

CORNBANK PRIMARY NEWSLETTER #RISE

April 2023

APRIL UPDATE ☺

We have come to the end of a very busy term, with lots of opportunities having been offered in school. From discos, sporting competitions, drumming, hockey tasters, Fairtrade Fortnight, Pupil Voice Groups meeting and our core curriculum. Our children and staff are ready for the holidays!

It has been lovely to welcome families to our Shared Start sessions and to parents' consultations over this past month. The turn out to both has been fantastic and I hope that they have given you a good idea of what is going on in classrooms and the children's strengths and next steps in their learning.

From everyone at Cornbank PS, we hope you have a good Easter holiday.

Kind regards,

Andrew Drysdale



Update on Staffing

During Mrs Stevenson's absence, we are very grateful to Miss Hopkirk and Mrs Lovett for working in classes across the school and to our part-time members of staff who have agreed to offer extra hours to support. Mrs Stevenson is now home from hospital and making excellent progress.

Congratulations to Kay Thompson in our ELC and to Laura Robertson in our Enhanced P1/2 class, on the arrival of their baby boys this term. We also welcome Ms Claire McManus to cover in our enhanced class and our vacancy in the ELC is currently advertised.

Miss Holmes is getting married during the holidays. We wish her and her fiancé all the very best for their special day and look forward to welcoming back Mrs Ramage to P7 in the new term.

DATES TO NOTE FOR APRIL/MAY

17th April - School reopens

19th April - P6, P6/7 and P7 Coping with Challenges Workshops

21st April - P7 Headstrong

21st April - P2M Class Assembly (Coffee Den from 8:50am)

24th April - Pupil Conference

25th April - P6 Virtual British Museum Session

26th April - P7 Activity Day at Penicuik High School

27th April - P5 Clubgolf - Penicuik Park

Cornbank's Got Talent 2023

Well done to everyone who participated in the auditions. The winners of the different categories, who will go through to Penicuik's Got Talent during May are:

P1-2 - Archie

P3-4 - Elsie

P5-7 - Evie

Thanks to our judges who had a very difficult job!

Vision and Values

Thank you to everyone who responded to our Vision and Values survey during Parents' Consultations. From the 62 responses:

100% were aware of our #RISE values

88% felt they were central to our school community and 12% felt they were central some of the time.

87% were aware of our school vision and 80% felt they saw this around the school.

We appreciated the supportive comments about inclusive practice, 'community feel about the school' and communication.

Janitorial Arrangements

In the new term, our janitorial arrangements return to the pre-Covid set up. George Templeton will still be our janitor, but will only be in school during the early morning and towards the end of the school day. We ask for your understanding as we re-adjust to this arrangement and thank George for all his help and support.

Sports

Many of our P6-7 pupils have been very busy participating in a number of competitions across the term, with teams entered in Basketball, Hockey and Cross Country. Thanks to Mrs Murphy for co-ordinating and training these and to Mrs Chatham for her time with the hockey team.

Class Trips

We have had a number of class trips this term, with P3 pupils visiting Rosslyn Chapel, P2 at the National Museum of Scotland and P1 enjoying a trip to Purves Puppets in Biggar. Thanks to our Parent Partnership for supporting transport costs for these.

27th April - Class Newsletters issued

28th April - P7 Headstrong

28th April - Building Resilience Assembly

1st May - May Bank Holiday

5th May - P6/7 Class Assembly (Coffee Den from 8:50am)

5th May - Pupil Voice Groups

8th May - King's Coronation - School/ELC closed

9th-12th May - P6 Camp

12th May - P7 Class Assembly (Coffee Den from 8:50am)

** PE Kit ***

P1-5 learners should come dressed for PE on their set days. P6-7 should bring their kit to school to get changed.

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