



WOODBURN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th May 2016

Head Teacher's Corner

As we approach the final weeks of term I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for your support over what has been a very busy and very successful school year.

I would also like to pass on my thanks to Stephen Reidie whom sadly is stepping down as Chair of the Parent Council. Stephen has worked tirelessly over the last 7 years to champion Woodburn Primary and I in particular appreciate everything that he has done to support me since taking up the post of Head Teacher. I am sure you will join me in thanking him for all of his efforts. Fortunately we will still see Stephen around and about our school in his role as a Parent!

We were all very excited to host James Nottingham, author of *The Learning Pit* a few weeks ago. James came in to work with our P5P children, and teachers from across Midlothian were invited to watch. James was amazed at how well our children took part in his lesson. He called our school 'inspiring' and was extremely impressed with the work that we have been developing through Visible Learning. A special well done to Mrs Pratt and P5P!

Rights Respecting School Afternoon

Thank you to all of the friends and family who came along and supported our school to develop a Parents' Charter. We were overwhelmed with the support and the children loved working alongside you.



Breakfast Club

Please remember that Breakfast Club starts at 8.15am. We have noticed that children are arriving as early as 7.50am to attend. Please note that your child will not be supervised under the current organisation of Breakfast Club until 8.15am.

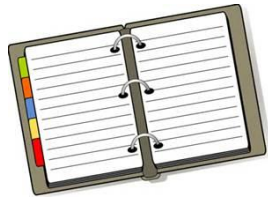
We are currently reviewing our Breakfast Club provision to meet the needs of all of our families and more information will be sent home



School Uniform

Thank you to all of our families who support our efforts to encourage all pupils to wear school uniform throughout the week. We have noticed a big increase in the number of children who wear their uniform on a Friday and would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the importance of doing so throughout the year. Thank you for your support with this.

Important Diary Dates



Victoria Day/Staff In-service: Monday 23rd May

Parent Council Summer Fair: Saturday 4th June 11am - 1pm

Primary 7 High School: Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th June.

Primary 1 Induction: Wednesday 8th June. Letters have been sent to families with more information.

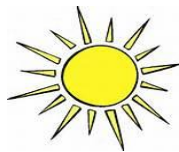
Our Visible Learning Journey So Far...Drop-in session: Friday 10th June 9.30am - 10.30am. This is an opportunity for us to share our learning with you.

Primary 6 Drama Premier: Wednesday 15th June at 6.30pm. Invitations and letters will be sent home with P6 pupils

Parent Council Meeting: Monday 20th June at 6.45pm.

Primary 7 Leavers Assembly: Wednesday 29th June at 2.00pm followed by afternoon tea.

End of term: P1-7 will finish at 12noon on Friday 1st July



Primary 7 Project Nature

Well done to Primary 7 for presenting their learning and highlighting their achievements gained from taking part in the Newbattle Abbey College Project. A big thank you to those parents/carers who attended the Assembly.

Pupils were able to build confidence and put into practice their learning skills such as determination, perseverance, giving things a go and most importantly, teamwork through taking part in a variety of activities in an outdoor environment. As well as building bivvies and lighting fires, pupils used their enterprising skills in making and selling Christmas wreaths, enhanced the school grounds after learning about planting, planned and created stories following on from a session with a story teller and supported younger pupils when transferring their knowledge and skills in orienteering. The children learned how to assess risks outdoors and evaluate their successes.

We look forward to hearing how the project will be continued and developed into S.1

Primary 5 and 6 Camps

Following on from family feedback, we are going to be re-introducing P5 and P6 camps for the 2016- 2017 session. Mrs Welsh is organising these camps and letters will be sent home to the year groups in August with further information and payment plans.



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