



CORNBANK PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



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Excellence

15th November 2018

This has been a very exciting and busy time for everyone at Cornbank Primary School. Our school was chosen to host a visit from Mr John Swinney, Depute First Minister, when the Scottish Government Cabinet came to Midlothian. We were asked to showcase many of our excellent successes including; partnership working with other schools and Edinburgh College, Pupil and Staff Leadership, our Gold Sports award, six Eco flags, Early Years expansion and our Cornbank Toolkit. Our pupils led the whole morning and took Mr Swinney on a tour of the school. He was most impressed by all of the pupils he met and commented on their welcoming, mature and polite manner. He also recognised how proud everyone was to be part of Cornbank and that our children are enthusiastic about their learning. The hard work, effort and commitment by staff were also highlighted. I am a very proud Head Teacher - a huge well done and thank you to everyone!

In school we are continuing to explore our school's Vision and Values further with all our pupils, #RISE. We are introducing the core value each week and engaging in lots of activities to deepen our understanding of these. Thank you to everyone who returned their suggestions about our Aims. We plan to share these with everyone soon.

We are fast approaching a very busy time at school. Please look out for our Christmas Countdown newsletter which will be coming home soon. This will highlight all the important events that are due to take place in the month of December.

Kind Regards,
Laura Cameron

HALLOWE'EN PARTIES



Thank you to all the parents who supported with the organising and running of our very successful Hallowe'en parties. It was a most enjoyable evening full of amazing costumes, lovely treats, fab dancing and fun games. Please get in touch if you are interested in helping out at future events.

CAR PARKING

As the weather declines, could I ask that you continue to ensure that you are parking cars considerately around the school. Our children's safety is a key priority and dangerous parking can cause accidents. Please also be considerate of our local neighbours and refrain from blocking their driveways.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS



Thank you to everyone who attended our Parent Consultations just before the October break. We had an excellent uptake of appointments and there was lots of good feedback throughout the evening.

Thank you to everyone who completed our survey about Reporting. We are using the feedback to make changes to our reporting to ensure that these are personal and relevant for your child. More information will be shared.

USHERHALL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Well done to Teagan and Lana, P7, who took part in Midlothian's Music Festival at the Usherhall. It was a fantastic evening full of Midlothian's musical talent. It was lovely to see so many ex-Cornbank pupils there too.

SPORT SCOTLAND GOLD SCHOOL SPORT AWARD CELEBRATIONS



We were delighted to be awarded our Sport Scotland Gold School Sport Award for 2018-2020. This is recognition of our school's achievement in putting sport at the heart of planning, practice and ethos. The award was officially presented by **sportscotland** on Friday 9 November.

Our Gold **sportscotland** Award is a fantastic recognition of all the hard work, commitment and effort from everyone within our Cornbank Community. I am extremely proud of all of our pupils, staff, parents and partners who have worked so hard to inspire our learners to participate in many different sporting activities and events. I would like to thank our 'Health and Sport Group' and Miss Hopkirk, Miss Denholm and Mrs Murphy who have supported the school in order to achieve this award.

It was recognised that Cornbank has shown excellent practice across the core areas of the award and demonstrated an on-going commitment to increase young people's opportunities and engagement in physical education, school sport and leadership and provide clear pathways to life-long participation in sport.

During the awards ceremony ex pupil Lucy Horn gave an inspirational speech to pupils outlining her achievements, her sporting journey and her role as Young Ambassador. After the ceremony, the whole school was involved in rugby, football, hockey and karate sessions with local coaches. There are many people involved in our work including pupils, parents, school staff, Active Schools, sports coaches and **sportscotland**. The school is extremely proud of this fantastic achievement and has already started work on its development plan.