

# Whitdale Primary School Newsletter

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## Welcome Back to 2019!

A very warm welcome back to all our children, parents and staff and a special welcome to the new families joining our Whitdale family!

We hope you are refreshed and ready for the new term! We are looking forward to the new adventures in learning that are planned for our school community and celebrate the many achievements that lie ahead.

## Gala Theme

Whitburn Gala 2019 has Musicals as its theme. Thank you to all the creative suggestions that the pupils and teachers provided as to what could be our theme. The most popular one was **School of Rock** and that will be our chosen theme. Get ready to rock out with us in June.



## Parent Council

The next meeting of the Parent Council will take place on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm**. This is a chance to get involved and find out more about our school.



## Improving

### Writing....authors in the making!

A key area for development in our School Improvement journey this year is improving **Writing**. We have introduced a new writing programme throughout the school which supports pupils to experience all stages of the writing process and evaluate their writing in order to improve it. We have also introduced **Free Writing Friday**. Pupils get the opportunity to write in any way they choose and about anything they want in a relaxed atmosphere. The feedback from this has been really positive. Look out for an opportunity to come in and find out more about the Writing process very soon – date to be confirmed.

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## Veolia Partnership

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Primary 7 pupils will be working in partnership with a company called Veolia to take part in an enterprising challenge that will see them find out more about the circular economy. They will be developing a variety of skills that will support them with learning for life and work.

Watch out for more information on Twitter to see how this challenge develops.





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iAchieve



iAchieve is our wider achievements programme. iAchieve provides the opportunity for our pupils to develop new skills across a wide range of contexts and work towards bronze, silver and gold levels. The programme is based firmly on the four capacities of Curriculum for Excellence and aims to support our pupils in developing skills for work and life, whilst formally tracking and monitoring these skills across their primary school career. iAchieve will enable us to recognise the achievements of our young people not only in school but from home and the wider community.

Please support your child in identifying these wider achievements and sharing them with their class teacher



### Attendance

As with all school in West Lothian, we follow the Council Policy for attendance and time keeping to ensure that all pupils receive their entitlement to an education.

Mrs Allsopp, our Family Link Worker, works really closely with us on this and amongst other things, can provide support and assistance to families if this would help.

If your child is absent, please ensure that you contact the school as soon as possible to advise us of the reason. We appreciate your continued support in this.



### Road Safety

Our Junior Road safety Officers have just launched their Park Smart Banner Competition and we are excited to see the results and find out our winners. They are on a campaign to make the roads in and around the school safer for all our pupils following ongoing concerns about parking in and around the school.

Please help them by making sure that you park safely and carefully when dropping and picking up your children.





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### Bikeability in Primary 6

We are delighted to share that our first Bikeability group sessions begin tomorrow for Primary 6. To ensure that as many children as possible get the opportunity to participate we have purchased 4 new bikes from our school fund which can be borrowed for the duration of the sessions.



### Headlice

The school feels that it would be helpful at this time to remind parents and carers that detection combing is an excellent way of regularly checking children's hair. It can help to identify quickly if there are any live lice on a child's head. Please remember that anybody can get head lice. It is good practice for everyone in the family to have their hair checked regularly.

I would encourage you to check your child's hair regularly with a fine-toothed detection comb. This is best done when the hair is wet and after the application of conditioner. If you do not find any live lice on your child's hair then there is no need to treat them. You should only treat when you are sure that you have found live head lice.

If you think that you have found live lice but are not sure about them then I would suggest that you check with your Health Visitor and Pharmacist.

If you find live lice on your child's hair and have treated them then there is no need to keep your child off school. However, if you find live lice on your child's hair but have not yet had time to treat then it would be helpful if you could keep your child at home until the treatment has taken place. This will help to reduce the possibility of lice being transmitted to other children while they are together in school although it is important to remember that school is not the only place where lice can be transmitted from one person to another. Anyone can get head lice. This is why it is important that families check each other's heads regularly with a detection comb.

### Dates for your Diary

Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Wear something tartan tomorrow to celebrate the end of our Scottish Week!
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	P4 Enterprise Treat 'Cool Creatures'
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	P4's visiting Foodbank in Whitburn
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	P2 Assembly 9.15am (please note, only two adults per family permitted due to space restrictions, also please do not bring beverages into school).
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Bikeability continues for P6
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	P5 Dalguise adventure begins
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Our Dalguise adventurers return (approx.. 3.15pm)
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Bikeability continues for P6
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	February holiday
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Staff In-service
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Pupil's resume
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	P7 Assembly 9.15am (please note, only two adults per family permitted due to space restrictions, also please do not bring beverages into school).
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Bikeability continues for P6
Thu 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	P1 & P7 Dental Inspections
Thu 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Destination Judo taster sessions
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Bikeability continues for P6
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Destination Judo taster sessions

