



# Cedarbank School

## Newsletter

December  
2022



### Head Teacher's News

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Merry Christmas! 2022 has been a significant year for Cedarbank as we finally joined together as one school community in our beautiful new building. Our learners and staff have enjoyed getting to know each other again while also warmly welcoming the two new S1 classes into Cedarbank. For the first time in many years, we have been able to establish a full Pupil council, have regular assemblies, whole school events and excursions which have brought connection, learning opportunities and enjoyment to all.

Community links and partnerships has been an area of focus for us this term. Our partnership with James Young High School has developed, enabling learners from both schools to extend their options and learning opportunities. Our new partnership with Livingston Designer Outlet has allowed us increased learning spaces, opportunities for learning in context, support for our Parent and Carol singing events and work experience opportunities. This session, many of your children have also benefited from work with Ponies Help Children, Personal Best, the Larder, Kids Gone Wild and Firefly Arts. Our senior pupils have enjoyed work experience across the community, courses at West Lothian College and some been involved with local projects such as Hard Landscaping, the Walled Garden and Bo'ness and Kinneil railway. Our partnerships enrich our curriculum making learning relevant and enjoyable for our young people.

We were particularly proud to receive the Children In Scotland "Success Looks Different Award" and the silver Rights Respecting Schools Award in early November. We look forward to further developing pupil voice and celebrating the individual successes of our young people into next term.

We also need to extend our sincere thanks to the Parent Council who managed to secure funding for the recent bowling trip and have recently been successful in a bid to support finance for the residential school camp. The invitation to come along to our next Parent Council meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm is warmly extended to you all.

We wish you all a Christmas break filled with laughter and good health. We look forward to welcoming back your children on the 9<sup>th</sup> of January.

Merry Christmas and Best Wishes to you all for the New Year.

Mrs Carol McDonald

*Mrs Carol McDonald*



# Outdoor Learning

We enjoy learning outdoors in a variety of subject areas and through Personal Achievement Awards. Our garden, the surrounding woodland, and the Froggy Pond give us lots of opportunities to take our learning outdoors.

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 22h  
The birds really need our help in winter when the trees are bare. The Animal Care class made more food strings for them this morning and a hungry robin visited straight away! @RSPBScotland

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 2 Dec  
This pupil has seen and learned about lots of birds on his visits to the pond this week #wellbeing #dailymile

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 13 Dec  
3A visited a local pond in Outdoor Learning to investigate the difficulties wildlife has in the cold and how animals adapt on winter #winterywalks @LoveOutdoorLeat

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 29 Nov  
It was chilly out at break time...Great times with friends and looking at how beautiful nature is 🍁 #lovethenature

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 23 Nov  
The S4 Animal Care class made eco-friendly bird feeders this morning to help out our feathered friends as the weather gets colder @ASDANeducation #weoveanimals

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 18 Nov  
This pupil worked really hard earlier this week (before the rain!) to get the picnic tables painted before the winter. Good job!! @DYWWestLothian @WLCDYW #skillsforwork

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 7 Nov  
This pupil received a praise postcard for showing a respectful and responsible attitude when volunteering to clean up the school playground at lunchtime #responsiblecitizens

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 3 Nov  
Outdoor classroom day today...lovely to see the sunshine and pupils enjoying time outside as part of learning....#learningoutside

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 15 Nov  
1A have been enjoying the last of autumn outside #autumn #wellbeingoutdoors

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 3 Nov  
2A enjoying Outdoor Classroom Learning day while doing some numeracy #numeracy #activelearning #learningoutdoors

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 27 Oct  
It is the 50th Anniversary of The Woodland Trust. To celebrate we planted 2 apples trees - this pupil champions apple trees. She brought in some apples from her own apple tree 🍏🍏 Gorgeous autumnal sky today...perfect for calm thinking and quiet times @WoodlandTrust #thisisff

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 21 Oct  
These pupils from 2B had great fun during Outdoor Learning this week. They planted tulips, collected and identified different leaves and enjoyed a spot of forest bathing in our local woodland. Look at those smley faces 😊 #learningoutdoors @LoveWestLothian

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 26 Aug  
The Rural Skills class have set up a wormery to turn our school organic waste into nutrient rich compost to help grow healthier plants - with the help of our Eisenia Fetida worms #learningoutdoors #sustainablelearning @LoveWestLothian

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 25 Oct  
S3 pupils planting Daffodil bulbs and looking forward to the Spring #learningoutdoors



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 19 Oct  
 The NPA Horticulture class learned about the mythological origins of Halloween. We learned that a pumpkin is actually a fruit because anything that starts from a flower is botanically a fruit. We looked at the progress of our own pumpkin plants that are being overwintered.

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 3 Oct  
 It is sustainability week here at Cedarbank. We are learning about how to care for our planet better, now and in the future, and developing our skills along the way #Sustainableliving #thisisLFS #TimeforLFS #gtcsifs @LoveWestLothian

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 6 Sep  
 Building a cloche - or cover - for plants out of recycled plastic tubs which a pupil saved all last year! Brilliant recycling. Lots of skills developed today #thinkingskills #groupwork #problemsolving

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 29 Sep  
 S2 and S3 enjoyed a trip to Burntisland yesterday. Lots of fresh air and running around - what a great day! Look out for more photos to come! @LoveWestLothian #wellbeing #lovethenoutdoors #healthyminds #freshair

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 23 Sep  
 1A looking for bugs and bees in their wider achievement class #learningoutdoors #freshair #wellbeing

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 22 Sep  
 The 'frogateers' discussed the differences between frogs and toads...this toad helped #learningoutdoors #nature

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 15 Sep  
 Always on the lookout for wildlife 🐛🐝 #learningoutdoors #freshair #wellbeing

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 9 Sep  
 Our sunflowers are looking fabulous and providing late summer energy for the bees. The rural skills class have made watering bottles with sprinkle lids to water them when nature is not sending downpours our way! #sustainability #lookafterplanet

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 8 Sep  
 1/2B enjoyed a 'staycation' during Outdoor Learning. They worked together and managed to stay dry by building their own shelter #learningoutdoors #rainydays

# Digital Skills

Using digital technologies to enhance and support learning is key at Cedarbank. Our pupils use digital skills throughout the curriculum as well as dedicated digital skills lessons. We are delighted to have received the Digital Skills Award recognising our work in this area.

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 15 Dec  
 Pupils S1-S3 have had great fun completing Hour of Code activities this week as part of National Computing Science week. #hourofcode @wildgilearn @lovewestlothian

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 5 Dec  
 2B busy practicing their coding skills using Scratch #wildgilearn

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 13 Dec  
 2A have been doing more Online Safety work using CEOP resources. We have had lots of important discussions and learned a lot @CEOPUK #onlinesafety #responsiblecitizens

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 26 Oct  
 The National French class were using digital skills to record voice overs practising the topic of 'house and home' @scottishcit #languageskills #mfl

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 4 Nov  
 Look at this amazing presentation that this learner has made about Dubai! Well done 🙌 #successfullerners

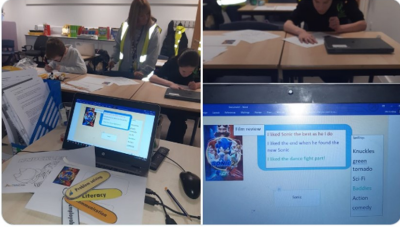
**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 2 Sep  
 S1 have been busy setting up their devices. We are looking forward to lots of exciting digital learning opportunities #digitallarning



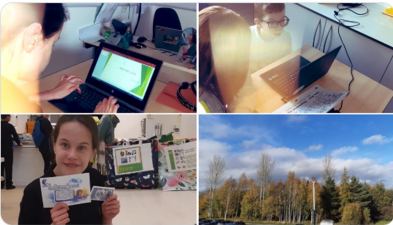
# Wider Achievement

ASDAN qualifications allow our pupils to achieve in different ways to the traditional academic subjects. Along with other qualifications such as the John Muir Award and the Blue Peter Green Badge we can offer our pupils even more opportunities.

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 15 Nov  
1A completed a film review in their ASDAN Personal Development class. They obviously loved seeing Sonic the Hedgehog 2 on Friday at the cinema 🍿 @ASDANeducation #literacyskills



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 8 Nov  
1A created amazing PowerPoints about John Muir today! They know that he was born in 1838 and also loved being outdoors. We think John Muir would have loved the view from Cedarbank today 🌲🍃 Praise postcards and Money Week "CedarBucks" were awarded to all! 🙌 @JohnMuirTrust



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 17 Nov  
As part of their John Muir Award, these learners from 1A were drawing with burnt wood (otherwise known as charcoal). Inspired by artist Angie Lewin, whose designs are based on the natural world, they created these fabulous botanical drawings of plants and seeds #creativity



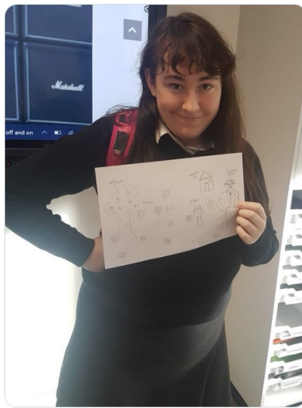
**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 31 Oct  
Halloween fun outside today making miniature lanterns #learningisfun



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 10 Nov  
The Animal Care classes have been looking at how animals were - and still are - used in wartime. We made purple poppies which are used to remember all the animals who lost their lives #theyalsoserved



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 9 Nov  
This pupil designed a sustainable garden, complete with a statue of her favourite singer! #thisisifs



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 19 Oct  
The S4 Animal Care class did some research into hedgehogs. This morning they made this great hedgehog shelter in the woods to hopefully home a hibernating hedgehog this winter. @learningoutdoors @asdan #caringforwildlife



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 5 Oct  
Our pupils work hard in the school garden sowing, planting, growing, digging and watering #learningoutdoors #thisisifs



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 10 Nov  
After weeks of work this 2B pupil finally completed his Lego mansion! Well done - it looks amazing!! #personalachievement #perseverance



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 10 Nov  
A big thank you to this Animal Care pupil for cleaning out the fish tank filter! A job that no one likes!! #careforanimals



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 16 Nov  
2a competed against each other in a marshmallow-spaghetti tower challenge for their ASDAN award @ASDANeducation #teamwork #problemsolving



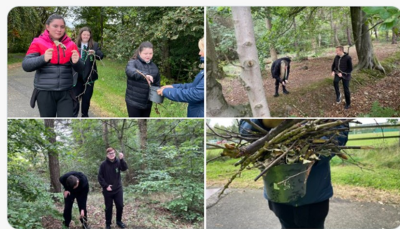
**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 4 Oct  
Our garden here at Cedarbank has provided lots of produce and we're all set for making our own chutney this week. Our wormery is well established now and will be ready for next year's planting #sustainability #learningoutdoors #thisisifs #timeforifs



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 27 Sep  
3B beginning their gardening short course. Exploring and finding weeds in our outdoor area #learningoutdoors @ASDANeducation



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 28 Sep  
The Animal Care class started collecting materials to make a hedgehog shelter. Watch this space! @ASDANeducation #lookafterourplanet #learningoutdoors





# Literacy

Our focus on literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing throughout the curriculum enables our pupils to see connections between the subjects and the value of these areas of the curriculum. Literacy is the ability to read, write, speak and listen in a way that lets us communicate effectively and make sense of the world. This happens not just in English, but other languages as well.

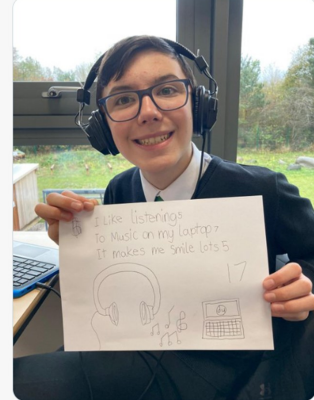
**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 6 Dec  
This pupil is making great progress with his reading comprehension. It's also a special day. Happy Birthday!! 🎂 #successfuller learners #succeesveryday



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 2 Dec  
'Fun French Friday' out and about on their winter walks - bon weekend! @LoveWestLothian



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 7 Nov  
Look at this amazing Haiku poem - well done 🌟 #creativity #haiku



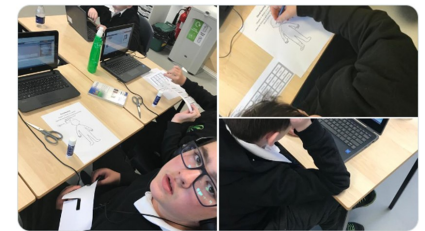
**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 7 Oct  
Some BGE pupils celebrating both National Poetry Day and Autumnwatch in our lovely school garden #learningoutdoors #autumn @WinwChamps



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 28 Oct  
This pupil has had a great week in National English and Music. Keep up the great work 🙌 @successfuller learners



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 2 Nov  
Members of 2A each chose the approach that suited them best when recording information about a character in English today. Well done to them for making choices about their learning! #literacy #personalisationandchoice



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 30 Sep  
A great finale to Languages week with a French breakfast 🍷 @scottishcilt @LoveWestLothian



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 26 Sep  
Ready to celebrate Languages Week 🇫🇷



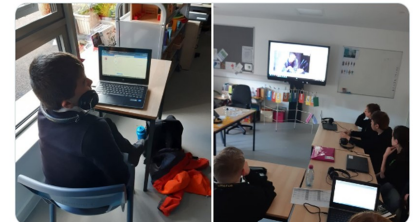
**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 29 Sep  
These young linguists designed a quiz about France as part of Languages Week @scottishcilt #successfuller learners



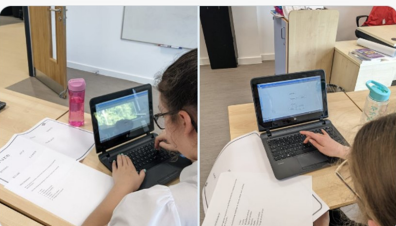
**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 28 Sep  
Miss Ballantyne's classes have been focusing on Languages week and have made some delicious French food like waffles, French toast and potato dauphinoise. Yum! 🍷 @scottishcilt #skillsforlifeandwork



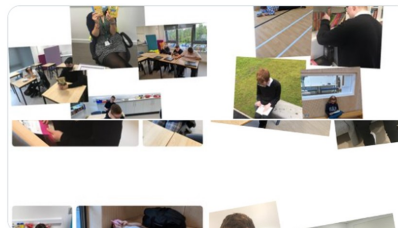
**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 12 Sep  
1A learning about Shakespeare this afternoon #literacy #successfuller learners



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 5 Sep  
S2 are learning to plan their work using Clicker planning boards. This is brilliant to support their literacy and organisational skills. Well done! #digigen #digitalskills #wldigilearn



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 8 Sep  
Pupils and staff enjoyed taking part in Reading Hour this afternoon. Everyone chose different books to enjoy #ReadHourUK #internationaliteracyday @LoveWestLothian #literacy



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 5 Sep  
Superb solo drama masterclass of The Tempest by one of our S3 pupils 🌟 #confidentindividuals #shakespeareinaction





**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 26 Aug  
 These S2 pupils showed enthusiasm and ambition in their language learning this week so they were awarded: Etoiles de la semaine! Fantastique! #1plus2WLC @scottishcilt



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 19 Aug  
 French Fun Friday! Learning numbers outside in our lovely garden #learningoutside #activelearning



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 19 Aug  
 BGE English pupils are beginning a unit of work on an adaptation of 'The Tempest' by Shakespeare. Some pupils have been imagining and describing being in a wooden ship in a storm. Look out for high waves, ships, magical islands and even lightning! @LoveWestLothian #creativity



# Numeracy

Numbers are all around us and the ability to understand, reason with, and to apply simple numerical concepts is used in every subject throughout the curriculum. Our pupils engage in numeracy in many different ways at Cedarbank, not just with textbooks and jotters.

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 29 Sep  
 S1 have had great fun taking part in the Sumdog Maths week challenge! #mathsweekscotland



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 18 Aug  
 s4 took their maths lesson outdoors today - consolidating fraction work @LoveWestLothian #learningoutdoors #numeracy



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 7 Oct  
 A massive thank you to 3C who helped put together these art packs for every student in school. They showed great teamwork and communication skills to complete the task. @MathsWeekScot #MathsWeekScot



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 16 Dec  
 This group had to put their numeracy and quick-thinking skills to use - just a 'little' bit of competition going on! #numeracy



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 11 Nov  
 Members of 3B enjoyed spending Cedarbank Bucks as part of #MoneyWeek! We loved our goodies! Thanks!



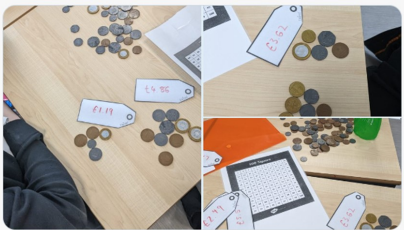
**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 10 Nov  
 Pupils have been earning 'Cedarbucks' during #moneyweek this week. The shop in Cedarbank is now ready for pupils to swap their Cedarbucks! Wow....look at the choice!! Thank you to our senior helpers!



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 7 Nov  
 Our pupils showed great creativity and imagination when designing a bank note for money week. Here are some of the wonderful designs #moneyweek #numeracy



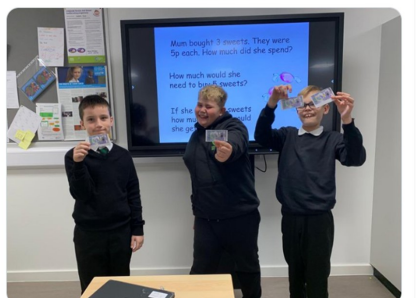
**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 28 Oct  
 2A are getting really confident at counting money. Today, they have been finding different combinations of coins to make totals within £10. Well done S2! Brilliant problem solving and numeracy skills #problemsolving #money #skillsforlife #numeracy



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 1 Nov  
 1A science class took a break outside and did an adding game #numeracyinaction #learningoutdoors



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 8 Nov  
 IB's RE lesson began with a Maths starter competition today in honour of Maths Week. They winners love their Cedarbank banknotes and will spend them wisely at our shop 🏪✖️+ #mathsweek



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 3 Nov  
 2A enjoying Outdoor Classroom Learning day while doing some numeracy #numeracy #activelearning #learningoutdoors





# Health and Wellbeing

Health and wellbeing are important to every individual, not just physical health but mental health and wellbeing as well. In addition to our core PE sessions, we have opportunities to attend partners in the community, and we have dedicated time set aside in the senior phase to study mental health and wellbeing.

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 5 Dec  
 This pupil had her final competition of 2022 at the weekend and did amazingly again!!  
 Overall Champion, trophy 🏆 and gold medal 🥇  
 🏆 Gold Beam  
 🏆 Gold Floor  
 🏆 Gold Vault  
 🏆 Gold Bars @LoveWestLothian #talentedgymnast #achievement



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 22 Nov  
 This learner is making lots of progress with his archery skills  
 #confidentindividuals



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 16 Nov  
 Senior phase archery - their aim is amazing!! @WlhwChamps  
 #activeparticipation



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 4 Nov  
 The Nat 4 PE group enjoying their archery class @WlhwChamps  
 @activeschools



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 10 Nov  
 Kindness at its best. This pupil received lovely flowers and a card from another pupil to make her smile 😊 #bekind #wellbeing  
 #lookaftereachother



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 14 Nov  
 1B did an outstanding job leading this morning's assembly on what helps us to be safe and healthy #confidentindividuals



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 3 Nov  
 We were so proud of our 30 pupils who braved the rain to attend the West Lothian Cross Country Championships yesterday. They all did great! #RRSA  
 @WlhwChamps @activeschools



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 2 Nov  
 Pupil versus teacher at table tennis in PE - Mr Cox had some serious competition! @WlhwChamps



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 26 Oct  
 Lovely lunchtime smiles! The roast beef was popular today 😊 #friendship



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 24 Oct  
 S1 pupils having a great PE lesson whilst demonstrating article 31 - I have a right to relax and play #RRS



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 13 Sep  
 S2 pupils enjoying a friendly game of hockey in P.E. @WlhwChamps  
 #activelearning #teamwork



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 7 Oct  
 A fun game of basketball in PE yesterday 🏀 @WlhwChamps



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 26 Sep  
 We welcomed the dental nurse team to our s1 to 3 assembly today. Tooth brushing practice galore! Everyone will have a toothbrush in school from tomorrow....big smiles all round 😊 @LoveWestLothian #wellbeing  
 #lookafteryourteeth



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 27 Sep  
 Miss Hart's Wellbeing class had a very fun, competitive game of Dobble to end the day. #thinkingskills #agileminds #healthycompetition



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 3 Oct  
 The Tree Wellbeing café was full of life this afternoon #autumnappreciation #creativity



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 30 Aug  
 Last week, the Wellbeing class created their own jigsaws of things that made them happy. We had a great time putting together each other's puzzles! @LoveWestLothian

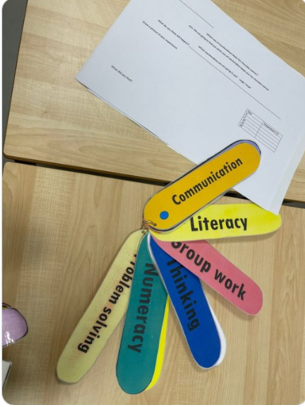




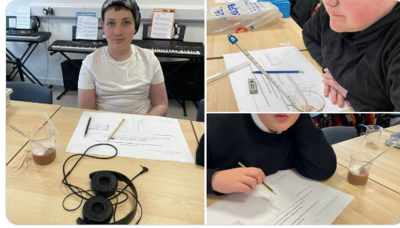
# STEAM

STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) are highlighted throughout the session with the Young STEM Leaders award and events such as Maths Week and DeSTEAMber.

**Cedarbank School @CedarbankSchool · 20h**  
More important scientific hot chocolate research. This time, the size of marshmallow was being investigated. 1A found that big marshmallows would keep hot chocolate hotter for longer compared to small ones. Although we think they might make more tricky to drink! #activelearning



**Cedarbank School @CedarbankSchool · 16 Dec**  
2A pupil have carried out some important research this morning. They found that adding marshmallows to your hot chocolate cools it down quicker than no marshmallows. ❄️



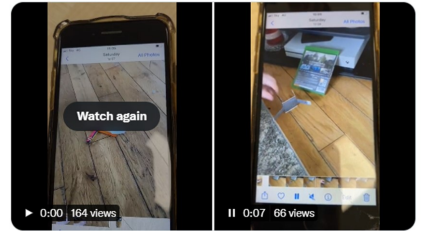
**Cedarbank School @CedarbankSchool · 20h**  
1A have been learning about the animals that live in the polar regions. They have made some marvellous models of which animals live in each region. They look great - well done 🐻 #polaranimals #activelearning



**Cedarbank School @CedarbankSchool · 6 Dec**  
N2 science in the environment have been learning about the properties of different materials. Today they were using wood to construct a bridge. Look how strong they made it! Well done 🌳 #successfullearners #activelearning



**Cedarbank School @CedarbankSchool · 7 Dec**  
This pupil filmed some of his #CedarbankDeSTEAMber activities - they look amazing! #stem #steam



**Cedarbank School @CedarbankSchool · 12 Dec**  
Wow! We have really loved seeing all the #CedarbankDeSTEAMber activities that you have been doing. Thank you for sharing all that you have been doing 😊 #STEM #DeSTEAMber



**Cedarbank School @CedarbankSchool · 3 Nov**  
Class 2A enjoyed their STEM morning. We made boats from recycled materials and sailed them on our nearby pond. 2 boats stood up to the weight of 100g of sugar Winners! 🏆 A few capsized but they won't next year as we've learned some good STEM tips from our trial! @YoungSTEMLeader



**Cedarbank School @CedarbankSchool · 9 Nov**  
This learner was working hard in science today experimenting with how to make a balloon rise up... good job 🎈 #successfullearners



**Cedarbank School @CedarbankSchool · 3 Nov**  
3C made some brilliant boats this afternoon for the #YoungSTEMLeaderWeek challenge. One design held 14 toy cars! So many different ideas and designs #teamwork #creativity



**Cedarbank School @CedarbankSchool · 12 Sep**  
S1 have been making chromatography flowers in their Sciences class. They have used many skills to make these flowers which look so lovely. Well done folks 🌸



**Cedarbank School @CedarbankSchool · 10 Nov**  
1B had great fun following 1A's lesson on how to make chromatography flowers. The instructions were easy to follow and allowed us to make beautiful science flowers. Thank you 1A - from 1B science #activelearning #teamwork #learningfromeachother



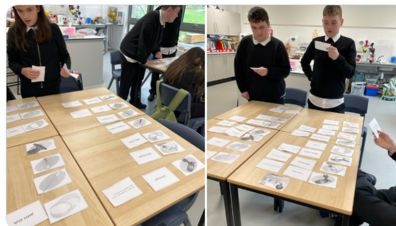
**Cedarbank School @CedarbankSchool · 3 Nov**  
S1A designed boats out of recycled materials this morning. We focused on making sure they could float and how much weight they could carry #YoungSTEMLeaders. Great problem solving and teamwork!! #skills #thisisits



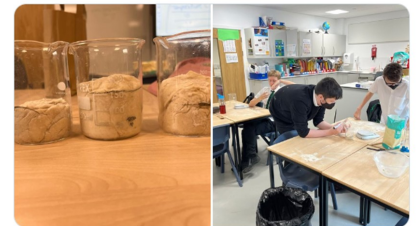
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N2 and N4 Science class created a song and movements to help learn where their different organs are in their body @LoveWestLothian #activelearning #creativelearning



**Cedarbank School @CedarbankSchool · 31 Aug**  
3A showing great team work skills to complete matching science equipment pictures with what it is used for. Lots of discussion and listening to each others' ideas #teamwork



**Cedarbank School @CedarbankSchool · 27 Oct**  
N4/N5 Chemistry class investigating temperature and the fermentation reaction when baking bread #chemed #chemistry #skillsforwork





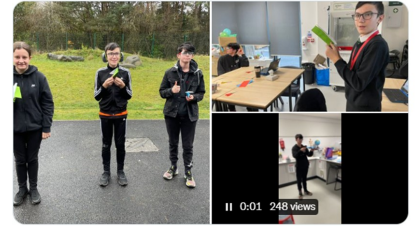
**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 2 Nov  
S1A had lots of fun this morning exploring the future of transport for #youngstemleaders week. We used our listening and problem solving skills to follow the instructions to make rockets and had a brilliant time launching them!



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 1 Nov  
S1A talked about food webs this morning as part of #YoungStemLeadership week. Lots of #communication and #problemsolving solving today in class



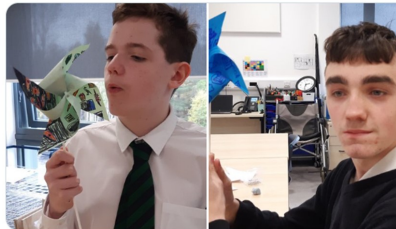
**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 2 Nov  
Space rocket launchers for today's #YoungSTEMLeaderWeek activity. So much discussion and sharing of ideas to make the launchers work, lots of questions and trying different materials. Such a pleasure to see our YSLs develop their #skills #confidentindividuals



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 1 Nov  
3C did a fab job looking at different food chains today, building an arctic food web showing how the living things are linked as part of today's #YoungSTEMLeaderWeek challenge #activelearning



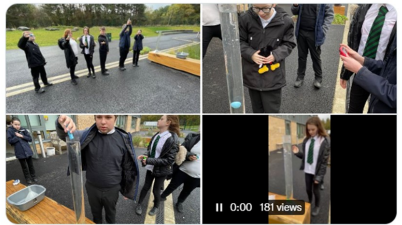
**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 31 Oct  
Some Senior Phase learners in Art and Design put the STEAM into STEM when they were creating their own pin wheels powered by wind energy! @YoungSTEMLeader



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 31 Oct  
1A were set the challenge by 1B to find out which shape would be best for a submarine. 1B - thank you for creating such a great activity! #YoungSTEMLeader #activelearning



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 31 Oct  
1A were set the challenge by 1B to find out which shape would be best for a submarine. 1B - thank you for creating such a great activity! #YoungSTEMLeader #activelearning



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 31 Oct  
3C started #YoungSTEMLeaderWeek by making pinwheels. We learnt about different energy sources and then tried making our own wind powered devices. By moving and facing different directions they got their pinwheels to move at different speeds #activelearning



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 27 Oct  
Our BGE students have been getting ready for Young STEM Leader week #YoungSTEMLeaderWeek They are excited to share the different activities they have been getting ready to lead next week. Can you guess some of the challenges and investigations they have planned?



## Technologies and Social Subjects

Technologies including Digital Skills, Craft and Design, and Food Tech; along with social subjects give us a fuller curriculum and allow our pupils to use different skills and enhance their knowledge in different areas.

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 5 Oct  
As part of sustainability week, some S2 pupils helped Miss Ballantyne make chutney with fruit and vegetables that were grown in our school garden #sustainability #thisislife #timefortis #gtcsifs



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 16 Sep  
NPA bakery pupils were working on their creative skills to make a fancy focaccia using lots of different vegetables to display a picture. Lots of lovely flower scenes today #skillsforlearninglifeandwork #successfullearners #creativity



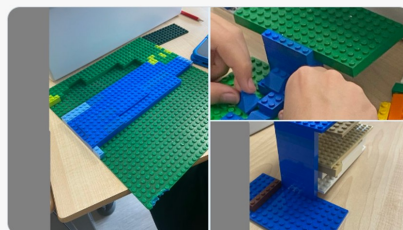
**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 14 Sep  
S3 Geography made cardboard hills to help them understand contour lines on maps #activelearning



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 9 Sep  
S2 pupils have been practising their sawing skills in CDT - great job!! #skills #creativity #activelearning @WLCDYW



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 6 Sep  
S3 making waterfalls showing hard and soft rock using Lego in Geography this morning @LoveWestLothian #activelearning

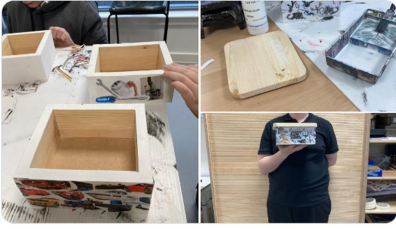


**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 1 Sep  
Pupils in hospitality were making fish pie using the cookery process of poaching #skillsforlearninglifeandwork





**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 23 Nov  
2a finishing off their boxes in CDT - good job! #cdtskills



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 29 Nov  
1A made delicious cakes this morning - they smelled delicious!!! #homebaking #skillsforlearninglifeandwork



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 22 Nov  
1A HFT made home made sausage rolls this morning - they smelled and looked delicious!! #homecooking #skillsforlearninglifeandwork



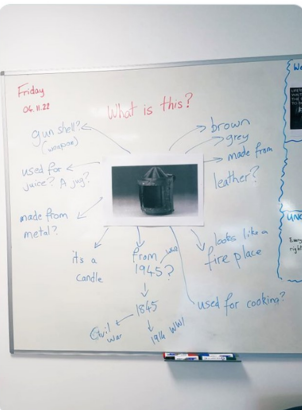
**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 7 Nov  
This pupil received a praise postcard for drawing a map so that we don't get lost when we go to the cinema later this week. Amazing skills used to create this from memory. Well done! #effectivecontributors



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 6 Oct  
S1 pupils making homemade chicken nuggets. They learnt the process of coating and the prevention of cross contamination. They also got to choose from different spices to add to their breadcrumbs. Well done! #independence #skillsforlearninglifeandwork



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 4 Nov  
1B Social Subjects used excellent thinking skills today in looking at this object - a lantern belonging to Guy Fawkes! #thinkingskills #problemsolving



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 7 Dec  
Senior pupils cooking up a storm in HFT this afternoon - pasta bolognese which smells amazing! #skillsforlife



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 28 Nov  
Senior Phase CDT pupils with their amazing side tables - very impressive!! @WLCDYW @DYWWestLothian #skillsforlearninglifeandwork



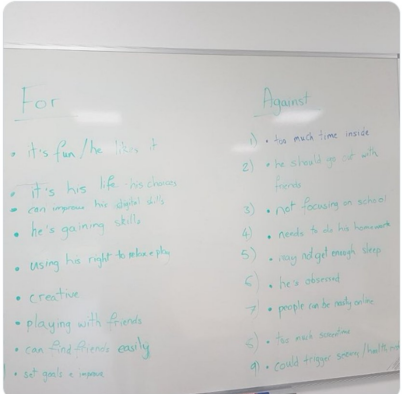
**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 7 Nov  
S1 pupils making their own Cedarbank version of a McDonald's Big Mac! They had such great fun! @WLCDYW #hospitality #cooking



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 27 Oct  
2A have worked really hard in their CDT class - well done! @WLCDYW #skillsforlearninglifeandwork



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 30 Aug  
S3 Modern Studies have been discussing gaming and were tasked to come up with arguments for and against gaming for 8 hours a day... Miss Hart was very impressed with their arguments. What do YOU think?



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 1 Dec  
This learner was very proud to show us the amazing bookcase, clock and wooden heart that he made in CDT - very well done! @WLCDYW #skillsforlearninglifeandwork



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 14 Dec  
The 2A class picking up their decoupage boxes from CDT today - what an amazing job they have all done! #successfultcitizens



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 7 Nov  
Last week, the NPA bakery class and S3 were working on their magical creations to make a Halloween cake. Amazing job! #cakedecorating



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 21th  
It's wonderful having access to digital tools in the Expressive Arts department. These S3 pupils are learning to understand digital layers when drawing with Apple pencils @wldgilearn



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 24 Aug  
S2 pupils in Social Subjects were learning about prehistoric people. They were inspired by cave paintings and drew their own on the school yard #learningoutdoors #creativelearning



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 14 Nov  
S2 pupils enjoying playing 'Dictator Top Trumps' in Social Subjects. #Thinkingskills #problemsolving





# Expressive Arts

One of the great strengths of Cedarbank is our ability to encourage and help our pupils to flourish in ways other than the traditional 'academic' subjects. Through the expressive arts our pupils demonstrate they are confident individuals, successful learners, responsible citizens, and effective contributors.

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 13 Dec  
Our Photography pupils are now becoming really pro and taking pupil portraits. Say cheese!! [@WLCDYW](#) [#skillsforlearninglifeandwork](#)



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 28 Nov  
Excellent hand-eye coordination and fine motor control from learners of 1B today in Textiles. They were racing ahead with running stitch in learning hand sewing techniques [#motorskills](#) [#textiles](#)



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 7 Dec  
These learners in 1B look like young surgeons with their focus on threading needles and sewing beneath a magnifying lamp! [#creativity](#) [#skillsforlearninglifeandwork](#)



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 1 Dec  
National Music students working hard on their performances [@LoveWestLothian](#)



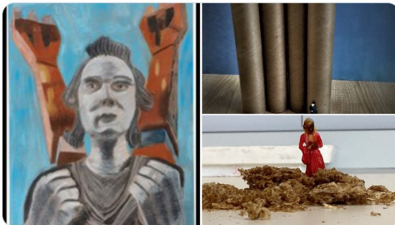
**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 30 Nov  
This S3 learner in Textiles has thought about sustainability and will repurpose these jeans to make a cushion cover. We are really looking forward to seeing his progress as the cushion will be personalised EMO style [#thisisifs](#) [#sustainability](#)



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 16 Nov  
This S4 learner is enjoying the process of monoprinting in Art and Design. He is exploring a new creative technique which can sometimes bring very unexpected mark making [#creativity](#) [@DYWestLothian](#) [#skillsforlearninglifeandwork](#)



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 28 Nov  
As part of this year's 16 Days of Action raising awareness of Gender Based Violence, West Lothian Council are hosting an art exhibition at Howden Park Centre until 12th December. We have 3 artworks on display by pupils in S6, S4 and S3 [@LoveWestLothian](#) [@HowdenPark](#) [#creativity](#)



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 10 Nov  
The National Music class enjoyed a performance from Ms Sharp learning about different types of Scottish Music [@LoveWestLothian](#) [#scottishmusic](#)



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 18 Nov  
We are having a one-day exhibition 'Adventures in DAPland' today to celebrate the photography project completed by S3 pupils. On display are their concertina books. Please look at our QR codes to see digital versions of the pupils' 'Sway' presentations [#digitalskills](#) [#photography](#)



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 14 Nov  
Fashion and Textiles learners are now down to the serious business of creating their Textiles. We are looking forward to seeing their construction skills in Textiles to create a variety of bags of their own design [#creativity](#) [#youngdesigners](#) [@DYWestLothian](#) [@WLCDYW](#)



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 3 Nov  
S1 have been learning about stringed instruments in music this week [@LoveWestLothian](#) [#confidentindividuals](#)



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 15 Nov  
This senior pupil received a praise postcard for fabulous singing in music today [#confidentindividuals](#)



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 16 Nov  
1B Working on their performing skills in music [#confidentindividuals](#)





**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 2 Nov  
 A Learner from 3C is enjoying his time in Fashion and Textiles. He has been consolidating some skills that he has used at home and is bringing his knowledge to the classroom. What a great first week he is having  
[#transferrableskills](#) @WLCDYW



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 1 Nov  
 We are so proud of the independence this young man is demonstrating in his Art and Design work [#independentlearners](#)



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 2 Nov  
 S1 we're given the Art homework task of creating a new creature by combining 2 animals together. This is one of their amazing designs of a Tiger-Sloth [#creativity](#)



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 28 Oct  
 Our National Music class gave a wee performance on the ukulele for some of their teachers - very well done on learning new chords 🎵 Can't wait for the next one!! [#confidentindividuals](#)



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 25 Oct  
 2A learning how to draw eyes for their unit on self portraits. They received an achievement award from Ms Galloway for their hard work [#successfulearners](#)



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 25 Oct  
 Budding young photographers in S6 were out on location today. Cedarbank School is in such a fantastic area for photography as it is surrounded by rural and urban environments...and a world renowned Skatepark [@LoveWestLothian](#) @DYWWestLothian @WLCDYW



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 21 Oct  
 We have a milliner in the making! This young person is learning techniques to form a hat from scratch [#successfulearners](#) @WLCDYW @DYWWestLothian



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 7 Oct  
 Camera, ready, action! These budding photographers were set a task to explore colour in the school. We hope one of them captured the beautiful rainbow from our ever changing seasonal weather [#creativity](#) [#independence](#) @WLCDYW



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 6 Oct  
 We enjoyed listening to the musical talents of this S1 pupil [#CBStotalent](#)



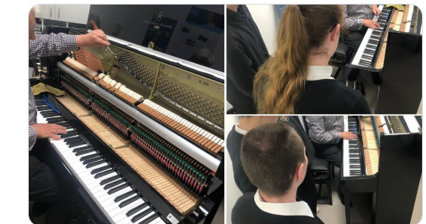
**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 3 Oct  
 This Art and Design learner is showing great confidence in his N5 Art and Design Expressive Unit. His cycling theme is very appropriate as Cedarbank School is focusing on 'Learning for Sustainability' this week [#successfulearners](#) [#sustainability](#)



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 24 Sep  
 3C Digital Art and Photography learners were on photoshoot for their Little People project. Some were involved in creating very inventive set designs. Young filmmakers in action... [@WLCDYW](#) [#skillsforlifework](#)



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 25 Aug  
 The National Music class was fascinated to see how a piano is tuned [@DYWWestLothian](#) @WLCDYW [#skillsforlearninglifework](#)



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 16 Sep  
 We are really proud of our Senior Phase Art and Design Learners. Here is a selection of their work so far this term [@LoveWestLothian](#) [#cedarbankstalent](#)



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 7 Sep  
 S6 pupil using design thinking when working on paper prototyping. Art and Design, Maths and Science all feature in this hat. Inspired by images on a microscopic scale, our young person has created shapes and forms with hexagons and bacteria [@LoveWestLothian](#) [#creativity](#)



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 21 Sep  
 We love the variety of work produced by our young people who create artwork which resonates with their own interests for their SQA awards [#skillsforlife](#) [#creativity](#)



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 29 Sep  
 2b working hard to complete their doodle pattern portraits [@LoveWestLothian](#)





# Learning with the Community

Learning with our community allows us to deepen the links made within subjects, helps with our Delivering the Young Workforce agenda, and include parents/carers and partner organisations in our learning. Whether it is utilising provisions off site or bringing partners in to the school, we welcome the opportunities provided for our community and hope we broaden the understanding of the needs of our pupils to others.





**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 31 Oct  
 A big thank you to @Morrisons, Livingston, from the horticulture class at Cedarbank School for the donation of mulching material #thisisLIS #timeforLIS #outdoorlearning #growyourownfood



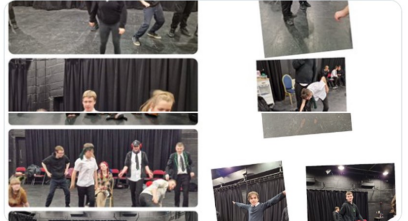
**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 20 Oct  
 Thank you to Livingston Shopping Centre for the use of this fabulous facility. The Wellbeing Parent/Carer group met here this afternoon to explore the use of Social Stories and exercises to support young people.



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 6 Oct  
 Thank you to Jim from @BAMConstructUK and the group of S3 pupils who set up our new bug hotel - and also to the Animal Care pupils who made some fabulous signs for it #thisisLIS #gtcsfs #sustainability #learningoutdoors



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 30 Sep  
 Senior pupils had a great afternoon at Howden Park Centre with @FireflyArts yesterday. Thanks to everyone involved. We all had a great time! #activelearning #confidentindividuals



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 13 Sep  
 The Hard Landscaping group were hard at work laying a new path today. Beautiful day to be working outside! @DYWWestLothian @LoveWestLothian #skillsforwork



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 22 Aug  
 Missey, Meadow and Misty getting thoroughly pampered this morning @Ponieshelp The smiles say it all! @LoveWestLothian



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 28 Oct  
 The Fashion and Textiles learners visited Hobbycraft today. They had the opportunity to sensory test fabrics and look at the origins and properties of a variety of textiles. All demonstrated great confidence and politeness when ordering their fabric at the checkout @WLCDYW



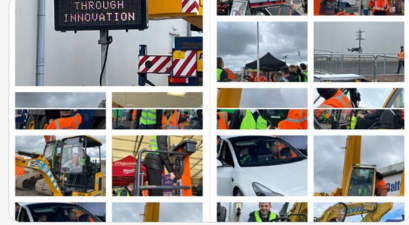
**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 6 Oct  
 The Larder group are making pasta today - and washing up of course! Buon appetito! @LarderTraining @LoveWestLothian @DYWWestLothian @WLCDYW



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 5 Oct  
 In our assembly today we welcomed a friend from Nigeria and our Morrison's Community Champion Jackie to compare seasonal fruits from Nigeria 🇳🇮 and Scotland 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿. We loved the colourful Nigerian clothing and the haggis crisps! Thank you 🙌 #eattheseasons #culturaldiversity



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 7 Sep  
 Senior pupils had a very interesting visit to Balfour Beatty in Shotts to find out how that are making the construction industry more sustainable #deliveringimprovementthroughinnovation @balfourbeatty @DYWWestLothian #sustainablecareers



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 30 Aug  
 The Hard Landscaping course started back today and are working hard! @LoveWestLothian @DYWWestLothian #skillsforlife



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 1 Sep  
 Staff celebrated the fantastic news that Cedarbank School has won the Success Looks Different Award for celebrating the success and achievements of all our young people!! #soproud @cisweb #inclusionambassadors @LoveWestLothian



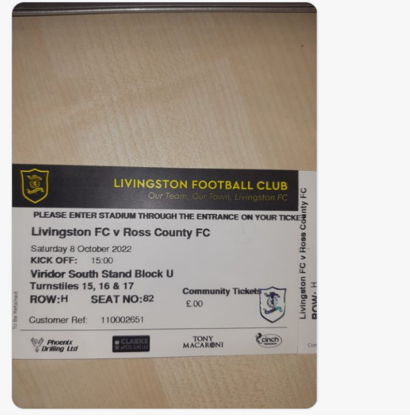
**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 27 Oct  
 Excellent listening skills in action @thelarder today and some delicious fruit loaf @WLCDYW #skillsforlifeandwork #confidentindividuals



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 26 Oct  
 Today we were so proud and happy to receive the Success Looks Different Award. The Pupil Council and Class Reps presented our values, we had a pupil piano recital, another pupil presented our praise postcards, the Frogateers and Green Gardeners did a tour of the outdoor area ...



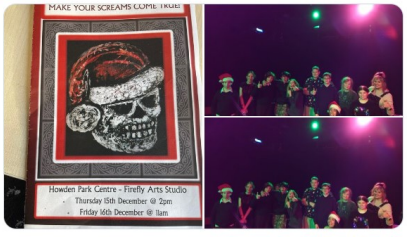
**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 4 Oct  
 Thank you Livingston football club...you have made 40 Cedarbank pupils and parents/carers very happy...hope Livingston win on Saturday!! @LivFCofficial



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 26 Sep  
 This learner had her art exhibition on this weekend.....amazing to see... Well done!! @WLCDYW @WLCDYW



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 20 Dec  
 We are so proud of all the pupils who performed in 'Make Your Screams Come True' @HowdenPark last week. What a fantastic performance! @FireflyArts





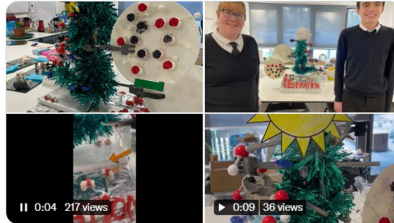
# Christmas Activities

Christmas is always a time of year that allows us to broaden our curriculum and engage our pupils in new and exciting activities. From enterprising activities in the lead up to our Christmas fayre, to helping out at the Christmas Fayre, to enjoying our Christmas lunch and (thanks to the efforts of the Parent's Council!) our Christmas Bowling Trip, our pupils leave for the holidays tired but contented.

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 14 Dec  
More photos of our delicious Christmas lunch today #christmas22



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 13 Dec  
Senior sciences class have been working on their entry #Chemistree #OChemistree making a double sided respiration and photosynthesis tree for the competition organised by @OChemistree #STEM



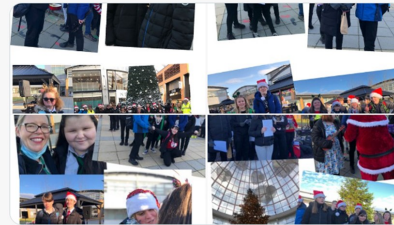
**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 14 Dec  
Staff and pupils all had a great time together at our Christmas lunch today #christmas22



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 10 Dec  
Some of the amazing stalls that were on offer at yesterday's Fayre #christmas22



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 7 Dec  
Thank you to our Senior Phase Carol singers for entertaining Livingston today 🎵🎶🎵🎶🎵🎶🎵🎶🎵🎶🎵🎶 What a great day! @WestLoCollege @McArthurGlenUK



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 9 Dec  
Thank you to everyone who was able to come along to our Christmas Fayre this afternoon. It was wonderful to be able to see you all in person once again! More photos coming over the next few days! @LoveWestLothian #christmas22



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 7 Dec  
Miss Hart's enterprise group making peppermint Christmas tree bath bombs to be sold at the Christmas Fayre @SEA\_Edu



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 6 Dec  
Some of the amazing raffle prizes all@wrapped up and ready for Friday's Fayre! #christmas22



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 7 Dec  
The Horticulture class have made Christmas tags and propagated spider plants to sell at the Christmas fayre #christmas22



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 29 Nov  
Craft in full swing...getting ready for the Christmas Fayre on the 9th of December. We hope to see lots of you there! #savethedate



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 28 Nov  
Great teamwork in 1a this morning making goodies for the Christmas fayre #teamwork #christmas



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 6 Dec  
Our Carol singers rehearsing for tomorrow's performances at @WestLoCollege and the shopping centre #carolsinging #christmascarols



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 4 Nov  
The Enterprise class have been hard at work over the past few weeks making snowglobes for the Christmas Fayre @SEA\_Edu #enterprise



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 28 Nov  
Wider Achievement class this afternoon, making some sustainable Christmas crafts. Come to the Fayre on Fri 9th Dec to buy a recycled music angel 🗑️🎵 #christmascrafts







Cedarbank School @CedarbankSchool · 3h

We all had a great time @DeerPark\_Club bowling - a massive thank you to our Parent Council for making this happen 🎳 🌲 #thankyou #parentcouncil



## Reminder

Make sure you sign up to twitter to keep up to date throughout the year— follow @cedarbankschool



## School Uniform

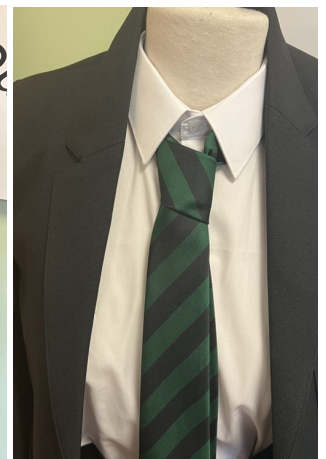
We would like to remind parents/carers of our current school uniform

### S1-S3

- Black trousers or black skirt
- Plain black cardigan/ jumper or black blazer
- White/ black shirt or white/black polo shirt
- School tie
- Plain black shoes

### S4-S6

- Black trousers or black skirt
- Plain Black cardigan/ jumper
- Black blazer
- White/ Black shirt
- School tie
- Plain black shoes



If you do not have a school tie or blazer badge please contact the office.

