

# Torphichen Primary Newsletter October 2013



Dear Parent/Carer,

I can hardly believe the October parents' night is fast approaching us and that the first term is almost over! The school blog is keeping everyone updated about what is happening within the school and I am sure you will agree the pupils have great variety in their school life, keeping them engaged with their learning.

The children have been working extremely well over the past few weeks and are a credit to the school. The extra responsibility that the P7 children have been charged with has been approached by them with great enthusiasm and vigour. It is such a pleasure to see them blossoming before us.

I would like to thank all parents, grandparents and friends who have been coming to our assemblies. It is so encouraging for the children to have an audience other than their peers, giving them further challenge in their presentation skills.

I look forward to welcoming everyone to our parents' night prior to our October holiday.

**Mary McKenzie**



## MacMillan Coffee Morning



Congratulations to the Primary 7 pupils who organised our annual MacMillan Coffee Morning. Along with their sterling effort and the support of our local community we were able to raise a total of £323. This money will be shared equally between the MacMillan Cancer Support and Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity.

Have a look on the blog for photographs from the day and the some of the wonderful costumes that were created. Please feel free to leave comments.

## Assemblies

Thank you to all the parents and friends of the school who have been attending our school and class assemblies on Thursday afternoons. It has been very encouraging for the pupils to have such a captive audience for their own class assemblies.

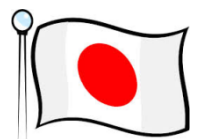
Remember, tea and coffee will be served from 1.45pm on class assembly days.



## Whole School Topic

This week all classes will begin their study of Japan for our International Education focus. This topic will last 5 weeks. The middle 3 weeks will see the pupils involved in ICE groups which will use their knowledge of Japan in order to complete challenges.

If you can contribute to our whole school study of Japan then please get in contact with us.



## School Blog - New Look!

Ms Ferguson has worked hard to change the look of our school blog so that it is more user-friendly. Please take time to look at it to get regular updates on pupil learning and information.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/Torphichen/>



## Morrisons School Vouchers

As part of our Eco work in school, we are collecting the Morrisons School Vouchers in order to build up our gardening equipment.

If you or anyone you know shop in Morrisons please collect the vouchers and hand into Mrs Stanners.



## School Uniform



It has been lovely to see pupils dressed in their school uniform, especially the Primary 7 pupils with their white shirt and tie. A reminder, our school uniform consists of dark trousers/skirt, white polo shirt and navy blue school jumper.

In our school, we have to be very careful with nuts. 3 of our pupils have a severe nut allergy and we ask that you don't send nuts in packed lunches or for snack.

Thank you.



## Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is available to all free of charge in our school dining hall.

To help with ordering the food, could you please contact Mrs Stanners if you intend on sending your child even if it is only for 1 day.

Please contact Mrs Stanners on a Friday with regards to Breakfast Club.



## Diary Dates



Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October

Parents' Evening Consultations  
Parents' Afternoon Consultations  
P1,2 & 3 Class Assembly – all welcome from 1.45pm for tea and coffee  
Library van

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October

Rights Respecting Schools Assembly – all welcome from 2.30pm  
October Holidays

October 21<sup>st</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October

Pupils Resume

If you have any comments or suggestions to make about anything you have read in this newsletter or about Torphichen Primary in general I am always keen to hear them. Please do not hesitate to contact us. Our school email address is [torphichen.ps@wled.org.uk](mailto:torphichen.ps@wled.org.uk)

### Complaints Procedure

Schools in West Lothian have been advised of changes which have been made to the West Lothian Complaints Procedure. To make a complaint to Customer Care in West Lothian in writing it should be addressed to: Customer Care (Education Services), West Lothian Council, Civic Centre, Howden Road South, Livingston EH54 6FF. Tel:0800 328 5143