



CORNBANK PRIMARY

NEWSLETTER



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BUSY START TO THE YEAR!

It has been a busy and exciting start to the year and I cannot quite believe that we are at the February break already!

Across Cornbank, we had a focus on Scotland during the month of January. Pupils were learning about famous Scottish people and places, discussing traditions, baking and sampling Scottish food and enjoying taking part in Ceilidhs. We ended the month with a lovely whole school assembly and children sharing all about their learning.

After the break, we will be taking part in Cyber Scotland Week. This is an ideal opportunity to focus on using the Internet safely. We will be looking for your feedback as we update our Social Media and Technology policy.

We hope all our Cornbank families have a fantastic break and we look forward to everyone returning on Monday 17th February.

Kind Regards,

Laura Cameron

Head Teacher

STAFFING UPDATE

Mrs Turnbull, Primary 6 teacher, has been absent from work since November. We have been very fortunate to have part time members of our team offer to work additional days to support the class. I am sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Turnbull all the very best and we hope to see her return soon.

Unfortunately, Mrs Deas has had a very difficult family situation and has been unable to attend work recently. We are all thinking about Mrs Deas and pass on our best wishes.

Mr Higginson, our caretaker, has injured his shoulder. Unfortunately, we do not have a relief caretaker so we appreciate your support and patience if there are delays in gates being opened.

Some good news now; we have welcomed Mr Ross Foley to our Learning Assistant team. Mr Foley will be supporting learning across the school from Wednesday - Friday. We are also delighted to be welcoming Mrs Louise McGlade back from Maternity Leave for some keeping in touch days. We look forward to having her return to Cornbank next term.



ROTARY QUIZ

Good luck to our four P7 pupils, Oliver, Jamie, Katy and Dylan, who are taking part in this evening's Rotary Quiz. This is an annual event and takes place in Penicuik High School at 6.30pm. You are very welcome to come along and be part of the audience.

PARTNERSHIP

Our next Cornbank Partnership meeting is on **Thursday 27th February at 6.30pm**. We would love to see more families join us. It is a friendly and informal meeting, which includes a report from the school, agenda suggestions and fundraising ideas. You do not need to commit to anything but please come along for a cuppa and hear what is happening in your child's school.

STEAM CLUB

This term, we have had a STEAM lunchtime club. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths. Miss Tsui, P5 teacher, is working with pupils from P4-P7 every Thursday. The pupils are exploring different careers and making links within STEAM through learning activities. There will also be a focus on using our Cornbank Toolkit in different tasks and activities related to STEAM.

NUT AWARE SCHOOL



We would like to remind everyone that we are a nut aware school. We have several children who have severe nut allergies so we would ask all families to be vigilant about the food products they are sending to school.

WIDER ACHIEVEMENTS



We continue to love to hear about our pupils' achievements outside of school. We celebrate these in class, on Twitter, on wall displays and ask children to record these in our class Wider Achievement books.

On **Friday 21st February** we are holding a special 'Wider Interests' assembly. Our House Captains will be encouraging pupils to come dressed in something related to their hobbies or interests. This links with 'Thinking Day' too. We look forward to celebrating our different interests!

PARENT/CARER, PUPIL and TEACHER

CONSULTATIONS



Our consultations will take place on **Tuesday 24th March** and **Thursday 26th March**. We are continuing to work hard to include our pupils in their learning journey. We will be inviting all pupils to attend their consultation with parent/carer and teacher. Teachers and pupils will be working together to create a Learner Profile which will be shared with you during the consultation.

Letters regarding time options will be coming home after the February break.