

Kingsland Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parent/Carer

School News

Well done to our P6 and P7 runners who competed this weekend in Grangemouth! It was brilliant to see our runners back in action. Thanks to all the adults who came along to support and to Mrs Hope and Mrs Fletcher for organising.

Congratulations to Zoe, Charley and Brodie in P6 who produced a winning design in a global coding competition! They came up with an idea for a program using a small computer called a micro:bit that would alert people to take breaks from the screen and go outside for fresh air. Their idea wowed the panel of judges and they were named winners for Europe!

Staff News

Later this month we will say cheerio to two of our Additional Needs Assistants. Ms Hobbs is moving on to a new post at Stobo Castle and we wish her well in her new endeavour. Mrs Shearlaw is retiring after 31 years at Kingsland. During this time she has made an outstanding contribution to our school community and supported many, many pupils. She will be greatly missed by children and staff.

I am pleased to tell you that our Playground Supervisor, Ms Bond, has had a little girl called Thea. Both mum and baby are recovering well and we send them our love. Welcome to the world baby Thea!



Start/End of Day Routines

Our Primary Ones are doing a great job walking round to the playground on their own or with an older sibling. Thank you for supporting this where possible.

We are making a slight change of arrangements for Primary Three at the end of the day. The majority of P3 children are now being met either outside school grounds or are walking with older siblings- thank you for this. For this reason, we have decided that from today, Mrs Scott will collect ALL Primary Three children from classrooms and walk them to the top of the hill then dismiss them from there.

This will prevent children being walked unnecessarily onto the field, adding to the general congestion. You will still be able to meet your child on the field if this is your preference. Children will be supervised at all times and any child unsure of their home time arrangements will be looked after as per our usual procedures. Mrs Scott and Miss Finlayson remain available at the end of the day should you have any queries.

Supporting Learning At Home

Classes have been working hard to keep their year group blogs up to date. This is a great place to find out what your child has been doing in school. Now that they have

spent some time getting to know and assessing children's learning, teachers will shortly be adding a learning overview for the year to the blog so that you can see what will be covered across this school session in Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Wellbeing.

I know many families are keen to support learning at home and this is brilliant. We are grateful for your support. A page will be added to each year group blog later this month with some tasks and activities you and your child can work through at home that will support what is being taught in class. A 'little and often' approach is best for this- the activities/tasks will be for revision only and are designed to be flexible to fit around your needs as a family. Reading books/novels may also be issued.

We are continuing with our Building Resilience programme to support children's health and wellbeing. This is delivered through class work and also our online assemblies. Attached to this newsletter you will find the parent/carer leaflet in relation to this term's unit of work 'Be Resilient'.

PE Kit

I would like to clarify that children can wear shorts, leggings or joggers to PE. Dark colours are preferred and without logos. Football strips are not permitted. If children would like to wear shorts under leggings/joggers and remove the outer layer for PE this is also fine and may be a good option for particularly warm days. We are all looking forward to the days when children can once again get changed for PE. Thanks for continuing to work with us on this in the meantime.

Diary Dates

Monday 27 September, 6pm	P7 Residential Information Meeting (to be held online, link emailed to P7 families)
Tuesday 28 September, 6pm	P1 Curriculum Evening (to be held online, link emailed to P1 families)
Thursday 7 October	Last Day of Term
Tuesday 19 October	Pupils Resume

A few final reminders:

- Please 'bug bust' regularly to help us keep our school head lice free
- All scooters/bikes should be pushed up and down the hill please
- We can supply bags of uniform free of charge on request from our second hand store, contact the office to arrange this at any time

Thank you for your continued support.



Susan Ward
Headteacher