




Newsletter

Date: November 2024

<p>Message from Mrs French</p>  <p><i>Taking our learning over the rainbow</i></p>	<p>Hello all.</p> <p>I just wanted to thank our Parent Council for the wonderful film that they put on for the children. The children had a lovely time and it was good to see them enjoying Halloween.</p> <p>We are very excited about November as it sees the introduction of our class assemblies for the year. We will have both P5 and P6 assemblies in November. We will also be starting to prepare for our Christmas celebrations.</p>
<p>School news</p>	<p><u>Family chat – additional date</u></p> <p>We have added a new family chat day to our agenda – the date is the 8th 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!</p> <p><u>Family chat – 4th October</u></p> <p>Thank you to those of you who contributed to our discussion on ‘Dedridge does 50’. You will be able to see some of the additions that we have made on your suggestions. These included ‘learn a circus trick’, ‘den building / shelter building’, ‘coding’ and thinking about bike safety.</p> <p>The children were also asked to contribute to this discussion. They have asked that ‘roll down a hill’ and ‘make friends with a bug’ be taken out. Some of the additions they wanted were ‘try a new food’, ‘visit old folks home’ and ‘visit somewhere historic’.</p>

Parent Council

'We really enjoyed the spooky movie on Tuesday, we hope the pupils did as well. We would like to thank both Asda and Morrisons Community Champions for donating sweets for our Halloween event, and we would also like to thank Parent Council Member Leanne Campbell for donating the fantastic spooky decorations. We can't wait to put on more events in the future and are always looking for volunteers to help out on the night. If you think you could lend a hand please get in touch - dedridgeparentcouncil@gmail.com' from the parent council.

Next meeting: 12th November in Dedridge Primary School. All are welcome!

Primary 7 transition

Primary 7 transition has already begun with P7 children visiting the High School for their first event – 'the Madrid marathon'. This was a huge success and the children all did us proud. They have also begun to spend some Friday mornings in the High School, using a classroom there for their learning. This helps them to get used to the building and to start to find their way about.

Creative connections – Primary 5

Our Primary 5 children will be going to start attending the High school. They are going to take part in some workshops and spend some time getting to know the other children in the cluster. This will help them to make friends for when the time comes for them to go to James Young. This project is a pilot for this session but we hope to build this into the James Young transition calendar and build on this going forward. Dates for these events are the:

19th November – 9am – 12pm

26th November – 9am – 12pm

3rd December – 9am – 12pm

The children will be walking to and from the High school so please ensure they have appropriate footwear / coats on.

Migration film

	<p>On Wednesday 13th November the school are going to go and see 'Migration' at Livingston Vue Cinema as part of Into-film week. Please ensure that you have completed the relevant EE2 form as the children will walk to and from the cinema and we need the form to allow them to do this. If you do not complete the form and send it in, the child/ren will not be able to go. Any difficulties with this, please contact the school.</p> <p><u>Kids Gone Wild</u></p> <p>Over the next few weeks, 'Kids Gone Wild' will be working with groups of children across the school. If your child is going to be involved in this intervention you will receive separate communication regarding this.</p> <p><u>101 Dalmatians</u></p> <p>We are very excited to be taking a group of children to see 101 Dalmatians in Edinburgh this year. This is part of our 'pupil equity' work this session.</p>
<p>Upcoming dates</p>	<p>Monday 4th November – 9.15am – P5 assembly (parents welcome) Friday 8th November – 11.30am – Family chat – equity Wednesday 13th November – Cinema trip to see the film 'Migration'. Tuesday 19th November – 9am – 12pm – P5 pupils to attend James Young High School Monday 25th November – 9.15am – P6 assembly (parents welcome) Tuesday 26th November – 9am – 12pm – P5 pupils to attend James Young High School Friday 29th November – Family chat – 11am</p>
<p>Dates you may need to plan for!</p>	<p>Tuesday 3rd December – 9am – 12pm – P5 pupils to attend James Young High School Tuesday 3rd December – Nativity – P1 and P2 children – 2pm start Wednesday 4th December – Nativity – P1 and P2 children – 9.30am start 6th December – 11.30am – ERB nativity 19th December – 2pm – Glenvue Christmas sing-along 23rd December – Christmas holidays begin 6th January – Pupils return to school 23rd January – 2pm – Glenvue Gathering – Burns 24th January – 11am – P5/P6 show</p>

	<p>27th January – P4 assembly – 9.15am (parents welcome)</p> <p>10th February – HOLIDAY (1 week)</p> <p>18th February – Pupils return</p> <p>Tuesday 25th February – 9am – 12pm – P5 pupils to attend James Young High School</p> <p>Tuesday 4th March – 9am – 12pm – P5 pupils to attend James Young High School</p> <p>Friday 7th March – Family chat – 11.30am</p> <p>25th March – P6/P7 camp</p> <p>Tuesday 11th March – 9am – 12pm – P5 pupils to attend James Young High School</p> <p>Tuesday 1st April – Easter show – P3 and P4 parents (9.30am start)</p> <p>Wednesday 2nd April – Easter Show – P3 and P4 parents (2pm start)</p> <p>2nd April – parents evening</p> <p>3rd April – Parents evening</p> <p>Monday 7th April – Easter holidays begin</p> <p>Tuesday 22nd April – Pupils return to school</p> <p>25th April – 10am – Glenvue Gathering – ‘Come plant with us’</p> <p>Monday 5th May – HOLIDAY</p> <p>Tuesday 6th May – INSERVICE day (staff only)</p> <p>Wednesday 7th May – PUPILS return</p> <p>Monday 12th May – P3 assembly (parents welcome)</p> <p>Tuesday 13th May – Transition Tuesday begins (new Primary 1 pupils visit the school) – <i>this is then every Tuesday until the 10th June</i></p> <p>Friday 16th May – Family chat – 11am</p> <p>Monday 19th May – HOLIDAY</p> <p>Tuesday 20th May – Pupils return</p> <p>30th May – Learning exhibition – P3, P4, P5, P6 and P7 parents welcome</p> <p>Monday 9th June – HEALTH WEEK in school</p> <p>Monday 9th June – P1 assembly – 9.15am (P1 parents welcome)</p> <p>Tuesday 10th June – Transition – parents event</p> <p>11th June – 2pm – Learning exhibition – P2 (Parents welcome)</p> <p>Friday 13th June – Dedridge is 50 – details to follow</p> <p>Friday 13th June – P7 bowling</p> <p>Tuesday 17th June – Nursery sports</p> <p>Wednesday 25th June – P7 leavers assembly – 9.30am</p> <p>26th June – 2pm – Glenvue Goodbye</p> <p>Friday 27th June – Break up for summer</p>
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