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WEST LINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our end of term newsletter. We have had a very busy first term back at school and children have settled well into their new classes and school routine.



We have welcomed many new families to West Linton Primary School this term and pride ourselves in being an 'Open Door' school with a welcoming ethos and culture. We urge you if you have a question, comment or any feedback for school improvement that you contact our Head Teacher, Ms Curson directly via email or call the school office: jenni.curson@scotborders.gov.uk/01721 723600.

STAFFING UPDATES

We say goodbye this term to Mrs Dixon who has been our Acting Depute Headteacher for the past ten months during Ms Curson's maternity leave. All here at West Linton Primary School would like to extend our thanks to Mrs Dixon for the wonderful job she has done here and the many new and exciting things she has brought to the role, including leading the development of our now fantastically productive polytunnel and for starting our Wake Up, Shake Up breakfast group which supports pupils to transition into school in the morning.

After the October Holidays, we will welcome Ms Curson back from her maternity leave and Miss Ferguson will resume her role as DHT for the school.

NURTURING APPROACHES

This year as part of our School Improvement Plan, we are continuing to develop our Nurturing Approaches. A nurturing approach recognises that positive relationships are central to both learning and wellbeing and focusses on the Six Principles of Nurture:

1. Children's learning is understood developmentally
2. The classroom offers a safe base
3. The importance of nurture for the development of wellbeing
4. Language is a vital means of communication
5. All behaviour is communication
6. The importance of transition in children's lives



This year as part of our School Improvement we are focussing on Principles 3 and 6. To gather your feedback, following the transition into a new stage can you please complete this parental survey about NP 6 Transition by following the link:

<https://www.menti.com/4h9taetkv>



We value your feedback and this will help to further inform our transition processes next session.

AUTUMN DRESS

With the colder and wetter weather now creeping in, can we please ask parents and carers to ensure that children are coming to school with appropriate jackets and footwear? We aim to support children's right to play and encourage them to play outdoors in the less extreme rain, so it is important that children have the clothing to do this. We also encourage all children to have a pair of indoor shoes to change into as well.



LOST PROPERTY

All lost property is now located in boxes in the main entrance foyer to our school. If you are looking for any missing items, please pop in to check these boxes. Any unnamed items will be laid out at Parents Evening for families to take.

PARENTS EVENINGS

This year our first Parents Evening are scheduled for the 2nd and 3rd of November. This is a chance for you to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss their progress so far this year. The Scholastic Book Fair will be available for you to look through on these evenings too.

Further information regarding booking your appointment for this will follow after the October Holiday.



CITIZENSHIP GATHERING AND ASSEMBLY UPDATE

This term we have been focussing on the Building Resilience Tool – Take a Moment. During these assemblies, children have been learning that:

- We all experience a range of emotions every day
- Sometimes we feel stressed
- I have ways to help me cope

We have practiced breathing and mindfulness techniques and created a Wordall of things we enjoy doing to 'take a moment'.


In Citizenship Gathering we have been learning about the Global Goals and why they are important. We have



considered what the Global Goals mean to us and have begun to learn more about each one, starting with Good Health and Wellbeing. You can find out more about this online at [The World's Largest Lesson](#).



DIARY DATES

Tweeddale Local Holiday		7 th October
October Holiday		10 th October
Inservice Day		17 th October
Return to school		18 th October
Novel Study Focus Fortnight		18 th October
Curriculum Overviews & PLPs home		28 th October
PLPs to be returned to school		31 st October
Parents Evenings		2 nd and 3 rd November

ROAMERS WOOD

We have been working with Sophie, Becky and Sarah to support the development of the local Roamers Wood project. They have come to our Eco Group and all of our classes to teach us about oak trees and tell us more about the project and how it could be used for the community. As the project develops, we will be exploring and having some hands on practical experience learning about our local landscape. We are thrilled to be a part of this



fantastic community project and look forward to our work with Sustainable West Linton and District.



HEALTHY SNACK

As a health promoting school, can we please remind parents/ carers to provide healthy snacks for break time and packed lunches. We have recently noticed an increase in high sugar snacks including lollipops which we discourage as, in addition to being high in sugar, can also be a choking hazard for children when in the playground.

PTA

The PTA have recently sent home a Loose Change October challenge and we already have some pupils bringing in lots of loose change and shrapnel. Thank you for all your help and participation in this. The final day for bringing this in is the 21st October. There is a prize draw for everyone who took part in the challenge, which will be awarded by the PTA.



CLASS BLOGS

We are proud to say that our school website now includes a Blogs section for each class, which is updated and managed by our Pupil Leaders. These are available in the Pupil section of our website. Each class blog is updated on a rotational basis, so check in regularly to keep up to date with all our learning in classes and clubs within the school.