



Dream it, Live it, Achieve it
School Newsletter



November 2018

Dear Parents

A reminder for all children to wear warm jackets and coats to enjoy playtimes at this time of year. It's getting cold outside!

You may have attended our St Andrews Celebration in school when P5/6 led a wonderful assembly. P5/6 have been learning about newspaper reports as part of their literacy studies and have prepared this month's 'newspaper' to be shared with our community. So please enjoy their edition of

Dirleton Matters

I have a few other matters to make you aware of also

Countdown to Christmas

We are now approaching December and all that December brings to school. Here are some key events that are scheduled on the countdown to Christmas.

The Christmas lights of Dirleton village will be officially 'switched on' Thursday 6th December. Join the village at 6.30pm for a Christmas singalong and festive treats. A fire pit may be there but wrap up warm to keep the chill away.



Friday 7th December is the day of our Christmas Fair. Our morning will begin at 11am when we will be entertained by the NBHS brass band who will play songs of the season, led by Mr Robb. Our Christmas fair will run from midday until 2pm. All welcome at our Christmas Fair – bring lots of pennies!

Thursday 13th December will be the day of our Christmas lunch in school (some orders are still outstanding, please return asap) – all children are

invited to wear a Christmas jumper or something festive on this day. The official Christmas jumper day is on Friday 14th December when those festive jumpers can make a reappearance for a small donation; If last year's jumpers are too small, send them in to school so someone else can get the pleasure of wearing them over the Festive season. All funds raised will be donated to the international charity Save the Children. The idea is simple - in exchange for a £2 donation (or whatever is affordable), you can wear your jumper and help children around the world who are lacking basic amenities.

The afternoon of Monday 17th December will see our infants retell the Christmas story and songs of the season performed by our other classes. The afternoon performance will begin at 1.30pm. The evening performance will be on Wednesday 19th December and will begin at 6.30pm. A separate letter has been sent out about the details of our Christmas show.

P1-P3s Christmas Party is on the afternoon of Tuesday 18th December with P4-7 having their Christmas Party on the afternoon of Wed 19th Dec – Children are welcome to wear party clothes to school but have the responsibility to keep them clean in the morning!

The morning of Wednesday 19th Dec is when we will visit Dirleton Kirk to give thanks for our year – all welcome to attend this thanksgiving service from 11 – 12.15pm

And finally, our whole school visit to the Brunton panto will be on our final day, in the morning of Thursday 20th Dec. This promises to be a fitting finale to our countdown to Christmas. School will close at the normal times of 3pm and 3.30pm on Thursday 20th Dec.

Christmas Appeal

As we approach Christmas, we are mostly very fortunate that we can look forward to this festive time and all that it brings. However, there are some families who find this time incredibly difficult. We work closely with the community development team who are based out of North Berwick and through discussion with them, we would like to ask for your support in providing an act of kindness to support East Lothian families over the festive period. The community team in North Berwick are looking to fill a kindness cupboard for families. The value that we voted top when we reviewed our school values was kindness, so...

CAN YOU HELP?



Other dried foods such as pasta will also be very helpful.

Aside from the Christmas food list, we are also appealing for you to donate some Christmas cheer in the form of toys/gifts for young children right through to teenagers. Gifts/Toys should be new or nearly new (*in very good condition)

**Any and all donations are gratefully received.
We will be donating what we gather on Tuesday 18th Dec.
Thank you in advance of your Christmas generosity.**

*B. Moody
Headteacher*

DirletonMatters

FREE! This term's edition of Dirleton Matters has been written by P5/6.

See inside for details of all the latest from our school.

Inside: Apples Got Talent, Google Classroom, Fit in 15, P5/6/7 Watersports Excursion, Road Safety Developments...and so much more!

The no 1 paper for Dirleton Primary School

Fantastic Food For Thought

Canoeing

On Thursday 5th & 6th of September 2018 we went kayaking and canoeing in Musselburgh lagoons to have a fun day, for our topic on pond life and everybody loved it. We have interviewed our classmates, John and Sam, asking them what they most enjoyed about the canoeing trip. John "I liked it when we got flipped over in the canoes." Sam "I loved it when we did a 360 by putting a paddle down in the water on the canoes."



We had to do some challenges the first challenge was the duck challenge where we had to get the duck on the edge of the canoe. Then we put them in a bag which the instructor had. At the end, we got changed back into our clothes and went back to school.

By Tam Hood, Hamish Mitchell and Lucas Dingwall

By Duncan MacKinnon and Hannah Ireland

During our Food for Thought session, we cooked with Alison and Vivienne. We were cooking thai noodle soup on Halloween. We did it in the dinner hall. We did this so that children in Dirleton Primary School can get the opportunity to cook. We learnt how to chop vegetables safely. All of us learned how to chop. As the Thai noodle soup was cooking we were talking about eating healthy foods. Rae said, "I made hedgehog bread with pumpkin seeds". Lauchie said "I liked eating the hedgehog bread it was yummy."



Pupils from P5/6 enjoyed learning new cooking skills and finding out about healthy choices.

Tam said, "The thai noodle soup was very tasty." To continue the Food For Thought project the P7 class are growing food in the playground planters as well as helping down at Dirleton lunch hub

FIT EVERY DAY

By Robbie Ritchie and Fearghal McArdle

Fit in 15

The school playground is where we do fit in 15. When you have run 7 laps you complete a mile. Every pupil does this to get fitter and to get oxygen flowing through our bodies, this gets us warmed up for our day.

Our challenge is to run the John Muir Way which is 134 miles by the end of the year and we have to do it in 150 days. We spoke to Tom Hamer and this is what he thinks about fit and 15;

"I like to run and jog with Hamish while chatting."

Tom also likes to try his hardest. Lauchie stated "I like Fit in 15 because it gets me warmed up for the day."

Metafit

We do metafit every Wednesday in the gym hall with Mrs Brown .

Metafit includes stretches and exercise moves for 40 seconds each.

We do this to get fitter.

THE ADORED APPLE FESTIVAL

By Tyler Elder and Zidane Rafique



Dirleton Primary School had an Apple Festival on the 12th October at the school's Centenary Rainbow Orchard to celebrate the orchard's history.

At the apple festival we got free tasters of a variety of school made products like apple pie and apple juice. We talked to few different students from primary 1 to 4. Here's what they said;

Elise said "I enjoyed playing the maths game in the orchard".

Kai stated "I loved everything about the apple festival except the maths".

Zayn "We were making apple juice and trying it it was very fun".

Zach "Twirling the apples with the support of the adults he also enjoyed trying it."

Lucas "I enjoyed making the apple juice he also enjoyed tasting it."

We also made bird feeders and Christmas trees. We kept the bird feeders but the Christmas trees are for sale at the Christmas fair on the 7th of December.

LOLLIPOP PEOPLE TO THE RESCUE

By John Wellwood, Sam Hay and Ava MacGuire



At Dirleton Primary School we have new JRSO officers, they are Charlie and Bella. They asked the council for character lollipop people to stop cars parking in the wrong place. There are two at the front and two at the back of the school. This is for the safety of the children of Dirleton Primary. They are to be used before and after

School, when people are parking in silly places. Bella said "The lollipop people are working, in the future we are thinking about putting more around the school. Being a JRSO officer is really fun." Our new JRSO's are good at their job. We hope this success continues into the dark winter month
Also, Charlotte and Rudi won a competition to design a road safety banner. They are displayed at the front of the school on the railing. Congratulations to them both. We hope these developments will improve safety around school

GREAT GOOGLE CLASSROOM STRIKES THE MINDS OF MANY!!!

By Lina Hendry, Alex Meikle and Isabella Power Sheppard

At Dirleton Primary School, Google Classroom first started in August 2018. Since then Google Classroom has improved our homework and made it more fun. It's also helped with finding websites.

So far we have used Google Classroom for...Making our powerpoints on the Greek gods and goddesses, we could do it in partners or on our own. Everyone really enjoyed that because we had a bit of freedom with who we wanted to work with, which was really great!

We also used it for our Big Bang topic, for River Research, and for Maths.

"Google Classroom has helped with my learning because our teacher can just put websites on our 'classwork' section."
Oscar, a P4 student.

TOO BIG TO BE TRUE... IT'S APPLES GOT TALENT!

By Tom Hamer Gemma Mcardle and Eleanor Stirling

The whole school took part in a competition called Apples Got Talent. It was the week the 8th to the 12th of October 2018 in this school. Each class made an apple dish using the apples from the Centenary Rainbow Orchard because we were overflowing with apples. The judges were all the support staff including Mrs Smith, Mrs Hogg, Mrs Brown and Mrs Richardson. The classes each had the week to make their dish and on the Thursday it was

judged. Everyone was tense waiting to find out the results on Friday. The primary 7s won Apples Got Talent so well done to them.

P/3 Charlotte Gordon said, "It was really fun." They made apple coleslaw and she would like to continue doing this.

P/6 Alex Meikle "It was really fun making all the all the food. We made apple pie and muffins. I would like to cook more at school."

P/4 Morav Macintosh "I



would like to cook with other ingredients. I liked that it was competitive." All the classes really enjoyed this and we hope to do it again in the future at Dirleton Primary.

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUR BLOG!



To keep up to date with the latest news and activities happening at Dirleton Primary School, please check out our website – the Dirleton Edubuzz blog. We'd love to hear your comments so keep them coming!