

# Gorebridge Primary School

## February 2020 Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Gorebridge,

I hope you are all having a good start to the year, despite the horrendous weather we are having. We have had a very busy start to the year in School with a range of fun experiences and events. Below is an update from some of the classes who have had a specific trip or event:

### **P5 Bannockburn**

P5 went to Bannockburn before the February break, we got to try on armour and see the weapons as well as going on a 3D experience as if we were in the middle of the battle. We got to re-enact the battle of Bannockburn in the battle room on the game board as well as seeing the Robert the Bruce statue.



Thomas P5L "I really liked the 3D area and the Battle part, it felt like you were really battling".  
Sam P5L " I liked trying on the knights armour, the chainmail was heavy. The weapons were just like the real ones, it was a great trip I would recommend it to everyone!"

### **P3/4 and P4 Mining museum visit**

The classes had a fantastic day learning about the mining community of old, investigating equipment used particularly the lamps, dressing up and exploring the mine. The children were fascinated by the 'cage' and engine room (mechanics which raised and lowered the 'cage' with the miners in). They also had the opportunity to crawl through a short tunnel as if they were doing the job of a Victorian child down the mine - namely, 'trapper' or 'putter'. A big thank you to Vicki and Tom who led us through the mine and entertained with his stories of working down the pits.



## P7 Burns Supper

The Primary 7s have hosted another successful Burns Supper. We were blown away with the work they put in and the talent they displayed as they performed songs and poems by Robert Burns, traditional Scottish country dances, traditional music and their very own toasts to both the lassies and the laddies. This is an event which encompasses so much of our Scottish heritage and traditions but with the talent and personality of our fabulous pupils thrown in.

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the event.



## P7 Burns Project

Well done to all P7s for the effort they put into their Burns Project. We had a variety of entries, such as models, display boards, information books, videos, Powerpoints and art work. All pupils received a commendation for their efforts. Three pupils were awarded the top prizes and their names are engraved on the trophies:

1<sup>st</sup>: Isla Denver

2<sup>nd</sup>: Jamie Smyk

3<sup>rd</sup>: Eilidh Dale



## Parental Engagement Survey

Parental Engagement Survey:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/0L8VW/>

Please complete the above survey by the end of February, previous communication has been sent about this. Any issues with this link, copy and paste the link into your browser.

## Internet Safety Assembly

The school did internet safety day on Wed 19th February where all in the school classes learnt about how to stay safe online. Colin McCabe from Midlothian Council came in and did an assembly with P5-7 about how they can be safe, be brave, be smart and be kind online. He told them about Google's free online game 'Interland' which can be played at home to teach children about different online safety scenarios.



## Gorebridge Primary and Nursery report

The report from our inspection on the 21<sup>st</sup> of November 2019 has now been published and can be found listed at the following link. We are pleased with the improvements we have made have been recognised and we have no recommendations or requirements. We will continue to use the advice and next steps from this inspection to progress further. Well done once again to all the team involved.

<https://www.careinspectorate.com/index.php/inspection-reports?page=11>

### Vision, Values and Aims

Thank you to all of you who contributed ideas to help us refresh our vision, values and aims. We also asked staff to contribute their ideas. Below is a table, which shows the most common themes that were suggested:

Suggested theme for Vision, Values and Aims	Number of times suggested by Staff and Families
Respect	14
Attainment and Achievement	14
Caring and Nurturing	12
Positive relationships	10
Safe	9
Inclusion	9
Community	8
Emotional wellbeing and happiness	8
Resilient	8
Confident and Independent	8
Motivated and engaged	4

These themes will now be drafted into our vision, values and aims.

We would now like your help to create a new vision statement (tag line, strap line) for the school and nursery. Previously this was 'Caring, preparing for life'. The vision statement should be short, simple, catchy and memorable. The vision statement will be underpinned by the themes listed above.

On the tear off slip (paper version will be sent home in schoolbags) below please write down a suggestion for our new vision statement. These will be collated and three most popular will be voted for by the school community. **Please return by Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March.**

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Our suggestion for a new vision statement for Gorebridge Primary and Nursery is:

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Name(s):