



School Newsletter

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This newsletter finds us at the beginning of October already and what a busy start to the school session it has been! Our learners have been working on our whole school project; learning more about our School Vision and Values and they have created a beautiful whole school display in our dining hall. Along with Mrs Burrell and Miss Dolan, I have been enjoying spending time in classes talking to our pupils about their learning. It is a pleasure to work with so many enthusiastic learners and a fantastic staff team.

Safe Parking

We are asking all adults to be considerate when parking and driving around the school area especially at busy times such as drop off and pick up. Please ensure you are not parking over someone's driveway, Zebra Crossings or blocking the vennels. The car park is for school staff only and we ask that you do not access this. We had a serious incident outside the school last week and this is currently being investigated by the Police and Midlothian Council. Thank you for your support in ensuring we keep all our children safe.

Partnership with Parents



Our recent Parent Council meeting took place on Monday 11th September, after our Meet the Teacher event. We were delighted to be joined by so many families and we filled our school staffroom. Our AGM took place and school shared an update. The minutes from the meeting can be found on the school website.



Playground Update

We are very lucky to have a group of parents who have been working hard to support developments in our school playground. Prior to the summer holidays, the team secured funding from Councillor Kelly Drummond, to purchase a variety of play equipment. This includes new goals, footballs, hula-hoops, balance boards and more seating. Our Community Pay Back Team have also made some playground resources for us; a tepee, mud kitchen and planters. Our learners are loving all the new additions to the playground.

We have also been very fortunate to be supported by one of our P3 pupil's Gran, Annette. She has been working tirelessly to tidy up our front gardens, trimming back the overgrown trees and bushes and fixing flowerbeds. We are very grateful for her support.

Since joining Newtongrange PS, I have also been raising concerns on behalf of the school about the surface in the playground. Costs to make any improvements are extremely high and not something we have in our school budget. However, after some recent success, we now have potential plans for some resurfacing work to take place during the October Break. Once I have further details, I will share this with the school community.



Hallowe'en

Hallowe'en is an exciting time in the year for many. **On Friday 27th October**, children are invited to wear fancy dress costumes to school. Children are also welcome to wear their own clothes if they would prefer to. Teachers will be organising some games and activities for the morning. We would like to ask that children do not bring scary masks or dangerous props to school as these can be frightening for some younger children.



School Uniform

At Newtongrange, we aim for high standards in all aspects of school life. This includes the promotion of wearing school uniform. We would like to continue to encourage all our pupils to wear their school uniform on non-PE days. This includes a school jumper or royal blue jumper. P7 pupils have unique jumpers for their final year of primary. Uniforms can be ordered directly from our supplier www.beschoolwear.co.uk Please ensure all items of clothing have your child's name on it. Thank you for your support with this.



Maths Scotland Week



We celebrated Maths Week Scotland on 25th - 29th September where the theme was 'Maths in Motion'. Learners engaged in a range of activities focusing on time which involved reading analogue and digital times, reading timetables and learning about sundials. We celebrated with a Family Maths Trail around the community using QR codes. Our school was covered in clocks as part of our whole school clock design competition and was won by Lyra Millar (P2J) and Tillie Muir (P4B). Please remember to give us feedback using the link on our school app.

Meet the Teacher



We were delighted to welcome so many families to our 'Meet the Teacher' event on Monday 11th September. There was a lovely buzz around the building. The class PowerPoints shared at each session can be found on our school website. You will have also received a termly overview from your child's class. Please keep checking the school App for key dates and information. Our website is also being updated regularly.