

# Eddleston Primary School

Newsletter 1

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## School Update

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## Open Door Policy

Eddleston Primary school prides itself on its relationship with our parents, carers and friends and staff are keen to work with you for the benefit of your child. Staff are available at the end of day for brief consultation. However, if you have any queries or if I can help in any way please do not hesitate in contacting myself (my non teaching days are Monday and Tuesday). L Miglis

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

This is our first newsletter of the year and I would like say how pleased I am to be leading Eddleston Primary on its continued journey to excellence and to thank Mrs Wilson for her help in making this a smooth transition and for all she has done for Eddleston during her tenure—the school is in a good position with motivated and hard working staff, supportive and involved parents and of course wonderful children who are a credit to you. We have much to do and have already begun to ensure we have excellent learning and teaching in every class every day. We will shortly begin a consultation process to refresh our school vision, values and aims as I believe it is important that we all have a say in what we want for our children and our school. I want to work closely with you and look forward to getting to know you better and hearing your views as well as those of the children and staff. I have been very impressed with our well settled and happy children and believe that with practice, perseverance and effort they can and will achieve, learn and grow. We all look forward to working with you this session to achieve this!

Looking forward to a positive partnership.

Mrs Lesley Miglis, Head Teacher

## Annual Calendar

I have drafted a copy of the school annual calendar. Key dates for your diary are included with this in order that you can forward plan for some of the exciting opportunities we have identified for you to share in the learning of your child. Further parental engagement sessions will be offered throughout this school session and I intend to schedule these to a Friday in order to minimise disruption to parental work pattern or schedules. I do hope to see you at these events and hope that you find this useful to aid your planning.



## Eddleston Horticultural Show

The annual Eddleston Horticultural Show was held on Saturday 1st of September. The whole school had taken part in the Art competition with a focus on Poppy Art. The prize winners are:-

P1 1st Equal Andrew Anderson, Ella Wylie

P2 First Violet Ferguson  
2nd Emilia Wright  
3rd Alyssa Stewart

P3 1st Alice Bartlett  
2nd Ryan Gilmour-Jones  
3rd Struan Webster

P4 1st Alec Glasgow

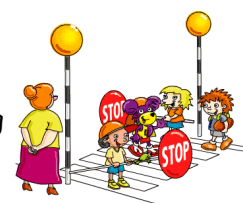
P4	2nd	Jessica Anderson
	3rd	Calum Peebles
P5	1st	Ross Munro
	2nd	Jamie Macrae
	3rd	Lily Jones
P6	1st	Meg Chapman
	2nd	Caitlin Gilmour-Jones
	3rd	Brendan Gilhooley
P7	1st	Nathan Gilhooley
	2nd	Jamie Morton
	3rd	Miller Macrae

Congratulations go to Alice Bartlett as our overall winner and a huge well done to everyone for taking part!

## JRSO

Last week, Miller Macrae and Rory Horrell attended the JRSO launch meeting in Galashiels. There they learned about the role of the Junior Road Safety Officer and what they could do to promote road safety in and around the school and village. Throughout the year the boys will be leading various competitions and initiatives for the whole school to take part in.

More news coming soon!



## Spotlight on Improvement Plan

### Raising Attainment for

#### All



### Learning and teaching in Literacy

As part of our Improvement Plan priorities we will be working to develop our reading for enjoyment in order to instil a lifelong love of reading. We will be working to enhance our school library, re-introducing junior librarians and promoting a variety of events focusing on authors and their work. Our launch for this development work will be on Wednesday 12th of September 2018 when all of the children will have the chance to attend the Borders Book Festival in Galashiels. There the children will have the opportunity to meet real life authors, take part in singalongs and interactive readings. Each workshop/session which the children will attend is age appropriate. In the afternoon they children will also take part in

workshops. P5-7 pupils will have the exciting opportunity to take part in a Dekko Comics Workshop—here the children will learn how to create a comic/poster and make it entertaining and how this can significantly improve engagement. We have been fortunate enough to have received a subsidy for our transportation costs but I would ask all parents to contribute £4 per child. Further information is included in letter with permission slip.

### Improvement in Children's Health and Wellbeing

Building on last year's work we will be implementing SBC Building Resilience Programme in order to positively develop our youngster's wellbeing particularly confidence, motivation and self-efficacy. Our children will further develop their resilience and understand why it matters. More information for parents will follow.

## Communication

Please find our annual data check forms, annual calendar, our new online Scholastic Book Club/Nomad Beat Open Day flier and 100 Club letter. Could you please ensure that any documents are returned no later than the 14th Sept 2018.

## Advance Notice

Following feedback from parents at our recent Parent Council we have organised an educational theatre experience for all learners. Our children will have the opportunity to visit the Brunton Theatre on Tuesday 4th of December 2018. Tickets will cost £5 with the school subsidising this. More information will follow soon!



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### Parental Engagement

#### MacMillan Coffee Morning and Vision Values and Aims Workshop

Primary 5—7 will be leading in our learning and organising our Macmillan Cancer Coffee Morning on Friday 28th of September. Doors will open at 10.15am. Our P5-7 pupils will be sending our further information about this and how you can support us! It would be lovely to meet you all there and support this very worthwhile cause.

On the same day we have been fortunate to have been able to be supported in the redevelopment of our school Vision, Values and Aims. Claire Lavelle from the Hive of Wellbeing will be coming along to the school from 11am to meet with parents, lead an interactive workshop and gather parental views in order to create a shared understanding of where we are all going and what we are trying to achieve for the fantastic youngsters of Eddleston Primary School. Claire is a very experienced educationalist and I am delighted that she has agreed to work with us. Please do try to come along. Creche facilities will be provided! Further details will follow via school bag!



### Holiday

School will close for the October break on Thursday 4th October at the normal closing time. We will reopen for all children in the school on Monday 15th October at 8.30am.

## Eddleston Primary School

### COMMENTS SLIP

Pupil's name and class: \_\_\_\_\_

Please feel free to comment on any item in the newsletter or anything else regarding school. We always value your feedback on how we can continue to improve.

Comments:-