

Evie Community School - September Update



8th Sept 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

We are into week 4 and we have achieved a lot in the school so far. We have established our Pupil Council and our Pupil Voice Groups. Each group has created an action plan and already there are things happening to make improvements led by the pupils.

SHARING ASSEMBLY



We are going to have a sharing assembly at the end of term so that everyone can come along and see what we have been doing. We will also have our Parent Council coming along to be part of our assembly. At the same time there will be book swap shelves and a uniform rail available, as well as the lost property displayed for people to recover missing items. All the dates are in the Dates for the Diary - which can be found on the website and at the end of this newsletter. It would be great if you could come along.



TOOTH BRUSHING

We now have a toothbrushing assistant appointed and we will resume this practice across the school. This will be a short slot twice a week just before or after break times.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

We will be doing Christmas Cards again this year, where you can do a design with your child and send it into school to be sent off to an online company. From there you will be able to buy a range of items with your child's design for Christmas. This raises funds for the school and allows everyone the opportunity to select the design and items they would like in particular. All support is greatly appreciated.

DINING HALL

An issue was raised at assembly regarding the dining hall and how it has become a bit noisy and not so pleasant. The whole school decided we should have a go at changing the dining experience, so the Pupil Council are trying some new approaches to help everyone enjoy lunch times but also be respectful and mannerly. We have liaised with Inga and Sally today and we had a go at a new table arrangement.



NEW BOUNDARY



It is great to share that we now have a secure school boundary fence in place. A new fence onto the pitch and a fence at the wild garden.



OUTDOOR CLASSROOMS

We also have a new fence, financed by Cooke Aquaculture, to create an outdoor classroom area for P4/5/6. All classes now have money to put towards learning resources which are age appropriate for their outdoor space.



GRASS CUTTING

We are still working to fix the sit on lawnmower, which has been out of action all summer. We don't have any money to buy a new one and we are working on solutions to this problem with the Parent Council. Our hand mower broke a wheel too, but we do have a strimmer! It would be super to have the right equipment to do the job and that is what we are aiming for. Ideally a new mower would solve the grass cutting problems and we could get the pitch in good order ready to paint some lines for the children.

PARENT MEETINGS

There are parent consultation appointments to be made before the October holidays on the 9th of October. These appointments can be made online as usual and will take place in the hall. Look out for the appointment details which will be sent out nearer the time.

PARENT COUNCIL

We recently had a Parent Council meeting which is always helpful for the school to share what we have been doing and ask for parental input. We are looking forward to working with the Parent Council again this year as we have some interesting plans. Unfortunately, the Parent Council is in need of people to come along and to support the meetings as they are at risk of disbanding. It would be a great shame if the Evie School didn't have a Parent Council as it is a very necessary part of how a school needs to function. Please help if you can.

PUPIL GROUPS

A note from the **Active Kids** group: Just a reminder that an email went out with a plea for things we could add to the Scrapstore. The children love playing with all the scrap and it is great for their imagination. All donations are greatly appreciated.



A note from the **Kids Community** group: This pupil group is on a mission to fill shoe boxes for the Rotary Club to send off to children in other countries who are suffering from the effects of poverty, often related to war. Here is a letter from them:

Shoe Box Appeal

The Kids Community are taking part in the Shoe Box Appeal for the Orkney Rotary Club. They would hope to do 2 boxes from each class. You can help people all over the world by donating a little toy, hats, scarves and household objects like cleaning cloths and other essentials for kids. Plus, colouring things to entertain them. The Shoe Box Appeal is about putting stuff into a box and giving it to orphans, the poor and homeless.

This is a list of the things that you can donate for kids:

Cars

Trucks

Colouring supplies

Bubble blowers

Pencils

Sharpeners

Dominos

Small fluffy toys (Border Customs now ask all toys are new or as new condition.)

Hat

Scarf

Mittens

Playing Cards

Mini Games

The boxes will be collected before the October holidays so we need things to be taken in as soon as possible so children can get a box.

Thank you.

Kids Community

Dates for the Diary 2024

August

19th In-service day for staff
20th First day of school for children
28th Janitor First Aid Training Day
29th Janitor First Aid Training Day



September

6th Science Festival Week
9th Fairtrade Fortnight begins
23rd Maths Week Scotland begins
26th P6 Outdoor Education
27th P6 Outdoor Education
30th P6 Outdoor Education

October

3rd P7 Bikeability
4th P7 Bikeability
8th Sharing Assembly
9th Parent consultation appointments
11th Last day of school
28th In-service day for staff
29th In-service day for staff
30th Children back

November

4th Swimming sessions begin for P4-6
18th Book Week Scotland begins

December

2nd EVIE 1st of 3 advent activities
9th EVIE 2nd of 3 advent activities
12th EVIE Christmas Concert performance pm
16th EVIE 3rd of 3 advent activities
20th Class Christmas Parties
20th Last day of term

January

6th First day back for children and staff