




## Newsletter

Date: October 2024

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Message from Mrs French</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><i>Taking our learning over the rainbow</i></p> </div>	<p>Hello all.</p> <p>It is hard to believe that September is over and that we are heading into October already – although the weather is certainly cold enough!!</p> <p>This has been an extremely busy term as I am sure you will know. We have had a number of family events and it has been lovely to see so many of you there.</p> <p>We have also worked hard to ensure that the school is looking lovely and that areas are purposeful and calm. I am sure you will enjoy seeing the area your child works in at during parents evening.</p> <p>One of the most exciting aspects of this year is our 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. So far, we have begun the process of changing our school badge and we are about to launch our ‘Dedridge does 50’ experiences as part of our celebrations. We have also ensured that all of our portraits have a 70s theme and some classes have been focussing on the 70s as their project. We are also going to be holding a family event on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025 to celebrate our 50 years. We will be working with the Parent Council to ensure that this is an exciting event.</p>																																				
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### **Family chat – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October – 11.15 a.m.**

As part of the family chat we will be sharing details of our proposed 'Dedridge does 50' event. This is part of our 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations and is also part of the work we do on 'the wider life of the school'. The idea is that we will have 50 things that we want our children to experience, in the school, between P1 and P2. This is in addition to the usual Literacy and Numeracy / Curricular experiences we provide. We will be asking parents for ideas. Please click on the link below if you would like to contribute to the discussion:

<https://forms.office.com/e/Uz9GXrndHn>

### **Macmillan Coffee – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October – 11.15 a.m.**

The coffee morning is incorporated with the Family Chat starting at 11.15 a.m. Any donations of cakes, biscuits or home baking will be gratefully received. These can either be handed in on Thursday after school or Friday morning.

**\*\* Please remember no nuts as we have children with severe nut allergies\*\***

### **Pyjama morning – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October will also be a pyjama day in the school. This is following a pupil request. We will be carrying out a reading event as part of our promotion of reading in the school. Hot chocolate and biscuits will be provided. We are also asking children to bring a non-perishable food item for West Lothian food bank in on this day.

### **Family chat – additional date**

We have added a new family chat day to our agenda – the date is the Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 11.30am. The focus is our Equity strategy and how we ensure that we meet the needs of all families and learners. Come and help us plan our next steps in this important part of our school improvement journey!

### **Mental health awareness day**

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October we will be celebrating 'mental health awareness'. The theme is the colour **yellow** and children will be doing an activity based around the colour yellow in the afternoon. If you have anything yellow, your children are welcome to wear it. If not, please do not worry! Thank you Mrs Drummond for the suggestion!

### **Trip/Experience Day – participatory budget**

What an exciting day this is going to be! You should, by now, have received details about the trip / experience your child/ren will be going on. Please keep an eye on the app for any last minute information. If your child suffers from travel sickness and you require staff to administer medication for the return trip, please request a medical form from the office. This must be completed and returned by Monday for counter signing and checking.

	<p>We cannot wait to hear about the fun the children will be having.</p> <p><b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October –</b> The Yard Edinburgh – Ash, Oak and Rowan Classes</p> <p><b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October –</b> Sealife, Loch Lomand – P1 and P2 Finlaystone Country Estate – P3 to P7, Sycamore and Willow Classes.</p> <p><b><u>Parent Council</u></b></p> <p>New office bearers:</p> <p>Chair – Jen Finnimore Secretary – Lynsey Sandilands Treasurer – Gemma Craig Events co-ordinator – Leanne Campbell Media – Kayleigh Greig</p> <p>As part of the last AGM meeting, I shared an update on our school fund. These are the figures that were shared as part of my update. School fund is used to subsidise a variety of trips and experiences for the children. As such, we may have to do some fundraising to top this up.</p> <p><b><i>School Fund as at 31/07/2024</i></b> <i>Bank Balance £3,283.75</i> <i>Ring fenced money –</i> <i>£281.64 Sainsburys Grant</i> <i>£1,290.89 Lotto Grant (£699 paid September 2024 Secret Garden)</i> <i>£807.50 Gowanbank P6/7 residential trip</i> <b><i>Remainder – School Fund £903.72</i></b></p> <p>One of the actions that members of a previous Parent Council completed, was to have the Community wing named after Neil Anderson. For those of you that don't remember him, Neil was a beloved member of the Dedridge Primary community and was Depute Head here for many years. It is an honour to have been able to name the community wing after him.</p> <div data-bbox="890 1648 1161 1805" data-label="Image"> </div>
<p><b>Upcoming dates</b></p>	<p><b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October –</b> 11.15am – Family Chat : Term 1 And Macmillan Coffee Morning, also Pyjama Day. <b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October –</b> The Yard Edinburgh – Ash, Oak and Rowan Classes</p>

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<p><b>Dates you may need to plan for!</b></p>	<p>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – 9.15am – P5 assembly (parents welcome)</p> <p>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November – P1-4 Fluoride Varnishing</p> <p>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Glenvue Fluoride Varnishing</p> <p>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November - P6/7 JYHS Open Evening 6.30pm to 8.15pm</p> <p>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November – 11.30am – Family chat – equity</p> <p>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November – whole school cinema trip – Migration (U). Forms to follow</p> <p>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November – 9am – 12pm – P5 pupils to attend James Young High School</p> <p>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Glenvue Nasal Flu Immunisations</p> <p>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November – 101 Dalmatians, Experiences Group</p> <p>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November – 9.15am – P6 assembly (parents welcome)</p> <p>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November – 9am – 12pm – P5 pupils to attend James Young High School</p> <p>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Family chat – 11am</p> <p>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – 9am – 12pm – P5 pupils to attend James Young High School</p> <p>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Nativity – P1 and P2 children – 2pm start</p> <p>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity – P1 and P2 children – 9.30am start</p> <p>6<sup>th</sup> December – 11.30am – ERB nativity</p> <p>19<sup>th</sup> December – 2pm – Glenvue Christmas sing-along</p> <p>23<sup>rd</sup> December – Christmas holidays begin</p> <p>6<sup>th</sup> January – Pupils return to school</p> <p>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 11.30 a.m. – Family Chat (Skills Development Scotland)</p> <p>23<sup>rd</sup> January – 2pm – Glenvue Gathering – Burns</p> <p>24<sup>th</sup> January – 11am – P5/P6 show</p> <p>27<sup>th</sup> January – P4 assembly – 9.15am (parents welcome)</p> <p>10<sup>th</sup> February – HOLIDAY (1 week)</p> <p>18<sup>th</sup> February – Pupils return</p> <p>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February – 9am – 12pm – P5 pupils to attend James Young High School</p> <p>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March – 9am – 12pm – P5 pupils to attend James Young High School</p>

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Family chat – 11.30am  
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25<sup>th</sup> March to 28<sup>th</sup> March – P6/P7 camp  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Easter show – P3 and P4 parents (9.30am start)  
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25<sup>th</sup> April – 10am – Glenvue Gathering – ‘Come plant with us’  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May – HOLIDAY  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May – INSERVICE day (staff only)  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May – PUPILS return  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May – P3 assembly (parents welcome)  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Transition Tuesday begins (new Primary 1 pupils visit the school) – *this is then every Tuesday until the 10<sup>th</sup> June*  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Family chat – 11am  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May – HOLIDAY  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Pupils return  
30<sup>th</sup> May – Learning exhibition – P3, P4, P5, P6 and P7 parents welcome  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June – HEALTH WEEK in school  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June – P1 assembly – 9.15am (P1 parents welcome)  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June – P1 Transition – parents event  
11<sup>th</sup> June – 2pm – Learning exhibition – P2 (Parents welcome)  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Dedridge is 50 – details to follow  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June – P7 bowling  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Nursery sports  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June – P7 leavers assembly – 9.30am  
26<sup>th</sup> June – 2pm – Glenvue Goodbye  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Break up for summer

[Click here for term dates](#)

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