



Weekly update

Friday 24th April

Dedridge Primary School / Glenvue Nursery

Message from Mr Todd / Mrs French



Welcome back from your Easter holidays! I hope that you have had a lovely time and that you are managing to find some joy in these very challenging times. At least the sun is shining which is certainly helping at the moment!

Staff are very busy planning and delivering learning activities for your children and we are trying to plan lots of ways to help you in this difficult time. Please, please let us know if there is anything you need – the building may be closed but we are still all here to help in any we can! You will be surprised what we can still do! Contact details are at the bottom of this newsletter.

We also appreciate how challenging home learning can be. Teachers want to hear from the children whatever they are doing – painting stones, baking, decorating, inventing games in the garden, walking, cyclingwhatever!!!! Please encourage your children to access Teams (P4-7) or to send pictures via the blog or directly to the teacher's E mail. We really want to hear from you!

Primary 1-3 teachers are also working on a slightly different format for home learning. This will still be available on the blog and on the App but it will be in the form of a sway. This will allow teachers to be able to record their voices so the children can hear them and, eventually, make videos of themselves! Very exciting!

	<p><u>Key workers</u></p> <p>If any of you are 'Key workers' and are still waiting to hear about a place for your child please contact the hubs directly. Do not wait for an E mail with a start date on it. Mr Todd and Mrs French (as well as other staff from Dedridge/ Glenvue) can be found there at Saint Ninian's on a Tuesday. If you want to speak to either of us please phone Saint Ninian's school and we can be contacted there – 01506 414612.</p> <p><u>Free School Meals</u></p> <p>Please also contact us if you are struggling to access free school meals. This is a 'take away' service and the weekly menu can be found on the App. We can help you get meals delivered to your door. If you need this, please let us know and we can organise for you. Either drop a message into the school Email box, contact your teacher or phone Saint Ninian's on a Tuesday.</p> <p><u>Dates</u></p> <p>Just a reminder of some dates:</p> <p>Monday 4th May – Bank holiday – no learning activities on this day.</p> <p>Tuesday 5th May – Inservice day. Activities will be provided but no 'check ins' from teachers on this day!</p> <p>Monday 18th May – Bank holiday – no learning activities on this day.</p>
Weekly assembly	<p>We are going to be having a weekly assembly at 10am every Friday. This will be available in 2 ways:</p> <p>Nursery - P3 – A powerpoint will be sent out with the assembly on it. This can be found on our school blog. This is also available for any P4-7 students who have not managed to join us. We are working on a way to be able to</p>

	<p>Speak to you live and we have our best people on it!!!!!!!</p> <p>P4-7 - The assembly will go out 'live' via Teams. You need to access this from the Teams page entitled 'assembly'. Please join us and bring any younger siblings along with you!!!!</p>
	<p><u>Weekly highlights</u></p> <p><u>Nursery learning this week 30/03/2020</u></p> <p>The nursery children have had very busy week, we have enjoyed seeing all their learning on the learning journals. They have been recreating the volcanic science experiment with cola & mints. Celebrating birthdays with lots of cake and dressing up, yum yum. Finding daffodils on spring walks, practicing letter writing for our move to primary 1 and using shapes to experiment and make robots.</p> <p>Fantastic and well done, we look forward to seeing more home learning.</p> <p><u>Mrs MacKenzie</u></p> <p>Absolutely lovely to discover that a child in Class 3 and I are sharing a lockdown target of reading all the Harry Potter books! Looking forward to building on the discussions that we have already begun!</p> <p><u>Mr Hunter</u></p> <p>My highlight for this week is that I am really enjoying all of the feedback from parents.</p> <p>I also loved the picture of one of my girls writing very neatly and using a birdie grip!</p> <p><u>Miss White</u></p> <p>The highlight of my week has been receiving an email update from a parent. The email had pictures attached of the pupil playing the piano, using technology to support learning and even singing on the karaoke! Superb!</p> <p><u>Mrs Keegan</u></p>

I have been learning to use a sway! I was very anxious at the beginning and felt that I just wouldn't be able to do but, as I always say, - 'Don't say I can't do it - say I can't do it yet!' I am now very excited about it and can't wait to share our new look of sharing P3 home learning task on the blog and app! Hope you like it!!

Mrs Johnstone

My highlight this week have been having more children chatting to me but I'd still like more! I'd also like to give a special mention for these fantastic bird pictures for an Art task this week.



Mr Sinclair

This week P7 enjoyed number talks together using multiplication splats! Some good strategies were discussed.

Miss Young

The lovely photographs from a rainbow walk. All the colours of the rainbow were spotted.



Miss McClure

P6/7 highlights this week have been:

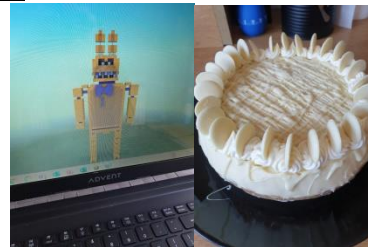
- Catching up with everyone after Easter break
- Hearing about some of the activities P6/7 have been doing from our Life Skills Grid

- Sharing some great entries for the Jupiter Artland competition
- Beginning to research our new farming topic

Miss Wilson

I have loved hearing about what fun and creative activities primary 1 have done over the Easter Holidays and I am happy to be back doing our home learning together.

Mr Adam



Mr Adam and Mrs French

Seeing this picture on twitter was both of our highlights. Thank you for sharing. This has been produced on Minecraft and is a tribute to our heroes and social distancing! It is called 'happy rainbow' and it certainly made us happy!



Mrs Steven

Has loved the feedback she has had from parents – thank you for your kind messages and E mails of thanks! You really cheered me up!

Mr McCrae

My highlight of the week has been doing the Dedridge Quiz with Primary 6/7 on Kahoot and joining the P7 check in.

	<p><u>Miss Sellar</u></p> <p>My highlight of the week is seeing a family who have created their own mini golf in their garden to develop ball handling skills!</p> <p>My own highlight is I've managed to finish 3 paintings!</p> <p><u>Mr Price</u></p> <p>The highlight of the week for Primary 5 has been the wide variety of creative art. This has come through the Earth Week art work that Mrs Mohammed set for the class, in which the focus was on using recyclable materials in art. In addition Mr Price set work to make use of materials found around the home that can be converted into art, and to use natural materials that can be found outside when on a short local walk. The photographs of the art work demonstrate pupil and family motivation as well as enjoyment. Thank you to all who took part this week.</p>
Key contact details	<p>If you are struggling to get online or access the work, please get in touch through the school email wldedridge-ps@westlothian.org.uk and we will get back to you as soon as possible.</p> <p>You can also keep up to date by downloading our school App – we will eventually be moving away from Groupcall and using this App only. We are hoping to do this at the end of May. Please try to download the App and encourage other members of the Dedridge / Glenvue community to do this also.</p> 