



Newsletter

Date: **March 2025**

Message from Mrs French



Hello all.

I cannot believe that it is March already. As usual Dedridge Primary and Glenvue Nursery are going to be very busy! I am delighted to be able to share that Glenvue Nursery will remain open and we cannot wait to see what the future will bring.

It is also that time of year when we ask you to complete the Ethos survey for the school. Please see the QR code below that will link you directly to the survey. We do use this survey to inform approaches for the year ahead – so please fill it in. You will also be able to access from the newsflash and there will be opportunities at the family chat and parents evening to complete it. You do only have to do it once!



We are also very pleased to announce that we achieved our UNCRC Gold Award. A huge thank you to the whole of the Dedridge / Glenvue team for their hard work. I am incredibly proud of us all.













Look out for this logo on all of our paperwork:



School news

Information from the family chat

This is a copy of the completed School improvement plan for this term. As you can see, we have already achieved the targets we set ourselves for this term and we are excited to see the developments we have made.

		<h1>SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PRIORITY</h1> <h2>Dedridge Primary / Glenvue Nursery</h2>			
<div>ACTIONS & INDICATORS</div>	PRIORITY: To embed current strategies within the school, ensuring that all learners have access to high quality, creative learning experiences with health and wellbeing approaches at the core (articles 12,13, 26,29, 30 and 31)				
	<div>WHAT SPRINT ACTIONS DO YOU PLAN TO TAKE IN ORDER TO SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACT THE SPECIFIC IMPROVEMENT PRIORITY?</div>				
YEAR 2					
FUTURE ACTIONS ACTIONS:		PLANNED ACTIONS:		SUCCESS/IMPACT INDICATOR:	
Train staff in the story kitchen approach		1 Train staff in the trauma informed 2 approach	 All staff New Year 2025	By February 2025, all staff will have an increased understanding of trauma informed skills	 G
Evaluate progress throughout the year		2 Continue to build upon Building Thinking Skills approach within the P5-P7 classrooms	 P5-P7 teachers January	By April 2025, all P5-P7 staff will have an increased understanding of the Building Thinking Skills approach	 G
Gold reading award		3 Continue to work alongside Neil Miller to develop a creative approach to Assessment	 SEN staff January	By February 2025,	 G
Begin to consider digital literacy accessibility tools		4 Review work on profiling procedures	 Teaching staff November 25	By February 2025, staff will have an increased understanding of how to use reason for profiling	 G
Enter any possible future actions		5 Achieve our gold award	 All staff April 2025	By February 2025 Dedridge Primary will have achieved the gold award for UNICEF	 A
BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTIONS, WHICH MAY BE CHANGED AND BECOME PLANNED ACTIONS		BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACTIONS TO BE EARTH IMMEDIATELY		CLARIFY THE REASON FOR SUCCESS (HOW LEADERS KNOW & UNDERSTAND WHY THEY SUCCEEDED)	
YEAR: 2024 - 2025		COURAGE		VALUES	

We still need to:

- ✓ Carry out our literacy training on the Story Kitchen
- ✓ Complete our Gold reading award
- ✓ Finish training in our 'Building thinking classroom' approach

2024 – 2025
– Dedridge Primary is 50

- ✚ We are still in consultation about our school badge and the P7 pupil who won the competition has been working alongside the badge designers – nothing is ever easy but we are getting there!
- ✚ The Primary 5-7 show is based on 50 years of Dedridge Primary. It is going to be a real treat!
- ✚ We are going to hold a family carnival on June 13th. More details will follow but it promises to be a very exciting event!
- ✚ We will finally open our 'Area E' – our new outdoor classroom as part of our celebrations on the Friday 13th June.
- ✚ We are also completing our 'Dedridge does 50' activities as part of this piece of work

Staffing

A reminder that when Miss Esenkan goes on her maternity leave Miss Figurska (currently in Primary 7) will be teaching Primary 1 and Primary 7 will be taught by Miss Vercoe.

School Performances

Please see a reminder of our school performances below:

Wednesday 19th March 2pm – P5-7 show (including C5)
 Thursday 20th March – 9.30am – P5-7 show
 Monday 31st March – C1-C3 Autism awareness (parents welcome)
 Tuesday 1st April – 9.30am – P3, P4 and C4 show
 Wednesday 2nd April – 2pm – P3, P4 and C4 show

Parent Evenings

Parent/carers appointments will be held on Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd April. Further details will be issued closer to the time.

Cost of the School Day Support

The school continues to work in partnership with Caroline Hall from The Advice Shop who provides valuable support to our families by ensuring they are receiving all the benefits they are entitled to. Caroline can also assist with making claims and completing forms, if needed. Additionally, she can help you access other Advice Shop services, such as Money or Energy Advice. Her service also collaborates with Access 2 Employment to support parents in upskilling, applying for grants to improve employability, and performing better-off calculations to assess the impact of employment on income.

If you'd like to chat to Caroline about anything financial, please let the school know and we can forward on your number to Caroline or you can contact the Families and Young People's Advice Service (FYPS) by completing this online form <https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/families-financial-support> or you can email them at fypas@westlothian.gov.uk

General notices

Head Lice – a polite reminder to check your child's hair thoroughly for signs of head lice. Advice can be found on the following NHS link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Absences – if your child is going to be absent from school please contact the school to advise. Please don't wait for the school office to contact you.

Telephone messages should be left on 01506 281560 selecting option 1,

emails should be sent to wldedridge-ps@westlothian.org.uk

Text can also be sent in reply to previous Groupcall texts and Mrs Fry/Miss Tait will pick them up.

Please contact the school by 9.45 a.m. on your child's first day of absence.

Nut Free Environment

We would like to remind parents/carers that we attempt to maintain a nut free environment at Dedridge Primary School due to children's allergies. Please be mindful of this with children's snacks and packed lunches. Thank you for supporting us in reducing the risk for our school community.

<p>Upcoming dates</p>	<p>Tuesday 11th March – 9am – 12pm – P5 pupils to attend James Young High School</p> <p>Wednesday 12th March – Dance Performance Regal Theatre</p> <p>Oak Class – Museum of Scotland trip</p> <p>Thursday 20th March – drop in session with Mrs Krieves and the Inclusion Ambassadors 2pm to 2.30 p.m.</p> <p>Tuesday 25th March to Friday 28th March – P6/P7 camp</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>Wednesday 2nd April – Parents Evening 5pm to 8pm</p> <p>Thursday 3rd April – Parents Evening 3.30 pm to 6pm</p> <p>Monday 7th April – Easter holidays begin</p> <p>Tuesday 22nd April – Pupils return to school</p> <p>Parent Council meeting – 6.00 p.m. at Dedridge Primary School</p>
<p>Dates you may need to plan for!</p>	<p>Friday 25th April – 10am – Glenvue Gathering – ‘Come plant with us’</p> <p>Friday 2nd May – Glenvue parent appointment mornings</p> <p>Monday 5th May – HOLIDAY</p> <p>Tuesday 6th May – INSERVICE day (staff only)</p> <p>Wednesday 7th May – PUPILS return</p> <p>Thurs 8th May – What’s the Crime Mr Wolf, P5 performance 1.30 pm</p> <p>Friday 9th May– Glenvue Parents appointment mornings</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>Friday 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 – P1 Transition – parents event</p> <p>11th June – 2pm – Learning exhibition – P2 (Parents welcome)</p> <p>Thursday 12th June – Sports Day</p> <p>Friday 13th June – Dedridge is 50 – Family Carnival 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>Thursday 26th June – 2pm – Glenvue Goodbye</p> <p>Friday 27th June – Break up for summer</p> <p>https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/64843/School-Terms-and-Holidays</p>