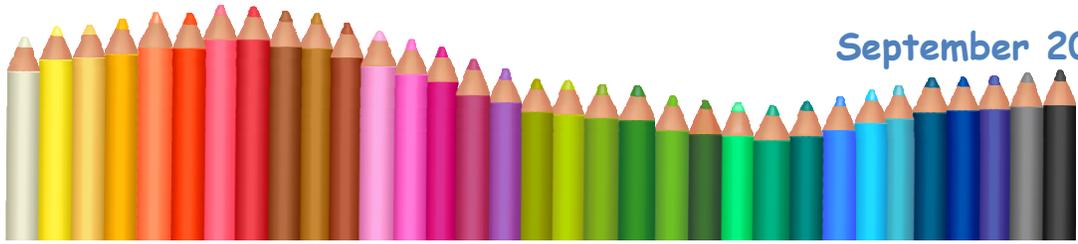




September 2018



King's Park Primary News

Headteacher's Welcome

Welcome to our September Newsletter. We have had a great start back to the new school year and it has been lovely to see how eager and ready to learn the children are. A warm welcome also to new families who have joined our school this term. We look forward to getting to know you throughout the course of the year.

Community is very important to us in King's Park and we are focusing in particular upon improving parental partnerships and developing stronger community links. We want our King's Park learners to value the importance of community within their daily lives both in school and at home and we will be actively seeking ways in which we can contribute to the improvement of our local community as well as developing a variety of learning opportunities.

We are planning a range of formal and informal opportunities for you to be involved in the life of the school. Please check our school website, twitter feed and school pigeon app to keep up-to-date with what is happening.

Medical Conditions

If your child has a diagnosed medical condition i.e. asthma, please ensure you have completed a medical form (Med 1) and that the appropriate medication has been handed into school. Please contact the school office for further information.

Community Project

We are very excited to have a whole school project on 'Our Community' this term. One of our school improvement priorities is to develop a sense of community and we felt that a shared theme from Nursery to Primary 7 would be a great way for the children to explore our Community and realise their place within it. Throughout the topic, different year groups will be out and about exploring the community as well as having visitors and some well known faces from our local community.

Please save the date! We know that you will be very keen to share in your child's learning therefore we will be opening the school up to parents and visitors during the day on Thursday 4 October and we are also planning a special 'coming together' on the day. More details to follow!

Our School Focus

We continue to strive to make King's Park a school we are proud of. Our school focus so far this term has been 'Quiet Corridors'. We are encouraging all pupils to consider the impact corridor noise can have on other children's learning and to be mindful of this as they move around the school.



For your
Calendar

19th Sept
PTC Meeting

25th Sept
PTA Meeting

4th Oct
Community Event

6th Oct
Big KP Litter Pick!

10th/11th Oct
Parent Consultations

12th Oct
End of term

Whole School Assembly Programme

This year we will be introducing a whole school assembly programme called Building Resilience. It aims to look at ten different things that can help support children to develop resilience. This will be delivered across the whole school through assemblies, class work and family learning at home. Each unit of the programme is introduced through a launch assembly where three key messages are explored. A reflection assembly then follows which gives our children the opportunity to reflect upon the key messages as well as considering a reflective question. A sharing assembly then enables children to take part in the assembly by sharing their learning with others. Each theme will have a related 'Family Activity' to support and encourage learning at home.

Big KP Litter Pick!

The PTA have kindly offered to organise the 'Big KP Litter Pick' to help clear the area used by the nursery children for Forest Schools. All families are welcome. A bacon roll and a hot drink will be provided! This will be held on Saturday 6th October from 10.00am to 1.00pm.

Staffing Update

This term we say a fond farewell to:

- Mrs Pache, who has been working in our school office on a supply basis.
- Mrs Cockburn, one of our long-serving Learning Assistants who has now retired.
- Mrs Findlay, who has now started her Maternity Leave. We wish her well and will keep you posted.

We would like to welcome:

- Mrs Thomson, who is teaching our P5A class this year.
- Miss Lenaghan, a new Learning Assistant who will be based in Primary 1.

P1 Classes

Our P1 children have settled well into school life and are starting to become confident with their classroom routines. We are looking forward to seeing them grow and develop with the range of opportunities provided this year. The P1 teachers will be attending training events on developing play and we look forward to seeing how this can be incorporated into our P1 Curriculum,

P4 Swimming

Our P4 children are very excited to be taking part in weekly swimming lessons this term. These take place on a Tuesday at Lasswade High School and help to build water confidence and are a vital life skill.

Primary 6 Careers in Care

Primary 6 have excitedly begun working in partnership with Edinburgh College. They are taking part in a Careers in Care programme where they will develop their own skills for life, learning and work. Pupils will attend Edinburgh College for three days and will end by running a fun day for our Nursery children

Playground and Parking Reminder

Please remember that no wheels (bikes, scooters and skates) should be used in the school playground before or after school.

Parents and carers are also reminded to 'Park Smart' while dropping off for school. We have had reports of vehicles parking on the paved area behind the Infant building.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

"Play is the highest form of research."
-Albert Einstein