their council group. Here is how the children will spend the money.

Communication Council: £50 awarded towards school Ipad funds.

Community Council: £50 awarded for a wheelbarrow and gardening gloves, for planters around the school including those at the bottom of the field.

Eco Council: £50 awarded for bird feeders so the birds are fed all year round and bamboo mats for the amphitheater which are Eco friendly.

Learning Council: £50 awarded to purchase and make inspirational posters to place all around the school to encourage, motivate and brighten up the school.

Global Council: £50 awarded towards materials to make calendars to raise more funds to improve the technology at our partnership school - Kilai Primary in Tanzania.

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

Gentle Reminders



Lunch Money Reminder

Please remember to send your child to school with the correct lunch money. A growing number of pupils are borrowing £1.80 from the school office to pay for their lunch and are forgetting to pay it back. Can we kindly remind everyone that the school office needs to be reimbursed as soon as possible in order for us to continue to support those children who forget their lunch money.



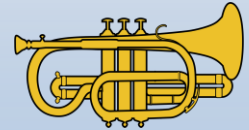
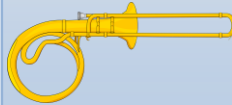
Wet Mornings

Winter is fast approaching! On mornings when the weather is particularly wet / stormy, the cloakroom doors will be opened from 8.40am but no earlier! On mornings such as these, please do not send your child to school too early. Access will not be granted before 8.40am.

Midlothian Music Festival



On Thursday 17th November 2 of our talented musicians Grace Ross and Lucy Park went to the Usher Hall in Edinburgh as part of the Newbattle Cluster Midlothian Band. The girls had a wonderful time and played to a full house. Well done girls an amazing achievement and experience for you both!



'GOREBRIDGE GAB'



Our second 'Gorebridge Gab' will take place on Friday 16th December from 9.00am - 9.45am.

This will be an opportunity for your child to share their learning with you and give them an opportunity to discuss with you their successes, next steps and where they are on their learning journey. We hope you will be able to join your child/children for this and join us for a mince pie and coffee afterwards in the dining hall.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Monday 1 st December	Pantomime 'Jack and The Beanstalk' (Late return)
Tuesday 6 th December	Nativity 6pm
Wednesday 7 th December	Nativity 1.30pm
Tuesday 13 th December	P7 Dance 4.30pm - 6.30pm
Wednesday 14 th December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 15 th December	Nursery Nativity 11.00am & 2.45pm
Friday 16 th December	Gorebridge Gab 9.00am - 9.45am
Friday 16 th December	Christmas Fair 12.30pm - 2.00pm
Monday 19 th December	Nursery am & pm Christmas parties
	P5 Christmas Party
Tuesday 20 th December	P4 & P3's Christmas Party
Wednesday 21 st December	P6 Christmas Party
Thursday 22 nd December	P1 & P2 Christmas Party
Friday 23 rd December	Church Service 10am
Whole School closes at 12 noon! - Happy Holidays! (School resumes for all Monday 9 th Jan '17)	