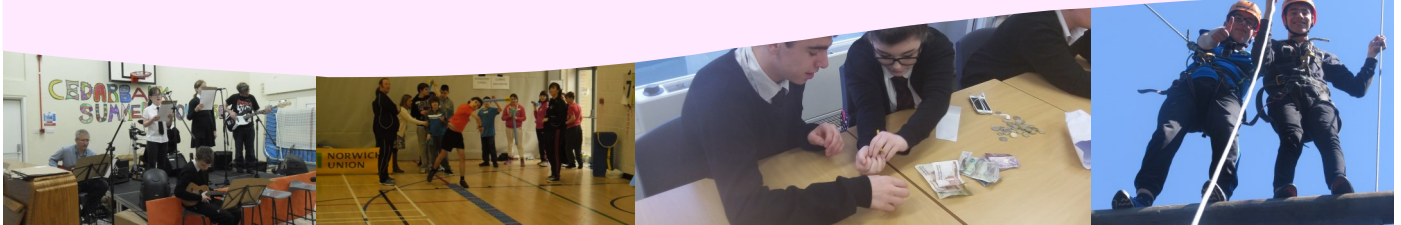


Cedarbank School

Newsletter

Autumn

2016



Headteacher's Welcome

Welcome to this Autumn newsletter for parents and carers of pupils at Cedarbank School. I'd like to take this opportunity to say that I have been impressed by the commitment of all the staff here and that your children have been very welcoming to me in my role as the acting headteacher here. I am looking forward to getting to know all parents and carers – the parent council AGM took place on Tuesday, 4 October at 6.30pm. The new chair is Catherine Tweedie.

Now that it's Autumn, can I remind you that our young people spend their breaks and time after eating their lunch outside, when weather permits. Could I ask you to try to make sure that your child has a suitable jacket.

This newsletter contains some information that you might find helpful and a report on the recent athletics event. The next one will have many more items from young people about what they are doing in the school.

Looking forward to meeting you, best wishes Mrs A Adam (Acting Headteacher)



Our triumphant track and field stars

Track and Field Stars

Several pupils were invited to participate in the Scottish Disability Sport Senior Track and Field Championships, on Wednesday 14th September 2016. Even though it was an overcast and chilly day, the sun shone on the eight athletes from Cedarbank School. Throughout the day the pupils ran, jumped and threw with great enthusiasm and determination. All their efforts were rewarded with all eight athletes collecting medals –

Callum Todd: Bronze (4x100m relay race)

Samantha Stanley: Gold (Band C 100m)

Nicole James: Gold (Band B long jump)

Philip Brodie: Bronze (Band B 100m), Bronze (4x100m relay race)

Euan MacKay: Bronze (4x100m relay race)

Kyle McGrandles: Bronze (Band B shot putt), Bronze (4x100m relay race)

George Forbes: Bronze (Band C 800m), Gold (Band D2 long jump)

Patrick Gamble: Silver (Band D1 long jump)

Well done all, a great effort!

Mr Mathieson (Principal Teacher)



Houses

We launch our House points system first week in October. From now until Christmas our focus is **cooperation** and staff will awarded merits for those who show this in school. Individual points will be added up before Christmas holidays - the top ten students will be rewarded with a prize. Our houses are called: Forth, Don and Tweed. House points will also be collected in the boxes which can be seen in the entrance hall. It may get competitive! Thanks to all S1 parents and carers who came into school to look at pupils work on Wednesday 28th Sept. We heard from pupils who showed their ability to be effective contributors and confident learners. We value good home - school communication and know the positive effects it has on learning outcomes. In keeping with our Cedarbank tree theme...all staff and pupils have contributed to our community tree by drawing around their own hand and decorating it with their interests and favourite colours. We interlinked them to make a tree to represent how we grow together, supporting each other to respect, achieve, show resilience, be independent and grow in confidence.

Mrs Lindsay (Acting Depute Headteacher)

New Staff

Please give a big welcome to our new members of staff.

Mrs Simpson our CDT Teacher



Ms Walker our Science Teacher



Mrs Gullane our new PSW



McMillan Café

Thank you to everyone who attended and your generous donations which helped us raise almost £150 for McMillan Cancer Care.

The young people involved found it an extremely useful experience and learned a lot about customer care. They are rightly very proud of their efforts and looking forward to their next one on Friday 24th March to raise money for Comic Relief.



Café in full flow!



Dennis mixing the drinks

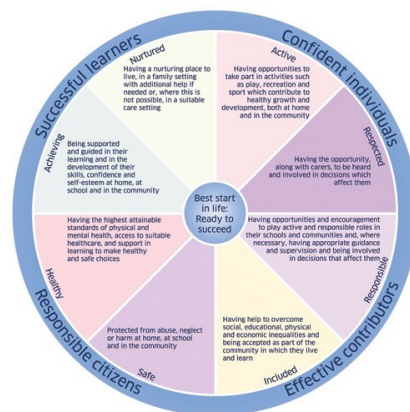
Assemblies

PC Cochrane will led the first assembly of the session on 3 October, along with Mrs Lindsay and some pupils. The theme of the assembly is "Being SAFE".

There will be one whole school assembly each month.

Our Assembly in November will use the Wellbeing Indicator INCLUSION.

Our Assemblies this session will take the theme on the Well being Indicators: Safe, Healthy, Included, Nurtured, Achieving, Respected, Responsible, Active



PC Cochrane has also been in lots of classes explaining the work that Police Scotland and himself in particular undertake.



Mairi trying on the handcuffs!

S1 Evaluation

We have asked the S1 pupils for an evaluation of how their first few weeks have been.

Thanks to Jordan McMaster from S2 who conducted the interviews.

These are some of the things S1 pupils commented on...

- I would like my mum to see the garden
- I like being outside Football at break is good
- Cedarbank needs to be a bigger school I like making friends
- I like bringing my own lunch to school I like sausages
- I'd like to show my mum my work 10/10 for the food
- I think Cedarbank is fun! 10/10 for Cedarbank



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