



# Cedarbank School

## Newsletter

December  
2023



### Head Teacher's News

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I am delighted to share with you our Christmas newsletter that celebrates the many achievements of our young people across the curriculum and within our community.

We are very fortunate that our school is supported by a number of local partners who help make the learning experience more relevant and active for our young people. We have particularly enjoyed the inputs from Rob and his dog Jax in our outdoor learning programme, the landscaping work led by Colin from Land Technology, input from the Royal Horticultural Society and the community work with Craigsfarm and the Larder. Our partners and staff work together to help our young people further develop; confidence, independence, respect, resilience, and achievement. Hopefully you will get a flavour of the partnership activities that our young people enjoy as you look through the pictures.

One of our aims this year is to increase opportunities for family engagement. It was great that around 80 people joined us for our Creative Wellbeing event in October. It was lovely to welcome so many families to our school for this event and the café events and class open days. Our young people love to welcome you all into our building and are always keen to share what they have been working on. In the New Year there will be a series of other events so here are some dates for your diary:

30th Jan: Digital family event

Fri 15th March: STEM family event

Wed 24th April: local library family event

Thurs 2nd May: Social subjects family event

Details about the events will be shared with you closer to the time.

Thank you for everyone who attended our Winter Fun day and also the Parent Council for your donations, help and support. The Christmas Carol singing and the fair raised approx. £3500. This money will be used to fund school trips and events in order to minimise the cost to families. Please join us at the next parent Council meeting which will also take place on 7th March 2024 at 6 pm.

We wish you all a Christmas break filled with laughter and good health. We look forward to welcoming back your children on the 8th of January.

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

*Carol McDonald*  
Headteacher

# Confident Individuals

At Cedarbank we strive to ensure our pupils gain the knowledge, skills and attributes needed for life in the 21st century by developing them through the four capacities of Curriculum for Excellence.

Confident Individuals have a sense of physical, mental and emotional well-being, self respect, and secure values and beliefs, while being able to: use literacy, communication and numeracy skills, use technology for learning, and learn independently and as part of a group.

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 11 Dec  
The students in 2A were very excited to see the new 25th anniversary illustrated edition of 'Skellig' today. One of our students is, I think, also making a pitch to be considered for the 50th anniversary edition!  
#davidalmond #confidentindividuals #creativity #readers



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 5 Dec  
Cedarbank Spotlight: History  
History students revising their knowledge on German history by doing a Kahoot!  
#Kahoot #confidentindividuals #skills



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 5 Sep  
Inspired by his subject matter in Art and Design one of our learners got into Character as his inspiration for his artwork is Red Deer. Great oil pastel drawing tool!  
#artanddesign #creativity #confidentindividual



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 1 Dec  
Cedarbank Spotlight: PE  
Class 2B enjoying some yoga and gymnastics this week. They even convinced Mr Cox to do a somersault!  
#confidentindividuals #ActiveLifestyle



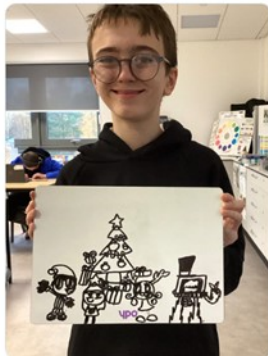
**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 28 Nov  
S2 have been learning about addition strategies. We had lots of fun learning how to use an empty number line to solve addition problems  
#confidentindividuals #successfullerlearners



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 28 Nov  
Cedarbank Spotlight: PE  
Some pictures of 2A enjoying working on their movement and rhythm and in PE today.  
#confidentindividuals #justdance



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 22 Nov  
This S1 learner has designed a Christmas Card for the @helthescotland charity competition. Great work!  
#confidentindividual



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 24 Aug  
One of our S2 pupils took a leadership role today by showing fantastic confidence to others. He spoke to our new S1s about robots, and the power of the magnetic robot that he made.  
#confidentindividual #skills



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 23 Nov  
This student is learning about food chains as part of his N2 Science in the Environment. We used the nice day to find some in the woods and were lucky to find a squirrel who eats beech nuts.  
#confidentindividual #widerachievement



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 21 Nov  
S1A are completing their final piece of work on their novel 'The Firework Maker's Daughter'. They have completed an @ASDANeducation challenge to create their Firework designs using chalks. Look at their beautiful designs!  
#confidentindividuals



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 22 Nov  
A S4 pupil produced this fantastic acrylic painting! Wow! What incredible artwork.  
#widerachievement #confidentindividualpupil



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 23 Nov  
Cedarbank Spotlight: English  
Pupils in 2B are working on self-management and independence. They have done a great job of selecting which resources will support their learning in English.  
#confidentindividuals



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 14 Nov  
S2 have been partitioning numbers as part of their work on place value. We played a game of place value scatter today. Lots of fun!  
#confidentindividuals #successfullerlearners



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 13 Nov  
2A loved their shopping experience in the Cedarbank Shop last week. Money week was a huge success for all! #confidentindividuals #successfullearners



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 10 Nov  
2A's class novel, 'Skellig,' features a mysterious winged creature in a garage. This week we created images of the creature and chose our favourite quote from the book featuring wings, birds or flight. #skills #creativity #confidentindividuals



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 3 Nov  
NPA Photography we're welcomed into a soft play to take photos in the maze of tubes, rollers and climbing equipment. Great fun had by all. Thank you Aerial Adventures Livingston. #confidentindividuals #photography



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 25 Oct  
Last week our S2 learners showed great resilience after a red weather warning cancelled their trip to @Strlingcastle. They made themselves a hot drink and enjoyed a virtual tour of the castle instead. #confidentindividuals



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 5 Oct  
This learner was very confident while riding a bike yesterday! Great work! #skilforlife #confidentindividual



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 3 Oct  
This very kind and caring S6 pupil was asked by a new S1 to be his buddy! #confidentindividuals #mentorship



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 25 Aug  
This young person has had an incredible start to the year! #achievement #confidentindividual



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 10 Nov  
Our first Christmas carol singing practice of the year - we are so excited to carol at Livingston Designer Outlet and @WestLoCollege in December! #confidentindividuals



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 30 Oct  
These learners received a huge 'job well done' for sharing their learning experiences in Cedarbank with visiting head teachers. Brilliant job! #confidentindividuals



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 24 Oct  
A huge thanks to @MandMTheatrical for gifting our students a fantastic performance of Cinderella! Our BGE pupils loved the show - especially seeing Mrs S and Miss W dancing! #confidentindividuals #creativity #widerachievement



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 28 Sep  
2B enjoyed their first session with Rob from @KidsGoneWildUK! They enjoyed the hammocks and made their own ropes course to try out. We can't wait for next week! #outdoorlearning #confidentindividuals



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 13 Sep  
Joke of the Day from one of our S1 Pupils: Why is 6 afraid of 7 - because 7 ate 9! He was very confident today while he shared jokes with his peer! He has even illustrated his joke today. #confidentindividual #wetoalough



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 23 Aug  
2A had a fantastic time with Rob from @KidsGoneWildUK today for their Outdoor Learning programme! They loved being out and enjoyed trying new things. #confidentindividual #outdoorlearning



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 6 Nov  
Happy Money Week! Congratulations to the designer of our Cedarbank Note this year! #confidentindividual



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 30 Oct  
Fashion and Textiles pupils took a trip to @Hobbycraft to understand the different properties of textiles through tactile testing. They were very impressed by their range of yarns and fabrics in fabulous colours! #confidentindividuals #learningincontext



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 23 Oct  
1A were creating autumn images using a chemical reaction between turmeric and bicarbonate of soda. We cannot wait for you to see the autumn leaves pictures that we started today. #scienceexperiments #autumnactivities #confidentindividuals #sensoryscience #STEM



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 29 Sep  
2B had a wonderful morning exploring @justinrand and creating their own nature sculptures inspired by Andy Goldsworthy. #outdoorlearning #confidentindividuals



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 22 Sep  
Our Animal Care class had a lovely visitor yesterday - Maisie Moo the Therapy Cockerpool! We loved meeting her and learning about the benefits of a therapy pet! Thanks for visiting, Maisie! #therapypet #confidentindividuals



# Effective Contributors

Effective Communicators have an enterprising attitude, resilience, self reliance while being able to: communicate in different ways and different settings, work in partnership and in teams, take the initiative and lead, create and develop, and solve problems.

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 11 Dec  
S8 Personal Development pupils created amazing coasters and plant pots to sell at our Winter Fun Day! #effectivecontributors #creativity



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 11 Dec  
This learner has been helping out a lunchtimes to ensure that pupils put dishes away. Even more impressively, he is supporting pupils to compost food waste. This has ensured that the right food goes to the compostor or wormery. #effectivecontributor #learningforsustainability



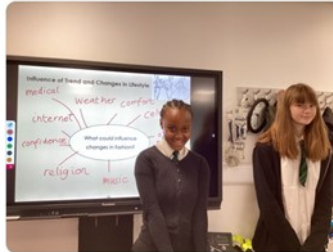
**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 24 Nov  
Our second big question of IDL started today for S1 and S2 - having a think about what the future will look like! They were very engaged and thoughtful about their projects today! #interdisciplinarylearning #effectivecontributors



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 21 Nov  
S1&2 completed their first IDL big question "What makes you?" and had a showcase for their amazing work. Well done to all S1 & S2! #effectivecontributors #creativity



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 24 Aug  
Great discussion with pupils in fashion and textiles when we were learning about what influences fashion, and why people might have different fashion choices. #effectivecontributors #fashion #textiles



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 10 Nov  
Young people spending their well earned Cedarbank Notes at the Cedarbank shop. We have really enjoyed money week. #effectivecontributors #moneyweek



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 31 Oct  
Cedarbank Spotlight: Maths  
S2 have been creating designs for our Cedarbank Bucks ahead of Money Week. They have produced some fantastic designs #creativity #effectivecontributors



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 20 Sep  
This S4 learner had a day of a variety of learning experiences. He is both a #confidentindividual and #successfullerner! Well done!



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 31 Oct  
Senior Sciences class have started their Level 4 Young STEM Leader award by playing a team building game and thinking about their STEM opportunities #YoungSTEMLeaderweek #YSLP #STEMCapital #effectivecontributors #confidentindividuals



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 14 Sep  
16 played ukuleles for the first time in Music this week. They sounded fantastic! #successfullerlearners #music



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 1 Nov  
As part of the IDL programme of "What Makes You You" learners are using digital skills to build a website to share at our forthcoming IDL showcase. This learner was using all available tools to make herself taller for her entry on her height! #creativity



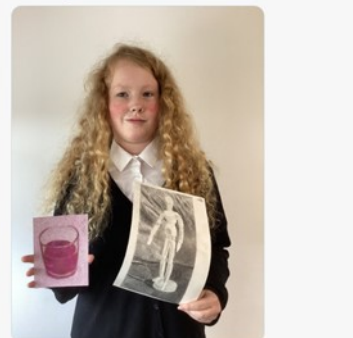
**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 14 Sep  
Even a cactus has beauty within. Art and design are proud to showcase a very successful piece of artwork by this S5 pupil using soft pastels. #successfullerlearner #artanddesign



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 19 Oct  
S1 have been learning to use adjectives and created their own monsters in English this week. Very spooky indeed! Well done S1. #confidentindividuals #successfullerlearners



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 24 Aug  
This S4 pupil is making very successful progress in producing work of very good quality for her National Art and Design course. #successfullerlearner #artanddesign



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 23 Oct  
This S2 pupil loves exploring forms and different design solutions with his magnets. Cling film is so versatile and helped him explore coloured light. #creativity #successfullerlearner



# Responsible Citizens

Responsible citizens have respect for others, and a commitment to participate responsibly in political, economic, social and cultural life, while being able to: develop knowledge and understanding of the world and Scotland's place in it, and make informed choices and decisions.

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 7 Dec  
 These 56 pupils each took a tag off the tree and went around the shops to source some items to buy. After a look around, they bought a mixture of toys, teddies and sweets to donate! #responsiblecitizens #effectivecontributors #kindness

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 17 Nov  
 This week in Life Skills, 3A have been learning about the importance of 'making a Noise' when it comes to bullying. We also had a good discussion about how sometimes what someone sees as 'friendly banter' can be hurtful to the other person. #antibullyingweek #responsiblecitizens

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 17 Nov  
 Cedarbank Spotlight: BGE Life Skills  
 3B Life Skills class discussed the causes and effects of bullying and did some role-play tasks to demonstrate different types of bullying. #responsiblecitizens

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 16 Nov  
 Great teamwork and communication skills were demonstrated by 3A as part of their @ASDANeducation Gardening award. They worked methodically to reorganise one of our large sheds to make things more accessible for others. #effectivecontributors #responsiblecitizens

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 15 Nov  
 3A lead our Fairtrade Assembly today. We are very impressed with the work they put into making it a great assembly for all BGE pupils! #confidentindividuals #responsiblecitizens #effectivecontributors

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 13 Nov  
 Cedarbank Spotlight: BGE Life Skills  
 2A always enjoy starting the day with @BBCNewsround. A great way to learn about current events! #responsiblecitizens

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 6 Nov  
 On Thursday 2A visited the Lanthorn Library. We met the local librarian who kindly set us up with a class library card. Some of us discovered something new to read and even helped check the books out! #confidentindividuals #responsiblecitizens #bookworm

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 1 Nov  
 These S3 learners were very helpful and tidying away the chairs for an assembly. Thank you! #effectivecontributors #responsiblecitizens

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 31 Oct  
 Class 3B designed their own Young Stem Superhero badges. They focused on Goal 12 for sustainable development: Responsible Consumption and Production. #YoungSTEMLeadersWeek #YSLP #STEMCapital #effectivecontributors #responsiblecitizens

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 31 Oct  
 S1 developed their digital skills by taking part in a live lesson and becoming data detectives & reidentified people in 'anonymous' datasets. #digitalcitizens #responsiblecitizens

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 5 Sep  
 Many of our young people take great pleasure in looking after animals. As a school we even deliver an Animal Care course. This Art and Design pupil is creating a folio of artwork inspired by her love of horses. #responsiblecitizens #artanddesign #skills

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 5 Sep  
 1A have been creating paper robots with a focus on having fun, using creativity skills, and exploring the Visual Element of shape. #creativity #artists

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 6 Sep  
 Fabulous work on Pythagoras in S4 Maths today. Very impressive! #successfullearners #numeracy #confidence

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 3 Oct  
 S1 have been using their creative and self-management skills to build a 3D robot in Art. They have worked hard and had fun using problem solving skills to build their fabulous robots. #artanddesign #creativity

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 5 Oct  
 Registration class 4.2 are celebrating this learner for her amazing self-portrait completed during her art club. #widerachievement #skills

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool · 4 Oct  
 This National PE class started a lovely sunny morning yesterday with a Yoga Session - thank you Mrs F. #wellbeing #successfullearners #yoga

# Successful Learners

Successful Learners have enthusiasm and motivation for learning, determination to reach high standards of achievements, and openness to new thinking and ideas while being able to: relate to others and manage themselves, pursue a healthy and active lifestyle, be self aware, live as independently as they can, and achieve success in different areas of activity.

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 7 Dec  
National 5 chemists have been testing the pH of everyday products to determine if they are acidic, neutral or alkaline. #successfullerlearners #practicalscience



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 27 Nov  
Cedarbank Spotlight: PE  
Some pictures of class NQ2 getting ready for their SQA archery one-off performance. #successfullerlearners #confidentindividuals



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 24 Nov  
S1 are busy learning how to write instructions for their firework designs. We have put a lot of thought into our use of vocabulary and are putting our recent learning about verbs and adjectives into action. What a fantastic effort! #superstars #successfullerlearners



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 23 Nov  
3B have been learning about more organs inside their bodies. They measured out the 9m length of their digestive system and helped to make some pool #activelearning #STEM #humanbiology #successfullerlearners #practicalscience



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 14 Nov  
Creativity and problem solving skills were demonstrated by this learner when working through this artwork. Well done in achieving a successful drawing for the Scottish context unit. #successfullerlearners #creativity



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 6 Dec  
Cedarbank Spotlight: History  
S2 Social Subjects looked at how the Auld Alliance between Scotland and France developed, and discussed if foods from each country could go together. Haggis baguette anyone? #creativity #successfullerlearners



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 28 Nov  
1A were busy making filter paper planets in science, using chromatography to find out the different colours of dye used to make inks. We will let these dry and they will be decorations for our science room Chemistree! #successfullerlearners



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 23 Nov  
2B finished making their model lungs, blowing them up using the straws and then using their hands to be like the rib cage to deflate them #activelearning #practicalscience #STEM #successfullerlearners



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 22 Nov  
S2 have been investigating medieval castles in Social subjects and have been making their own using Lego. #successfullerlearners #creativity



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 17 Nov  
3A have been learning about the respiratory system and made some model lungs so they could see what happens when they breathe in. They worked out what to do to show breathing out! #STEM #activelearning #successfullerlearners #practicalscience



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 6 Nov  
Cedarbank Spotlight: Science  
1A used the gas created by reacting bicarbonate of soda and vinegar together to make some chalk fireworks. They managed to make lots of gas and the food colouring made them really colourful. #confidentindividuals #successfullerlearners #WSTEM #STEM



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 27 Nov  
1A have been investigating different materials to protect these dinosaurs from water. Testing wax, paper, tin foil and plastic. #practicalscience #activelearning #STEM #successfullerlearners #scienceyol



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 1 Dec  
3A got their science lesson started by learning about their digestive system this morning. They looked at what their breakfast might look like once they've digested it! #activelearning #successfullerlearners #humanbiology #STEM



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 24 Nov  
3B have been learning about germs, the different types, how they are spread and how soap works to get them off your skin #activelearning #practicalscience #successfullerlearners #STEM #biology



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 22 Nov  
3B creating their Banksy canvases - they began by adding a layer of paint, then created a paper template and used spray paints. They will apply a Banksy image and use text and stencils to decorate and personalize their canvases. #creativity #successfullerlearners



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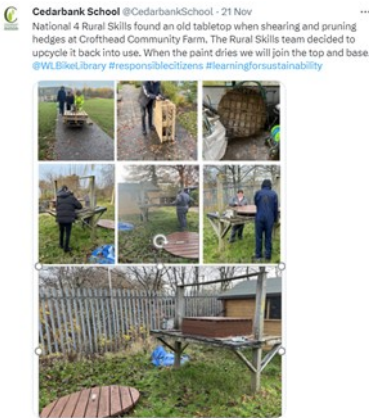


**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 23 Oct  
National 4/5 Chemistry class had a great time growing crystals and relating structure to ionic formulae. It is a slow process with crystals taking 1 week to grow fully. #successfullerlearners #chemistry



# Learning for Sustainability and Learning Outdoors

Learning for sustainability permeates throughout our curriculum and all pupils are given opportunities to consider how to make more sustainable decisions about how to live their life. Embedded within this is our outdoor learning opportunities which enable us to gain and appreciation and respect for nature and the environment.



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 12 Oct  
 2B and 1A visited Dedridge Pond Friday morning to do a litter survey as part of their #STEMthatlow project #Scurors2Bee #expSciandBeautiful #learningforsustainability



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 10 Oct  
 Everyone enjoyed spending time outside to take in the changing colours and listen to the birds! #outdoorlearning #learningforsustainability



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 3 Oct  
 This week is Sustainability/Autumnwatch where we look at the beauty of our world and how we take care of it for future generations. We are looking at plastic waste and how we can campaign for change. #learningforsustainability #responsibletizens



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 28 Sep  
 Rural Skills pupils constructed an indoor plant growing plant form to allow us to experiment with the colour spectrum of light and find out the best light frequencies for plants to grow. #learningforsustainability @RHSSchools



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 8 Sep  
 3A's investigated growing a lawn in Asdan Gardening, estimating that it takes about 3 weeks to establish. Learners decided to take home their experiments as 'pets' and gave them names. Meet Gerry, Grasso, Joemama, Grassmire, Bobby, Billy & Mr Grass. #outdoorlearning



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 22 Aug  
 3A had a fantastic Maths lesson today learning outdoors reading scales measuring playground structures. #successfullerners #outdoorlearning #skillsforlife



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 5 Oct  
 3B enjoyed exploring ways to conserve water in the home. #learningforsustainability #responsibletizens



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 3 Oct  
 3A were identifying tools and how to safely use them in the garden as part of their @ASDANeducation Gardening award. Then it was down to hard graft in preparing ground!



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 25 Sep  
 Cue 'Hammer Time' in @ASDANeducation Gardening! 3A are punching holes into tin cans to create hanging lanterns which will hold tea lights to enhance the garden. Good job boys using tools safely in making puncture designs of insects and leaves. #outdoorlearning #Sustainability



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 8 Sep  
 S1 have been thinking about how to reduce our waste to help the environment. In Outdoor learning we took a walk around the field beside school and did worked together to pick the litter that we found. What a team! #effectivecontributors #learningforsustainability



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 22 Aug  
 Mrs L was gifted a cucumber plant by the Green Gardener lead role pupil before the summer. She was delighted to gift him a cucumber back! @RHSSchools #learningforsustainability #responsibletizens



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**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 10 Oct  
 On Friday we had an assembly to revisit lessons learned during Sustainability/Autumnwatch week @RHSSchools @WoodlandTrust #learningforsustainability



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 3 Oct  
 More assembly photos from our Sustainability assembly. Recycling and making choices were discussed by all and a lot of great ideas to take to Pupil Council! #effectivecontributors #learningforsustainability



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 3 Oct  
 Today 3A took the opportunity to look for signs of Autumn during our Daily Mile. The trees around the school are indeed beginning to turn...it's going to get chilly soon! #autumnwatch #learningforsustainability #outdoorlearning



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 22 Sep  
 This week, 2A had their final session with Rob from @KidsGoneWildUK. They have had a fantastic time and hope to continue their outdoor adventures! #outdoorlearning #learningforsustainability



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 31 Aug  
 Yesterday, 2A had more wonderful adventures with Rob from @KidsGoneWildUK. They are working towards their @JohnMuliTrust Explorer's Award by taking care of our local area and nurturing the environment! #responsibletizens #outdoorlearning #learningforsustainability



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 22 Aug  
 Last week, our second year pupils met Rob from @KidsGoneWildUK for an introduction to the exciting outdoor learning plans he has for us. They shared our Cedarbank homegrown vegetables too! #outdoorlearning #learningforsustainability #confidentindividuals





# Learning with the Community and Celebrating Wider Achievements

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.

We also love to celebrate the successes of our pupils and staff outside of the school day, whether that is a sporting achievement, an award, or just learning in a different context at home.

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 4 Oct  
We are very proud of this learner for having her art selected to be displayed at The Big Art Show in Paisley. What an amazing achievement! #widerachievement #confidentindividuals



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 1 Dec  
A very festive and successful first day of Christmas carol singing. Come and have a listen next Friday at the Livingston Designer Outlet at 10am! #confidentindividuals #widerachievements



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 1 Dec  
Maths pupils watched a live stream on Protecting our Planet. They learned how Maths is used to predict ice melt in Antarctica, how Statistics are used in microbiology when studying microbes, how Maths is used in computer modelling to predict the weather. #STEMcareers #POP23



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 24 Nov  
4.3 Maths class learning about percentage discount on "Black Friday" at Livingston Shopping Centre. #successfullerlearners #percentagesinaction #learningincontext



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 25 Sep  
We were a busy bunch in Art and Design for the Creative Wellbeing afternoon. Fantastic participation by learners and families in printmaking and paper marbling. Well done everyone who took part, and in particular our 3 A&D Leadership pupils. #familyengagement #leadership #art



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 24 Oct  
This S6 Personal Development class went to the Livingston Designer Outlet - they are starting to prepare for a VERY exciting retail project! Stay tuned for more information! #skillsforlife #skillsforwork



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 13 Nov  
The following day our Senior Phase pupils went to @vuedinemas for the @imaginefilm festival. Another great morning where our young people made us incredibly proud! #widerachievement #confidentindividuals



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 4 Dec  
1A Social Subjects working with Lisa from @LevensatWM on the importance of recycling. #learningforsustainability #skillsforlife #responsibletizens



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 28 Nov  
A huge congratulations to our pupils who have completed their SCQF Level 4 Hospitality - Working in a Professional Kitchen at the @LarderTraining. We are so proud of your work! #successfullerlearner #skillsforlife #skillsforwork



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 7 Nov  
Skills For Life were in the shops doing price comparisons and met a surprise guest while working on their numeracy skillset. They also enjoyed all the Autumn colours in our local area. #responsibletizens #learningincontext #skillsforlife



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 13 Oct  
3A are making fantastic progress with their @ASDANeducation Gardening award. Today they found a suitable site, and put in hard graft digging a hole to plant a pear tree. Colin from Land Technology shared skills and knowledge in horticulture. #skillsforlife #effectivecontributor



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 13 Sep  
This learner has been doing great work and is now learning to golf as part of his curriculum. Today was his first lesson and he was fantastic! #successfullerlearner #widerachievement #learningopportunities



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 13 Nov  
Our BGE (with a few Senior Phase visitors) had a lovely time at the @vuedinemas last week. We had a great time watching Minions: The Rise of Gru. We are all very proud of how well our young people managed the cinema experience. #confidentindividuals #widerexperience



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 22 Nov  
Some of our S6 Personal Development pupils investigated some ideas for things to make and sell in their pop up shop next year. #confidentindividuals



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 3 Oct  
This S1 learner won 2 gold medals for his patterns and sparring at his latest TKD competition! Amazing work - we are all so impressed! #widerachievement #confidentindividual



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 14 Nov  
This S4 English class is getting stuck into their free books from the @scottishbooktrust as a part of #BookWeekScotland! #successfullerlearners #reading



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 7 Nov  
Senior Phase took part in an assembly on green jobs and skills with @VerdancyGroup. We heard some great ideas! #YoungSTEMleaderweek #DYW #DYWWestLothian



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 19 Oct  
NPA Horticulture had a great time learning about bulb and seed requirements from Mo @RHSSchools. Pupils then made 20 layered floral baskets that will be sold in our sustainability shop. A massive thank you to Mo for giving us your time! #responsibletizens



# Skills for Learning

We are working on our core skills this year; Literacy, Numeracy, Creativity, Problem Solving, Digital Skills and Self regulation, which combine to deliver Skills for Life, Learning and Work

Skills for Learning are thinking skills which will encourage the deep learning learners can apply in real-life and relevant situations.



# Skills for Work

Skills for Work are the 'softer' employability skills which are valued highly by employers and are key to success in the world of work and, in addition, the skills and experiences gained through our work Developing the Young Workforce.

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 11 Dec  
Employability enjoyed a game of bingo after working hard on their application forms. Their bingo words included skills and qualities that employers often look for. #skillsforwork #confidentindividuals



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 7 Dec  
Our 51 -53 pupils have completed Hour of Code this Week during digital skills. They have shown resilience and have been developing their problem solving skills. Very impressive! #hourofcode #skillsforwork #confidentindividuals #widerachievement



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 16 Nov  
During Careers Week, in Senior and BGE Science we have been looking at different careers linked to what we have been learning about, from Bee Keepers to Aerospace engineers and Paramedics. #STEMCareers #Science #STEM #responsiblecitizens #ScottishCareersWeek



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 14 Nov  
As part of National Careers week learners in NPA Photography researched creative careers. The interesting choices made by learners included Glass Maker, Illustrator, 3D Digital Modeller, Architect, Freelancer and Photographer. @DYWWestLothian #responsiblecitizens #dyw



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 2 Nov  
Colin from Land-Technology made a presentation of 'Grow Your Own Careers'. Great communication skills were used by 3A in asking him a range of questions. @DYWWestLothian #skillsforwork #effectivecontributors



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 1 Nov  
These NPA Photography learners turned the world upside down with glass orb photography. #skillsforwork #photography #creativity



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 24 Oct  
We have a crew out at Hard Landscaping today @fivesisterszoo. Today they are fixing dropped areas in the walkways. @DYWWestLothian #skillsforwork #employability #effectivecontributors



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 24 Oct  
Cedarbank Spotlight: Rural Skills & Horticulture  
Yesterday our Rural Skills class were hard at work to move the pile of compost donated by @LevensayWM. One of our young people on work experience helped deliver this in the lorry! #skillsforwork #employability



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 19 Oct  
One of our pupils is out delivering compost as part of his work experience at @LevensayWM. So good to see him in his work gear today! @DYWWestLothian #employability #skillsforwork #effectivecontributor



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 5 Oct  
Pupils working hard at Hard Landscaping at @fivesisterszoo. @DYWWestLothian #dyw #skillsforwork #employability



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 5 Oct  
This S5 pupil started his work experience at @LevensayWM today! Amazing job! @DYWWestLothian #skillsforwork #dyw #employability #workexperience



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 2 Oct  
We are all so proud of these learners and the amazing work they are doing at Crofthead Farm! #skillsforwork #effectivecontributors #responsiblecitizens



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 28 Sep  
Photography pupils are putting into action what they learned in the classroom. Using Lego characters everyone could demonstrate they are successful learners and confident individuals with depth of field. #photography #skillsforwork



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 14 Sep  
An S6 learner assisted staff with the fire drill yesterday! Great work! #courage #resilience #effectivecontributor #skillsforwork



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 5 Sep  
Great scissor skills on display at Fashion and Textiles. It is important to be accurate in many industries and know how to use tools correctly. #skillsforwork #confidentindividuals



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 8 Sep  
NPA Photography learners were on their way to a park today for a shoot when we came across really interesting structures surrounding houses. Photographers have to be prepared to take advantage of opportunities around them. #skillsforwork #photography



**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 23 Aug  
An S6 pupil helped Mrs M with a fire risk assessment of the building. #skillsforwork #responsiblecitizen



# Skills for Life

In addition to developing the four capacities, Cedarbank strives to equip out pupil with the Skills for Life, Learning and Work to enable them to take an active part in society once they move on. Skills for Life are core skills required to enable learners to make meaningful contributions to their own

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 1 Dec  
 S1 have been talking about different ways to cross roads safely. Today we went for a local walk to get experience of us using: an overpass, pelican crossing, zebra crossing and an underpass. We have been [#responsibletizens](#) and [#confidentindividuals](#) today. [#skillsforlife](#)

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 20 Nov  
 S1A have been practicing sorting coins and notes by value and finding different combinations of coins and notes to pay for items. Great work [#moneyweek](#) [#skillsforlife](#)

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 16 Nov  
 Cedarbank Spotlight: BGE Life Skills  
 S1A have visited the shopping centre as part of their Lifeskills Maths. We have familiarised ourselves with the shops so that we can complete some shopping tasks during our topic on money in Maths [#skillsforlife](#) [#confidentindividuals](#).

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 2 Nov  
 Cedarbank Spotlight: Maths  
 This pupil was working very hard in a Personal Finance class calculating payroll! [#skillsforlife](#) [#successfullearners](#)

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 8 Nov  
 3A developing their banking skills on the Virtual Bank - Using a cashline, withdrawing money, getting a mini statement, paying in coins and cheques and changing personal details. [#skillsforlife](#) [#moneyweek](#) [#successfullearners](#)

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 13 Nov  
 Learners in Textiles are beginning to make progress on their practical work. All were demonstrating good organisational skills and using tools and machinery safely. [#skillsforlife](#) [#confidentindividuals](#)

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 2 Nov  
 Cedarbank Spotlight: Maths  
 Some S6 Pupils in Personal Finance researching the FTSE and investigating share prices. [#numeracy](#) [#successfullearners](#) [#skillsforlife](#)

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 30 Oct  
 This young man was confident enough to ask for chess at breaktime and now it has happened. [#confidentindividual](#) [#skillsforlife](#) [#ASDAN](#)

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 30 Oct  
 Cedarbank Spotlight: Maths  
 S1 are learning about money in Maths. Today we visited a local shop to identify items that could be bought for less than £1. The pupils worked together to discuss the price of items they liked. What a team! [#confidentindividuals](#) [#skillsforlife](#)

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 30 Oct  
 S1 enjoyed their Well Being on Friday: Uno Flip & teaching ourselves to draw a shark! [#confidentindividuals](#) [#skillsforlife](#)

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 30 Oct  
 S1 have been preparing for our Intu Film Festival trip to see Minions: Rise of Gru next week. We talked about what to expect at the cinema, had a mini cinema experience in class and walked to Vue cinema to take a look around. [#confidentindividuals](#) [#skillsforlife](#) [#intufilm\\_edu](#)

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 22 Aug  
 S6 learners were providing a service to others today by sharing small produce bags from the garden for teachers and ASPWs to put to good use in the kitchen at home. Thanks boys! [#skillsforlife](#) [#skillsforwork](#) [#effectivecontributors](#) [#learningforsustainability](#)

**Cedarbank School** @CedarbankSchool - 8 Sep  
 This S5 young lady really wanted to share with others her artwork. When evaluating her work today she said she was proud that she was doing her first real drawings since S3 and that she had missed art. [#reflectivelearning](#) [#skillsforlife](#)



## Reminder

Make sure you sign up to twitter (or X!) 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.



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