

Corpus Christi Primary Newsletter

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Useful Links

Glow

<https://sts.platform.rmunify.com/account/signin/glow>

SUMDOG

https://www.sumdog.com/user/sign_in

EPIC Reading

<https://www.getepic.com/sign-in>

CBBC Newsround

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround>

Parentzone
Scotland

<https://education.gov.scot/parentzone>

Doorway Online

<https://www.doorwayonline.org.uk/>

Khan Academy

<https://www.khanacademy.org/math>

NLC COVID-19

Updates

<https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/coronavirus>



Some welcomed sunshine!

The sun has been shining this past week and hopefully, despite such challenging times, you've had the opportunity to have a daily walk for exercise or spend a little time in the sunshine whilst maintaining social distancing and staying safe. It seems strange writing this newsletter under the current circumstances; however, a newsletter is always useful to save and look back at if you need to find information quickly (it can be easier than searching through emails) so I hope you find this useful.



Communication

It has been lovely to receive emails from so many of you to say hello or update me on how you are getting on, and to offer such kind words of support. Thank you for this! I would also like to remind you that I have a temporary phone number (01236 730288), with answer service if I am unavailable at the time. However, please also continue to contact me via email at any time. ht@corpuschristi.n-lanark.sch.uk



GLOW, Microsoft TEAMS and Home Learning

I wish to thank you for your patience and understanding whilst developing our new way of working together through the world of technology. Every child has a GLOW login but if you don't have a copy of this please contact me and I will provide it.

Our main use within GLOW is the Microsoft TEAMS app. As explained in my precious emails, you can access this by logging into GLOW on a computer but it can also be accessed by downloading the Microsoft TEAMS app on a smartphone, tablet, iPad, XBOX or PlayStation. Your child's GLOW login details will give them access on the Microsoft TEAMS app. My previous emails included images to show how Microsoft TEAMS can be accessed. I have attached another copy at the end of this newsletter.



Once in TEAMS your child can access their class team, a STEM team and also a whole school team. Within each team you will see across the top there is a 'posts' section and a 'files' section. Within 'posts' your child can join in conversations with staff and other pupils. In the 'files' section there are class materials, children can upload work/activities they have been doing and there is also a folder for 'Home Learning Grids'. Every Monday teachers will add a new home learning grid containing core learning activities, with a focus on Literacy and Maths/Numeracy, and there will be suggested activities relating to Health and Wellbeing, R.E. and other curricular areas; you may have seen these grids already.

It has been wonderful to continue communicating with the children through TEAMS and to see all the amazing things they have been doing at home. Thank you for your encouragement and support in keeping our school community connected!

If you require any further support in accessing TEAMS please do not hesitate to ask!

I have added useful links to the left hand side of this newsletter, as there are many online resources being used to support continued learning at home.

Twitter

Our Twitter page has been an absolute joy to look at over these past few weeks and I wish to thank you for the many 'likes' and the way in which so many of you have been sharing learning and achievements with us; please continue to do this!

We have also been sharing home activities on Twitter, in addition to the activities added to TEAMS, so if you don't yet follow us then this is most definitely another forum for staying connected with our school community. You can follow us at [@NLCorpusChristi](https://twitter.com/NLCorpusChristi).



I appreciate Twitter may be new for some, it was once new to me too, and with that comes a degree of uncertainty. If you would like to add something to our Twitter page but don't feel comfortable posting it yourself you can email it to me or send a private message via Twitter and Mrs. Campbell or I will post it for you.

Please note that we can't add photographs of children along with their name or re-tweet posts of photographs with your child's name. We can add first names regarding work but not names and photographs together.

Birthdays!

Every Monday at assembly I would always read out any birthdays that were coming up from the Monday to the following Sunday and give out a Corpus Christi birthday card. To ensure children do not miss out on recognition of their special day during school closure, every Monday I am wishing children a happy birthday for the week ahead on our whole school Microsoft TEAM. If you wish to send a birthday photograph of your child to be added to our Twitter page then please do so using the suggestions given above. We always enjoy celebrating this special occasion with the children.



Thank you to our staff!

A huge thank you to all our staff who have been working so hard to find a new way of staying connected with the children and ensuring continued learning opportunities and support is available, this has been completely new to us too! Our staff are doing a wonderful job whilst also supporting the Coatbridge Hub at St Ambrose High. Also a huge thank you to our nursery staff who are supporting the Airdrie Hub at Hilltop Primary.



Transition

I appreciate the many concerns our nursery and P7 parents will have regarding transition. Whilst I am unable to discuss what transition may look like for your child at the moment, I want to reassure you that this important aspect of school life is very much at the forefront of our minds.

Mrs. Campbell and the P7 teachers have set up a P7 Transition Microsoft TEAM so that we can begin to work on aspects on transition and prepare our P7s as best we can, despite these very challenging circumstances. Please encourage your child to participate in this team. I am also in regular communication with staff at St Andrew's High School and I want to assure you that lots of work continues to take place in preparation for our P7 children moving on.

I am also working very closely with our nursery staff and a team of staff within the school to prepare materials to aid transition for our youngest children. Again, I want to assure you that lots of work continues to take place in preparation for our nursery children moving on to P1.

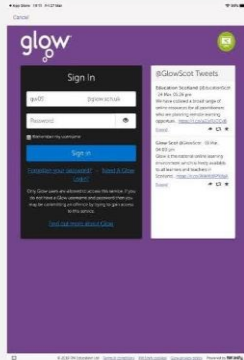
I will continue to keep you updated, as and when I have information, but please be assured that transition is an area receiving lots of staff focus at the moment.

Please continue to stay home, where you can, and stay safe. Remember to keep in contact!

I wish you all well,
Mrs. M. McCreery
Head Teacher

Accessing Microsoft Teams

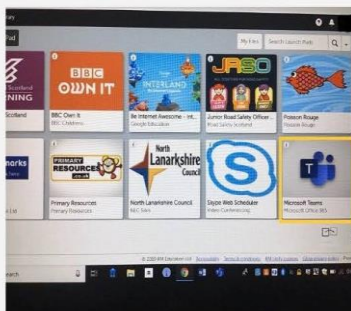
Log into glow with username and password



Microsoft teams can also be accessed in the NLC tab on the left hand side of the launch pad



Click on the Microsoft Teams tile on the launch pad to access your child's teams



Your child has 3 teams:

- Corpus Christi Pupils
- Mr Dunz
- Class & Teacher

