



# CORNBANK PRIMARY

## NEWSLETTER



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#### BUSY TERM AT CORNBANK

It is hard to believe that it has been nearly a full term since we returned to school in August. It has been a very busy start to the new school. Staff and children have adapted well to the changes in our usual routines and ongoing guidance regarding Covid-19. There continues to be a buzz of excitement and enjoyment around the school. I am really proud of how well everyone is working together to ensure a safe and fun environment. All of our children have settled so well and our staff have enjoyed getting to know and working with all the pupils in their class. Teachers are looking forward to speaking to families on the phone next week as part of our planned Parental Consultations. Your child should be bringing home a letter sharing the date and approximate time of the call.

Our oldest pupils launched straight into this session with a new topic. After a lot of hard work and a very busy campaign process we are delighted to let you know that we have new Primary 7 House Captains. We wish all our Primary 7 pupils all the very best as they continue in their new roles and responsibilities across the school.

Eagles House Captain: Finlay C and Grace

Falcons House Captain: Lily M and Olivia

Kites House Captain: Lily D and Oliver

Ospreys House Captain: Dominic and Hunter

We finish Term 1 on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October and we hope everyone has a lovely break. We will be looking forward to welcoming staff back on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October and all children on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October.

Kind Regards,

*Laura Cameron*

Head Teacher



## Rights Respecting School Award

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, we had a virtual visit from UNICEF assessor, Gerry. We are delighted to let everyone know that we have been awarded the Silver Rights Respecting Schools Award! This means that UNICEF have confirmed that Children's Rights are embedded throughout all areas of life at Cornbank School. As the report stated 'We aren't just teaching Rights....we are doing it'. The work which went in to achieving this award was a fantastic team effort, involving children, staff and parents, and we would like to thank everyone who supported us and demonstrated the Cornbank Tools of Cooperation, Confidence and Enthusiasm.

## School Improvement Plan

Our staff are continuing to work hard and to make progress on our school improvement priorities. We have attached our Parent Summary of our Standards and Quality Report 2020-21 and this year's Improvement Plan 2021-22 to this email. It has been written after gathering feedback from all stakeholders. A full and detailed copy of our report can be found on our school website.

Our ELC staff are also committed to making progress and we have also attached a copy of their Parent Summary.

## Google Classrooms

We hope everyone has been able to access children's new Google Classrooms, which we are continuing to use to share home learning and other material which is too large for Twitter. In the past, we have used paper reading records and are pleased that we can continue with the type of dialogue that we had through this using Google Classroom. We do ask that, if you have any concerns about your child's learning in school or wellbeing, that you continue to use the main school email account. We try our best to reply to any messages through Google Classroom, but do not always receive alerts that these have been posted. Staff will also not routinely reply to messages outwith core working hours. Thank you for your understanding.

## JAMBOARDS for WIDER ACHIEVEMENTS



This year, we have decided to use the Jamboard App in Google to help us record our pupils' wider achievements. Many parents will be familiar with this tool as we have used it previously. Each child will have their own Jamboard this year and pupils will be encouraged, both in class and at home, to add achievements and things they are proud of to their personal boards. This tool allows you to add images (e.g. photos of medals, certificates, proud moments) and 'post-it note' style text (to say what your achievement is). The way we access Jamboard has changed slightly and instructions on how to do this will be emailed home. Our continued use of Google Classroom and its tools is part of our commitment to enable our pupils to thrive in a digital world.

## Hallowe'en 2021



This year we are inviting P1-P7 children to take part in Hallowe'en activities on the morning of Friday 29.10.21. Our ELC Hallowe'en party will take place on 28.09.21. This is because we are again unable to host our traditional Hallowe'en Parties this year.

Classes will take part in:

- Party games
- Halloween/Autumn crafts
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Children may come into school in a costume or in their casual clothes that morning. We ask that your child does not wear a scary mask. If the weather is kind, we may have an opportunity to see everyone's costumes on a walk round the playground. Our School Partnership has organised a small treat for children to bring home.

If you have concerns about your child taking part in these activities, please contact us.

## Staffing

This term we welcome an Early Years student to Cornbank. Mr Drummond has started his placement in P1MD this month.

We have also welcomed Ali Turbitt, Home School Practitioner. Ali will be making contact and supporting families across the school.

## Twitter

We regularly tweet about our busy days in Cornbank. Please take the time to look at our website and even follow on us Twitter @cornbankps - we currently have sent over 22 500 tweets. I do have to ask for your understanding if your child or child's class do not appear on Twitter every day. A day in the classroom is very busy and sometimes there are other priorities.

## Junior Road Safety Officers

The JRSO pupil voice group in P6/7 and P3T have had a meeting recently with Gillian Bathgate and Campbell Orr. One of their first tasks as a group, is to launch a Park Smart campaign. This will encourage people to park safely at dropping off and pick up times at school. More information coming soon so watch this space.....

