



# Windyknowe Primary School



## Newsletter

Term 1 - 2019/20

Good, better, best. Never let it rest. 'Til your good is better and your better is best.

St. Jerome

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you all enjoyed a fantastic summer. Our children have had a very settled first week back. They look so smart in their uniform. Let's keep this up. We are all very proud of our school. Let's show it.

I extend a warm welcome to all of our new P1 parents. If there's anything you are unsure about, talk to us.

We have lots to look forward to this term. Take time to read through this newsletter and see what's coming up. Other information may be sent to you via e mail or twitter. Keep your eyes open.

I look forward to another successful and happy year working with you all to get the best for our children.

Mrs Rita Angus



It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop.

Confucius

### Our Way Forward

Attached with this newsletter is our Standards and Quality leaflet for 2018/19. This outlines all the developments within our school over the last academic year and the progress we have made.

Our main focusses this session will be:

Ensuring all children receive regular, well-planned learning in Science, Technology and Maths. Learning opportunities provide appropriate progression in Science and Technology skills and high quality learning experiences.

Raising Attainment in Literacy

Developing skills for Learning, Life and Work

Parental Partnership

Further detail about these initiatives can be found in our School Improvement Plan which has been published on the school website.

### Our Vision

#### The Windyknowe Way

I can bee Ready

I can bee Respectful

I can bee Responsible

I can be Safe



LEVEL 2



Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.

**Helen Keller**

Believe in yourself! Have faith in your abilities! Without a humble but reasonable confidence in your own powers you cannot be successful or happy.

**Norman Vincent Peale**



## Brass Instructor

We would like to welcome Ms Caroline Farren who will be joining us this session as our new brass instructor. Ms Farren will be working with the children on a Monday morning.

## PE days for Term 1

Please remind your child that they will need to be in their PE kit on the following days:

Primary 1j—Thursday and Friday  
Primary 1c—Thursday and Friday  
Primary 1m—Thursday and Friday  
Primary 2c—Wednesday and Thursday  
Primary 2m—Wednesday and Thursday  
Primary 3fw—Wednesday and Thursday  
Primary 3sw—Wednesday and Thursday  
Primary 4b—Tuesday and Friday  
Primary 4m—Tuesday and Friday  
Primary 5h—Monday and Wednesday  
Primary 5m—Monday and Wednesday  
Primary 6c—Monday and Wednesday  
Primary 6p—Monday and Wednesday  
Primary 7h—Tuesday and Thursday  
Primary 7p—Tuesday and Thursday

## Medical Requirements

**If your child has an inhaler or requires any medication throughout the school day could you please ensure you complete medication in school paperwork which can be obtained from the school office if you haven't already done so.**

Sometimes antiseptic wipes may be used to clean wounds if a child falls in the playground. If your child is allergic to plasters or antiseptic wipes please inform the school.

Health Care Plans require to be updated annually if no changes have been required throughout the school year. If changes need to be made during these times please contact the school. Health Care Plans now also need to be endorsed by a medical professional.

Please remember not to include nuts in packed lunches or snacks as some children are allergic to them and severe allergy reactions can result .

## Reminders:

Please do not bring dogs into the playground. Some of the children are really frightened of them or may be allergic to them.

If you arrive before the school bell at the end of the day please do not walk dogs or younger children around the school grounds.

Thank you.



### Talk to us

A member of our school leadership team will be out in the playground at the beginning and end of each school day. If you have anything you wish to discuss, questions or concerns, come and talk to us.

#### Our Leadership Team

Mrs Angus – Head Teacher

Miss Norquoy – Depute Head Teacher

Mr Kerr—Acting Principal Teacher



### Looking Back and Looking Forwards

Anthony P7

I am looking forward to having my teacher again this year.

I enjoyed the co-ordinates work last year.

Beth P7

I enjoyed PE last year because I am quite competitive.

I am looking forward to having my teacher again this year.

P6

I enjoyed Lowport last year, my favourite was archery with the targets

I am looking forward to the Star Wars topic this term.

Adam P5f

I enjoyed Lowport and the canoeing.

I am looking forward to the World War II topic.

Callum P4

I enjoyed having the Jigsaw lessons because we all got to do things together.

I am looking forward to doing our South Africa topic.

Jessica P4

I enjoyed Art last year because I like getting my hands messy.

I am looking forward to doing topic work this year, because I like learning about animals.

Jayden P4

I liked doing the different assemblies, I liked doing the art for them.

I am looking forward to everything in P4 especially the different Art.

Eryn P2

I enjoyed making the class charter when we started Primary 1, it was fun making it.

I am looking forward to seeing the people from the nursery coming into Primary 1.

Luke P2

I like telling Mrs Cook about dinosaurs. I have told her lots of facts.

I am looking forward to making our new class charter.

Maisie P2

I enjoyed being with Miss Craig, because I love her.

I am looking forward to being with Miss Morland, she has joined our school.

Ethan P2

I enjoyed the relay races because I could run fast.

I am looking forward to being with Miss Craig again in Primary 2.

Zoe P1

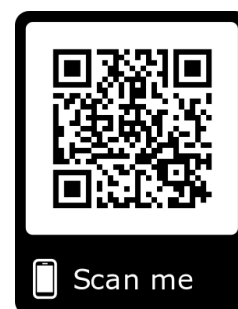
I enjoyed drawing last year. I drew a dinosaur.

I am looking forward to being in the shop in Primary 1.

Cameron P1

I enjoyed the drawing in the school area.

I am looking forward to getting to make something with the clay.



Check out our website using the QR code above.

**Looking Back and Looking Forwards cont.**

Darcy 7

I enjoyed doing PE last year, we started off with fitness and bootcamp and we also got to play rounders.

I am looking forward to the new roles we will get in Primary 7.

Oliver P7

I enjoyed meeting my new buddy when she was in nursery.

I am looking forward to spending time with my buddy this year.

Stella P5

I enjoyed Art last year because we got to learn how to draw cartoons.

I am looking forward to making our class charter. We have a really cool idea already for making a picture with lots of little pictures.

Jaysen P5

I enjoyed making crystals in class last year because I like to collect them.

I am looking forward to making our class charter.

Angus P5

I liked the Literacy last year. Doing the writing, sentences and punctuation.

I am looking forward to being across the bridge this year.

Caitlin P5

I enjoyed Literacy because we were allowed to work with different people.

I am looking forward to topic because I already know that it is going to be about Africa and I don't know anything about Africa.

Oran P6

I enjoyed Maths last year because I like doing my tables.

I am looking forward to harder Maths this year.

Hannah P6

I enjoyed Art last year because we did lots of creative things with Mrs Welsh.

I am looking forward to doing writing this year because I really enjoy writing.

Emily P3

I enjoyed our topics last year particularly the Caribbean.

I am looking forward to doing more topics this year.

Freddie P3

I liked doing Art last year.

I am looking forward to doing more Art in P3.

Angus P2

I enjoyed doing my maths quiz, because we sometimes get prizes.

I am looking forward to PE because that's when we do a lot of exercise.

Rhianna P2

The best bit was doing Literacy because I like writing.

I am looking forward to PE because I saw Primary 3 doing PE and I think I would like it.

Abbie P3

I enjoyed going to Edinburgh Castle. We got to have our lunch in a room at the castle.

I am looking forward to doing Art in P3 because we are going to learn about a famous artist.

Thomas P3

I enjoyed the lessons with Jigsaw Jack last year.

I am looking forward to reading this year because I enjoy reading books.

## Milk Money Deadlines for session 2019/20

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Milk money for term 2 is due in by Friday 4th October.

Milk money for term 3 is due in by Friday 13th December .

Milk money for term 4 is due in by Friday 27th March.

Letters are sent out throughout the year to remind you of dates milk money is due. Keep an eye on your emails, the school blog, website and Twitter.



## Pupil Absence

Please contact the school if your child is going to be absent by 9.30am on their first day of absence. A Groupcall message will be sent out to parents if any child is not in school by this time and we have not heard from you.

## Breakfast Club, Tuck Shop and School Lunches

Free breakfasts are available for all P1-P7 children from 8.15-8.45 daily. Set your child up for the day ahead.

Healthy snacks are available daily for all children from our school tuck shop. Pancakes, yoghurt, fruit and raisins can be purchased at very reasonable prices from 25p. Fresh fruit juice and water is also available.

The cost for school lunches is £2.04.

If your child forgets their lunch money they will be issued with a reminder slip. Outstanding monies MUST be paid the following day to allow us to keep our banking figures accurate for West Lothian Council.

## Wider Achievements

Celebrating Wider Achievements gives the children an opportunity to share successes from outside school.

Every term we celebrate the wider achievements through our school assembly. Children are encouraged to share about activities that they take part in outside of school This could be anything from:

- Earning a particular badge/award at Rainbows, Brownies, Cubs, Scouts etc,
- Grading of a particular belt at Tae Kwon Do, Karate, Judo etc,
- Sitting a recent exam – dancing, piano etc Helping to care for a family member

Dates for the Wider Achievements Assemblies this year are: Friday 20th September, Friday 6th December, Friday 27th March and Friday 19th June.

## After School Clubs

Watch out for information about clubs for this session coming home in school bags. The clubs will be starting early September. Children are asked to return permission slips with payment ASAP to secure a place.

## Class Assemblies

We have regular class assemblies throughout the year. Parents are invited to come along to see their child perform. A list of dates is attached to this newsletter. Class Assemblies take place on a Friday at 9.00am. You are invited to stay for a cuppa afterwards with your child to celebrate their success. Children will bring their profile jotters so that they can share their learning with you at the same time.

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 27th September between 9.00 and 11.30, our P7 pupils invite you to join them for coffee and a cake to raise funds for an extremely worthy cause. Come along and join in with the "World's Biggest Coffee morning" as we do our bit in Windyknowe.

Donations of home baking will be accepted at the school office from Thursday 26th September. Please dig deep and give generously.

All parents, grandparents, neighbours and friends are welcome. Come in and take a break. We look forward to seeing you. If you are able to help on the day please contact the school office.



### The 'Wonders of Windyknowe' Awards 2019/20

Gaining recognition for a range of achievements and for the skills for learning, life and work that are developed through this achievement, benefits all children and young people. The reasons for recognising learners' achievements include increasing self-esteem, improving motivation and keeping young people engaged in learning.

Achievement is defined in 'Building the Curriculum 5' as relating to progress in all aspects of each child's or young person's planned learning. Achievement covers learning within curriculum areas and interdisciplinary learning, but it is much wider than that. It includes achievement in other areas within the life of the school and outside the school – sometimes referred to as wider achievement.

Recognising achievement is an integral part of Curriculum for Excellence and there are a number of ways in which we support our young people and recognise and build on their achievements. Throughout the school year in Windyknowe we are continually recognising the achievements of our young people and one of the ways in which we will celebrate these achievements will be through our 'Wonders of Windyknowe' Awards.

Throughout the session staff within the school will be asked to consider the WOW moments in the young people's learning and to nominate them for awards under the following categories:

Sporting Superstar

Musical Maestro

Reading Rockstar

Club Champion

Owen Shaw Award (special qualities)

Fabulous Friend

Artistic Flair

Numeracy Ninja,

Scientific Scholar

Stellar Speller

Top of the Topics

Roald Dahl Writing

Alison McKenzie Award (charitable attitude)

GRAFTA (Great Resilience and for Total Awesomeness)

These moments will then be celebrated during our WOW awards ceremony on the 18th June 2020



Do not wait; the time will never be 'just right.' Start where you stand, and work with whatever tools you may have at your command, and better tools will be found as you go along.

**George Herbert**

The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential... these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence.

**Confucius**

### School Uniform

At Windyknowe Primary School we are proud of our school uniform and the standard this sets in the local community. The uniform is fit for purpose allowing children to be comfortable in their learning. We welcome support from parents and carers in positively encouraging your child to wear school uniform each day. Our school uniform consists of red sweatshirts, cardigans and white or black polo-shirts and grey or black trousers or skirts. Our PE uniform consists of hoodies, polo shirts and black jogging bottoms. Samples of our school uniform are on display outside the school office. Please ensure all items of clothing and footwear are named or labelled. Any items of uniform lost by the children will be placed in the Lost Property box at the reception.

### Dates for your diary

#### Term 1

Tuesday 27th August - School Nurse in to visit Primary 1 and 2  
 Wednesday 28th August—Our Curriculum, Our Learning  
 Thursday 29th August—Our Curriculum, Our Learning  
 Thursday 5th September—Theatre production—Railway Children  
 Friday 6th September—P7 assembly  
 Tuesday 10th September—Visitors in school  
 Wednesday 11th September—Visitors in school  
 Monday 16th September—Holiday  
 Tuesday 17th September—In-service day  
 Wednesday 18th September—Pupils return to school  
 Thursday 19th September—Parent Consultations—3.30pm—9pm  
 Friday 20th September—Wider Achievement Assembly  
 September 24th—Parent Council Meeting  
 September 27th September—Macmillan Coffee Morning  
 Wednesday 2nd October—NSPCC visiting P1—P7  
 Friday 4th October—P3fw Assembly  
 Friday 4th October—Milk Money Due  
 Friday 4th October—Dress Down Day  
 Wednesday 9th October—Rick Factory—Primary 7  
 Thursday 10th October—P5—P7 show—1.30pm and 6.30pm  
 Friday 11th October—P3sw Assembly  
 Friday 11th October—Last day of term  
 Monday 21st October—In-service day  
 Tuesday 22nd October—Pupils return to school



### **Staffing for session 19/20**

This session we would like to welcome Ms Morland who will be teaching Primary 2, Mrs Paterson who will be teaching Primary 7 and Mrs Messenger who will be teaching Primary 1. Mrs Magee has also joined us as our new Support for Learning teacher.

Mrs Meek will now be able to help you in the school office along with Mrs Murray.

We would like to welcome them all to our team.

### **'Our Curriculum Our Learning Open Afternoons'**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2019 and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019 – 1.30-3.00**

You are warmly invited to join us on one of the above dates to visit your child's new class, meet your child's teacher and discover what learning looks like in your child's class. This is an informal visit. Children will be engaged in their learning throughout the afternoon. If you are able to join them in their classes, they will talk you through what learning looks like for them and the plan for the year ahead.

There will be an opportunity for you to discuss individual progress with your child's teacher in October and March. Of course, if you have anything specific to discuss before then please contact the school office to make an alternative appointment.

On the evening of Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August Mrs Angus, Miss Norquoy and Mr Kerr will describe Our Curriculum in Windyknowe from Nursery to P7. The first presentation will be at 5.00pm and the second at 6.00pm. Each will last around 45 minutes.

The content of the evening will include:

The teaching and learning of Reading, Writing, Listening, Talking, Maths and Numeracy, Health and Well Being

Social Studies, Science and Technologies Contexts for Learning

RME

Expressive Arts

1+2 languages

Assessment, attainment and tracking of progress

How you can support your child with home learning

Integration of ICT to enhance and support learning across the curriculum

Celebrating of Success

### **P1 and P2 Parents!**

At 5.00 on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August Miss Craig and Mrs Cook invite P1 and P2 parents to join them as they describe learning through creativity and problem solving in P1 and P2

This format replaces the Journey of Learning Evening. We welcome your thoughts and comments.





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If you have any comments or suggestions to make about anything you have read in this newsletter or about Windyknowe Primary in general, I am always keen to hear them. Please do not hesitate to contact me .

### Complaints Procedure

Schools in West Lothian have been advised of changes which have recently 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  
0800 328 5143

### Handwashing

The school nurse will be coming to visit our school on Tuesday the 27th of August to talk to our infant children about the importance of hand-washing and how to do this effectively.

### Head Boy, Head Girl and House Captains 2019/20

This announcement will be made on our School Blog before the September weekend.

### Twitter

*This session we will continue to use Twitter. This is a great way to communicate school news, achievements and upcoming events and is a key means of only promoting the many wonderful things we do at Windyknowe but also as a way of engaging you in your children's daily activities more effectively. Please follow us by searching @windyknoweps.*



Check out our Twitter using the QR Code above.



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