

# EASTERN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

October 2023

We have now reached the end of a fun-filled, busy and exciting first term back. All the children are happy and settled in their new classes, including our new Primary 1 cohort, who have adjusted well into school life and their daily classroom routines.

We hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing October break, and we are looking forward to another busy term leading up to Christmas.

From the Newsletter Team

## Monday Morning Meetings

We are enjoying coming together for our regular Monday Morning Meetings. This is a chance for us to listen, share and recognise the importance of our **school values**;

**Community**  
**Ambition**  
**Responsibility**  
**Kindness**



## New staff

We have welcomed lots of new people to our staff team this session; Mrs Salma Ismail is teaching in Primary 2, Miss Heather Henry is teaching in Primary 3, Miss Kayleigh Wilson is teaching in Primary 5, Mrs Tracey Mitchell has joined our PEYSA team and Miss Jennifer Joiner has joined our school nursery team as an EYE.

Mrs Salma Ismail



Miss Kayleigh Wilson



Miss Jennifer Joiner



Miss Heather Henry



Mrs Tracey Mitchell



# Primary 1

Primary 1 have been busy settling into life at Eastern Primary School. We have been getting used to our new classrooms, the playground and dinner hall and all the new school routines. We are really enjoying making new friends and playing and learning together.

Primary 1 had a very exciting trip to the V&A and Urban Beach at the start of September. We loved getting to go on the train from Broughty ferry train station, into Dundee and back. It was so exciting! We were invited to celebrate the V&A's 5<sup>th</sup> birthday party. We enjoyed our tour and had lots of fun in the sun at the Urban Beach. What a brilliant trip we had!



## Grove Seniors

Primary 5 classes have been working with Grove Academy senior pupils Aisha and Misia learning a variety of Expressive Arts Skills. They have been learning about different rhythms and sounds in Music. Primary 5a loved creating their own rhythms and performing them to each other. They have also been learning improvisation skills in Drama by creating group freeze frames and scene scenarios. Primary 5 will continue to work with Aisha and Misia this term, working towards creating their own musical soundscapes performances.



## Judo

All the children in our school got the fantastic experience of a Judo Taster Session last term. A local club came in to visit and deliver a range of taster activities for the children to enjoy!



## Maths Week

All our pupils took part in a range of maths activities during Maths Week 2023, last term. The upper and infant classes paired up to do collaborative activities, and the children also enjoyed a range of maths themed learning, including outdoor opportunities.





## Dalguise

Primary 7 thoroughly enjoyed their final week last term getting stuck into activities at PGL Dalguise!

The children participated in a wide range of outdoor learning opportunities, including an abseil, tree climb and zip wire.

Thank you very much to all the staff who went along and supported the children during their residential experience.

## Beetle Drive

What a great turnout at our Beetle Drive last term. It was our first social event of the year and lots of fun was had by all! Thank you to everyone who came along and drew some beetles.



## Clubs

Hockey, Netball, Multi Sports, Rugby and Football clubs are now up and running this term. We have had lots of keen interest and enthusiasm towards the clubs and hope to see everyone enjoying these experiences and various activities on offer throughout the year.

## Bikeability

Primary 6 took part in Bikeability sessions throughout last term. They learned the importance of road safety and cycling skills, whilst building upon their confidence when riding a bike in the community.



## Cyclathon

Some children cycled to the V&A and back – what a fantastic achievement!

Watch them [here](#):

<https://news.stv.tv/v/dundee-cyclathon-gets-underway-to-raise-money-for-charity>



**eden project**

Primary 6 were visited by 'The Eden Project' recently, and they are looking forward to the exciting opportunity of taking part in a seed scattering event which is coming soon to Dundee. Click the video link to find out more!



4. Sow the seeds on the surface.

## **Eastern Nursery**

We would like to introduce Jennifer Joiner who has joined the Eastern Team as an Early Years Educator. Jennifer is the key worker for the Sunbeams group.

### **Parental Involvement - PEEP**

Karen and Leanne are going to be hosting PEEP sessions (Peers Early Education Partnership) this year. They will be running these on the last Wednesday of each month in our Cosy Corner area. Feel free to drop in and become involved in any of these sessions. We will be sharing ideas of how to learn together with your child through everyday activities.

### **ABC and Beyond**

This term we will start by reading the story "Postman Bear." We will focus on the story and its key characters, while also learning the meaning of our chosen 'Sparkle Words'; post, letter and heap.

# MacMillan Coffee Morning

All the staff in our school took part in a coffee morning, in aid of raising money for MacMillan Cancer Support. We all enjoyed tucking into an array of tasty treats and baked goods, that were baked and provided by many, in our school staff room.

We raised **£181.00** for MacMillan.

Well done everyone!



## Twitter

If you would like to access our schools Twitter account, please contact the school office to provide your Twitter account name, your name and the name of your child. This is to ensure that the Twitter account is kept safe and only people known to the school can follow the account.



## Facebook



- Friends of Eastern Primary



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Our Parent council have recently relaunched their Facebook page which provides information about events and school links. You can follow this @

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100090805194138>

## Open Afternoon

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Open Afternoon last term. It was fantastic to see familiar faces and meet new families here at Eastern. The children enjoyed the opportunity to share their learning environment and experiences with you. We can't wait to welcome you into school again.