



Newsletter

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Wow! A fantastic start to the school year has been made by everyone. Our children are really getting to grips with all the new learning taking place and we have been so impressed with the work they have been producing. Our learners really are demonstrating 'over and above' behaviour expectations and as a result lots of Good News slips have been getting handed out! Next week our first whole school challenge will start and the focus will be for our learners to demonstrate over above behaviour expectations in the corridor.



Upcoming Dates

- 4.9.19 P7 Camp Meeting (3:30pm)
- 5.9.19 School Photographs (Individual and siblings)
- 9.9.19 Loose Play Family Session (3:15-3:45pm)
- 11.9.19 Meet the teacher (9:00-9:45am)
- 16.9.19 Holiday
- 17.9.19 Staff Resume
- 18.9.19 Learners Resume
- 18.9.19 Homework Issued
- 20.9.19 Wider Curriculum
- 23.9.19 Loose Play Family Session (3:15-3:45pm)
- 27.9.19 P3/4 and P4 Assembly
- 30.9.19 Maths Week
- 30.9.19 Loose Play Family Session (3:15-3:45pm)
- 7.10.19 Loose Play Family Session (3:15-3:45pm)
- 10.10.19 Wider Curriculum
- 11.10.19 Church (9:30am)
- 11.10.19 October Holiday
- 21.10.19 Staff Resume
- 23.10.19 Learners Resume

School Uniform Exchange

We have been very lucky to receive lots of 'nearly new' uniform for our uniform exchange. So, if you are looking for any type of school uniform, please pop along and take what you need. Even if you don't have anything to swap at the moment, you are welcome to help yourself to some uniform. We would much rather that people were able to use the uniform than it sitting gathering dust in a box.

Rights Respecting Schools Award

We will be continuing on our journey to becoming a Rights Respecting School. This year we are working towards the Silver Award which means that learners become aware of their rights within the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Through their teaching, teachers will provide opportunities for learners to become more aware of their rights. One way that this will be achieved will be through teaching of the new Building Resilience programme. We look forward to working with our new Rights Ambassadors who will help to promote knowledge and understanding of children's rights to the whole school community.

Information Updates and Permission Forms

Annually we are required to get parental permission for various aspects of school life. Please complete and return the permission forms ASAP.

Active Schools

You will have received a copy of our Active Schools Programme and places on the clubs here at Newtongrange and in the Newbattle Campus are filling up fast! If you would still like to book a place on the activities, please do so online – all information is on the programme and you can also find more information at www.activemidlothian.org.uk or <https://midlothian.legendonlineservices.co.uk>.

Please also follow us on social media;

Twitter - @Active_Mid and @ActiveNewbattle **Instagram** - @activeschoolsmid

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Maths Week Scotland

This year Maths Week Scotland will be from the 30th September – 6th October 2019. During this time we want to recognise and celebrate all the different ways in which maths is part of our everyday life. To help celebrate Maths week we will send home a Family Learning Task which we invite you to complete together. In School, learners will participate in fun and exciting maths activities. More information will be shared closer to the time!

Welcome Event

Please come along to our 'Welcome to the new school year' event on Wednesday 11th September from 9:00 – 9:45am which is an opportunity for you to:

- Learn about our school priorities for this session.
- Visit your child's new classroom.
- Meet your child's new teacher.
- Find out key information about the year ahead for your child
- And finally an opportunity for your child to share some of the learning within the first few weeks of their new stage.

Partnership with Parents

We are very fortunate at Newtongrange Primary School to have extremely supportive parents who ensure we work together for the benefit of all our learners. Our Parent Council and PTA are very proactive and we are always looking for new members to join and help make Newtongrange the best school it can be. The first Parent Council meeting (AGM) will be on Monday 23rd September, 7:00pm at Newtongrange Primary School and our first PTA meeting is on Monday 2nd September, 9:00am at the school. Please come along and join us if you can.

Wet Weather Arrangements

In the event of the weather being wet before school begins, children should enter the playground by the usual gate and make their way into school via the Dining Hall entrance. We will aim to open the Dining Hall doors by 8.40am. Please ensure that your child has an outdoor jacket with them every day as we try to get them outside as much as possible and we know just how changeable our weather can be. Should we have extremely wet weather during the school day, the children remain indoors and are supervised in their classes.

Home School Practitioner

Lee Grieve, our Home School Practitioner is available to support families with a range of service including:

- Health & Wellbeing concerns at school including learning and development and school attendance.
- Family members feeling overwhelmed, low mood, stressed, anxious.
- Unemployment, Housing, Universal Credits.
- Family disagreements.
- Parental separation.
- Family changes i.e. children having to stay with another carer or a new partner living in the home.
- Bereavement, coping with family illness or disability.
- Family substance misuse or addiction.

If you think Lee could be of support to you and your family, please do not hesitate to contact her for more information on the school telephone number, by email: Lee.Grieve@midlothian.gov.uk or come along to the Drop-in service every week in school on a Friday morning from 10.30am to 12.20pm, where you can pop in for tea/ coffee, a biscuit and a chat.



Resilience Show

On Wednesday afternoon our P1-P7 learners watched Hopscotch Theatre's production SPRING-Y! SPRING-Y is a touching tale about friendship, bouncing back and bending with the wind! It follows the story of Ash & Holly who have been best friends for years but now Holly has to move away. How will the two cope without each other? Together they come up with a plan so that their friendship will last forever.

Keys to Achieve

Our school vision, 'Aspire, Believe, Achieve' sets our belief that we have high expectations for our learners and that our learners aspire to be the best they can be. Last year our Learning Council identified the 5 main qualities to create our 'Keys to Achieve' which will work alongside our school Vision and Values. Each quality is illustrated and identified by a key which represents a quality or attitude essential to successful learning. The Keys to Achieve support us to develop a shared language for learning and encourage learners to reflect on the skills and qualities they apply when engaging in learning activities.



Medicines

From time to time, there may be a need for your child to receive medication during the school day. Any request to administer medication **must** be accompanied by clear, written, signed instructions on the appropriate school MED form from the **parent/carer**. All medicines should be clearly labeled with the pupil's name and preferably with accompanying advice leaflet. The first dosage of any new medication should be administered by the parent/carer. Where there is any change to the medication then updated instructions must be given to the school. **All prescribed medication must be brought to the school office by a parent/carer.** All out of date and unclaimed medication is disposed of at the end of every school year, therefore if your child requires regular medication for any reason (e.g. asthma) you should bring in new medication and complete the relevant forms. If you are unsure of any of these procedures, please contact the school office where staff will be only too pleased to help you.



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Parent/Carer Signature: _____ Date: _____