

# Cedarbank School

# Newsletter

June  
2021



## Head Teacher's News

To the Cedarbank Family,

It is with a mixture of emotions that I write this introduction to our newsletter. **Pride** at the resilience shown by our pupils during what has been, at times, a very difficult year. **Joy** at the progress they have all made, especially our new S1s. **Thrilled** at all they have achieved throughout this year, and finally **sadness** that this will be the last of my newsletters introducing the wonderful work of our pupils before I move on to a new role in a neighbouring authority.

You will see from our slightly changed newsletter format that our pupils have once again excelled in a wide variety of contexts. I would like to thank you all for your support during the periods of remote learning which I know must have been difficult for lots of you. I am sure you will agree that our pupils have performed admirably throughout.

The newsletter focusses on the different contexts for learning that we have still managed to have during an exceptional year. We have provided some new and non-traditional ways to deliver our curriculum to the benefit of all our pupils. This does not detract, but only enhances, the work undertaken in classrooms from English, Maths, Social Subjects, and Digital Skills through to Animal Care, Rural Skills, Travel and Tourism, and Early Education and Childcare.

I could not leave without giving enormous thanks to the truly wonderful staff of Cedarbank School who have made my time here so enjoyable. First of all our Depute Head Teachers Mrs Lindsay and Ms Queen who have provided support beyond measure. The Extended Leadership Team and Development Post Holders who have worked so incredibly hard to lead developments in the school as well as oversee the remote learning package for our pupils. To the teachers, APSWs and support staff whose care and dedication to the pupils shines through at all times. Thank you also goes to our loyal supply staff who have helped us so much, and at some very short notice, throughout this challenging year. I wish a very happy retirement to Mrs Jones who has worked for West Lothian Council for nearly 36 years. Ms Ballantyne leaves us to have a baby and we wish our cleaner Avril well as she moves to a school closer to home after nearly 10 years at Cedarbank School. I must say a special thanks to Mrs Cairns for all her work on our Twitter page (nearly 800 followers!!) and to Mr Stewart for not only producing this wonderful newsletter, but for his AMAZING work on our website. And finally a very special mention to Mrs Curran and Mrs Wood in the school office who do not always receive the credit they deserve but the school honestly could not function without them. They have been my rock throughout and given me SO many laughs.

To all the pupils past and present that I have had the pleasure of meeting, it has been an honour and inspiration to have been your Head Teacher. You have taught me so much and I must thank you for that. Continue to be the amazing young people that you are.

As part of our embracing of new technology (well new to us!) and social media, I present our Summer 2021 newsletter which is retrospective of the year in tweets. Make sure you sign up to twitter to keep up to date throughout the year—follow @cedarbankschool

Mrs Carol McDonald will start at Cedarbank as the Acting Head Teacher on the 16<sup>th</sup> August. I wish her lots of luck and I know she will be given the fabulous Cedarbank welcome that I received three and a half years ago.

Take care, have an amazing summer and thank you for all your kindness. I have been blown away by all the messages, cards and gifts I have received in the past couple of weeks. I will miss you all.

*Ms Ann M O'Hagan*



## Outdoor Learning

Outdoor learning is a key feature of teaching and learning at Cedarbank and our Outdoor Learning Coordinator Ms Cook has been really busy giving us lots of ideas and things to try.



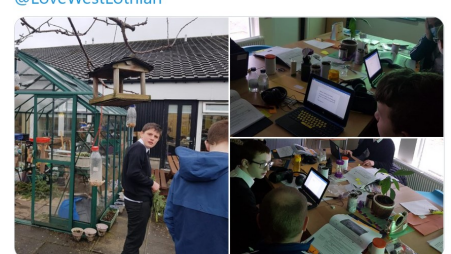
2C were busy designing and planning the new garden space in Outdoor Learning yesterday.  
@LoveWestLothian @LoveOutdoorLea1



A few inches of snow doesn't stop Cedarbank from getting outside and enjoying our garden and pond.  
@LoveOutdoorLea1 @LoveWestLothian



New bird feeders went up today and we watched the live webcam on RSPB Big Birdwatch 🐦  
#BigGardenBirdWatch2021 @RSPBScotland @LoveWestLothian



Some of our pupils are preparing for the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch by learning about the birds on the identification sheet. Our pupils at home can get involved too on the 29th-31st Jan. @Natures\_Voice @RSPBScotland #BigGardenBirdWatch @LoveWestLothian



2C were super busy this afternoon in Outdoor Learning!! The raised beds are coming along nicely and the pond is looking fabulous! @LoveWestLothian



Outdoor Learning on Monday afternoon with 2C was very creative. We looked @jupiterartland Outdoor Art Exhibition and then created our own art fixtures for our pond. @LoveWestLothian @KidsGoneWildUK #skillsskillsskills #creativity #DYW



## Developing the Young Workforce

In order to give our learners the best opportunity of a sustained positive destination at the end of S6 we include employability skills throughout their time at Cedarbank along with relevant work placements, visits and guests.



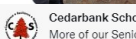
Our Senior pupils didn't let the bad weather stop them today at Hard Landscaping. They were lifting slabs and learning how to walk them safely, how to stack and clean them before relaying. Gold star for effort!!!!  
@LoveWestLothian @WLC DYW @DYWWestLothian @DYWScot #Skills



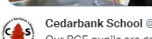
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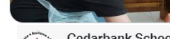
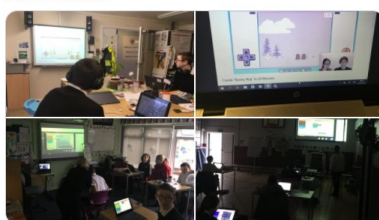
Two of our S6 pupils upcycled and restored some old bedside cabinets and made them look like new. Impressive work!!!! @LoveWestLothian @WLC DYW @DYWWestLothian #skillsforlearninglifeandwork



More of our Seniors had a go at constructing towers in #DYW.... they could choose either pasta and marshmallows or Paper and cellotape. We used Mrs Orr to measure our paper tower.... she is 7ft tall!!!! Our pasta tower was wider rather than tall but very well engineered.



Our BGE pupils are getting involved with #DYW this morning with a virtual workshop on online game designing. What a fantastic opportunity for them all! @LoveWestLothian @WLC STEM @widgilearn @WLC DYW @DYWWestLothian



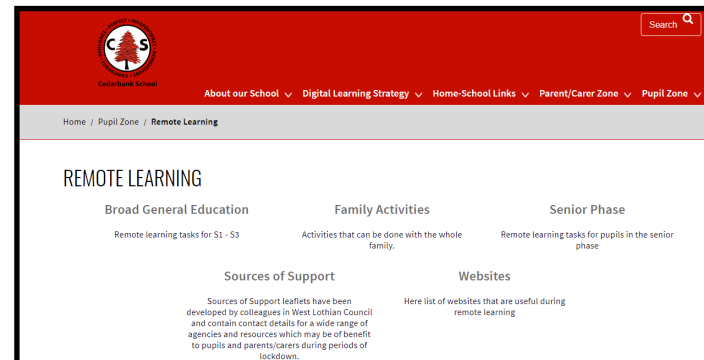
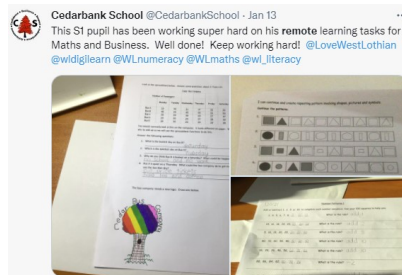
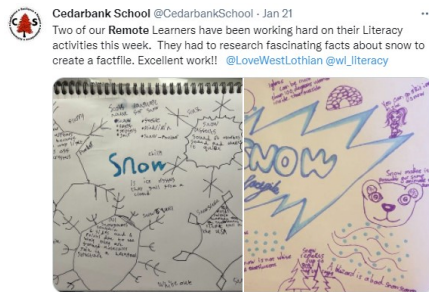
S2 took part in the #DYW Tasty Resources for the food and drink sector yesterday. @DYWWestLothian @LoveWestLothian





# Remote Learning

During the year, we have had periods where remote learning has been necessary. As well as posting work through TEAMS, we have provided paper packs where requested and put work on our website for those finding it difficult to access TEAMS. It hasn't stopped our pupils producing great work.



## BROAD GENERAL EDUCATION

### Remote learning tasks for S1 - S3

Here are the remote learning tasks for all subjects in the broad general education phase.

These will also be available in TEAMS and in your paper learning pack.

	S1	S2	S3
Art	<a href="#">S1 Art 1 Mar 21 (5.36MB)</a>	<a href="#">S2 Art 1 Mar 21 (7.09MB)</a>	<a href="#">S3 Art 1 Mar 21 (2.97MB)</a>
ASDAN	<a href="#">BGE ASDAN 1 Mar 21 (20.47KB)</a>	<a href="#">BGE ASDAN 1 Mar 21 (20.47KB)</a>	<a href="#">BGE ASDAN 1 Mar 21 (20.47KB)</a>
Business		<a href="#">BGE Digital Skills 1 Mar 21 (64.63KB)</a>	<a href="#">BGE Digital Skills 1 Mar 21 (64.63KB)</a>
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## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Miss Ballantyne has created another grid of activities for all the family to take part in this summer.

[Cedarbank Family Activity Grid 2021 \(328.11KB\)](#)

We wish Miss B lots of Cedarbank luck as she leaves us to have her baby. Since last Easter Miss B has been making cooking videos for us and she has made one final one for us all to enjoy. The staff and pupils will miss you Miss B. See you at Easter!



Episode 4 Mac cheese from Payne Films on Vimeo.

Miss Ballantyne has created a number of craft projects that you can try at home.

- [Jellyfish Plush Toy \(729.62KB\)](#)
- [Rock & Roll Snails \(3.39MB\)](#)
- [Outdoor Learning Bags \(2.28MB\)](#)





## Virtual Events

The events of this year have meant that we have had to do a lot of things differently, however this does not mean they haven't happened. From our Virtual Christmas Fayre to Virtual Pantomimes to Assemblies through Teams, not forgetting Virtual Open Days and Virtual Parents/Carers Evenings and even a Virtual Awards Ceremony we have strived to keep things as normal as we could in these extraordinary times.

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 12 Nov 2020  
56 pupils working hard to create items for our adult Christmas Survival Bags and kids Christmas Lucky Bags which will be on sale at the Virtual Fayre. 🎄  
@LoveWestLothian @ArmadaleAcademy



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 10 Nov 2020  
2C prepared some decorated candles for our Virtual Christmas Fayre. They'll look fabulous once they're finished. @LoveWestLothian @wldigilearn



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 2 Nov 2020  
We had our second whole school assembly this morning via Teams to announce our virtual Christmas Fayre. So much excitement in Cedarbank School!!! @LoveWestLothian @wldigilearn



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 13 Jan  
S1 were busy reviewing our school pantomime yesterday for @ASDANeducation. Lots of different views and opinions. @LoveWestLothian



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 18 Dec 2020  
We have a winner!!!!!! Congratulations to this S1 pupil who won the pupil Christmas Cake competition. We hope that your family thoroughly enjoyed devouring your masterpiece. @LoveWestLothian #pedagofriday



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 7 Dec 2020  
On the sixth @Sway of Christmas, Cedarbank had for sale: Christmas Stockings Handmade by 2A and 1B sway.office.com/3pt8tC3G9GzNo4... Available to order at cedarbankschool.westlothian.org.uk/article/65960/...



Christmas Stockings Handmade by 2A and 1B  
Our handmade festive stockings are for sale for the bargain price of £1.50! These can be ordered in red, green or black. Designs may vary. @sway.office.com

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 4 Mar  
Well done to these pupils who have fully embraced #WorldBookDay by coming to school as their favourite book character. @LoveWestLothian @wl\_literacy



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 10 Dec 2020  
It was our Christmas lunch yesterday and everyone thoroughly enjoyed their Turkey, steak pie or vegetable lasagne. Not quite the usual madness of Cedarbank's Christmas lunch but we all still had a great time. @LoveWestLothian



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 4 Mar  
S1 - S3 pupils who are in school will be coming home today with Science Packs for British Science Week. Further information is in the letter which has been emailed home. Pupils who are remote learning received their Science Packs last week as part of their remote learning packs.

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 27 Nov 2020  
Forget Black Friday! Cedarbank School is delighted to announce that our first ever virtual Christmas Fayre is now live on our website. The pupils of Cedarbank School look forward to receiving your orders before the 11th December! Thank you! cedarbankschool.westlothian.org.uk/article/65960/...

## Skills Based Courses

In order to enhance our senior phase curriculum we have partnered with other organisations to deliver skills based courses where appropriate.

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 1 Jun  
Today at **hard** landscaping our pupils worked so **hard** even though it was very sunny and hot. Moving and laying those slabs is not an easy job!!!! #dedication #perseverance @LoveWestLothian @WestLoCollege



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 12 Nov 2020  
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Our Senior pupils showed fabulous teamwork and communication yesterday at their **Hard** Landscaping Course. Keep up the **hard** work everyone!! @LoveWestLothian @WLC DYW @DYWWestLothian @WestLoCollege



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 2 Dec 2020  
First day at **Lardercooking** today for this S5 pupil and she loved it!!!!!! She rated her day a 20 out of 10 🍷🍷 @LoveWestLothian @DYWWestLothian @WLC DYW #skills



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**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 16 Dec 2020  
Congratulations to these two amazing young ladies who received Pupil of the Month Awards for November and December from @Lardercooking. Well done and keep up the hard work! @LoveWestLothian @DYWWestLothian @WLC DYW #skills #proudforyou #rolemodels





# STEM

This academic year we have been highlighting the relevance of STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths) and what impact it has on our everyday lives. We joined in the very first national Young STEM Leadership week in October. All S1-S3 students took part in this award, developing their leadership, creative and inspirational skills.



# Sport and Fitness

One of the areas of the curriculum most affected by restrictions has been Physical Education. From a ban on travelling to events, to the necessity of moving it outside (in all weathers!) Despite this we have still taken part in virtual competitions with other Lothian schools and continued to offer different experiences to our pupils.





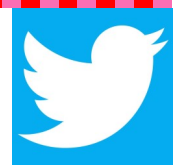
# ASDAN

ASDAN qualifications allow our pupils to achieve in different ways to the traditional academic subjects. From Gold, Silver and Bronze awards to our animal care and roadwise courses, our pupils all complete challenges and reflect on their efforts.

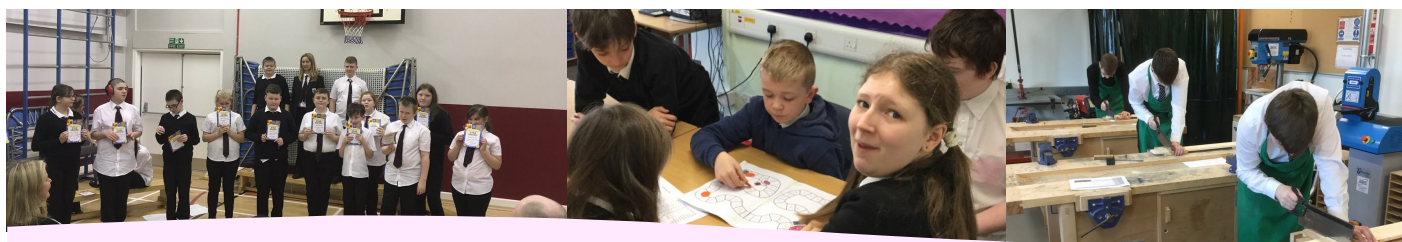


## Reminder

Despite all the difficulties of the year, I hope you can see all the fabulous work our pupils have take part in. Make sure you sign up to twitter to keep up to date throughout the year—follow @cedarbankschool



Enjoy your holidays. We will see you all back on the 17 August.



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