



TYNEWATER PRIMARY SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER



Welcome to our September Newsletter. We have had a very busy first term back at school and children have settled well into their new classes and school routine.



We pride ourselves in being an 'Open Door' school with a welcoming ethos and culture. We urge you if you have a question, comment or any feedback for school improvement that you contact our Head Teacher, Miss Ferguson via email or call the school office: tynewater.ps@midlothian.gov.uk / 0131 271 4710.

LEARNING QUALITIES

Our Learning Qualities have recently been reviewed and are under refresh. We have narrowed these down following consultation with children and staff to become more memorable.

Our Learning Qualities are:

*Concentration Resilience
Teamwork Ambition Creativity*



These have been discussed at recent Assemblies to unpack and exemplify their meanings and children have been challenged to design a new logo for each Quality.

ALLERGIES AND MEDICATION

We would like to remind all families that we are a nut free School and ELC. This is due to severe allergies of pupils. Please can we ask that no nuts or nut-based products (including nut based chocolate spreads or products with the advisory '**may contain nuts**' warning) are consumed in the school premises or grounds? Thank you.



PARENTS EVENINGS

This year our first Parents Evening are scheduled for the 11th and 12th of October. This is a chance for you to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss their progress so far this year.

Further information will be shared about how to book a slot for Parents Evening. We look forward to welcoming you into the school to discuss your child/children's progress in learning.



SQIP Summary

A Summary document of our School Improvement Plan has been shared and will be posted on our school website.

This document details our Key Priorities for improvement as a school this year and how we plan to use our Pupil Equity Funding to support learners within our school. Also detailed are our Pupil Leadership groups which are planned for this year to support pupil voice and drive improvements across our school.

AUTUMN DRESS

With the colder and wetter weather now creeping in, can we please ask parents and carers to ensure that children are coming to school with appropriate jackets and footwear? We aim to support children's right to play and encourage them to play outdoors in the less extreme rain, so it is important that children have the clothing to do this. We also encourage all children to have a pair of indoor shoes to change into as well.



AFRICAN DRUMMING WORKSHOPS

Primary 2 and Primary 3 had a fantastic time developing their musical skills during African Drumming workshops. They did a fabulous job using their Learning Qualities – concentration, teamwork and creativity.



SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Thank you for taking the time to complete our recent School Communication Survey. The results of this survey showed a strong preference from parents to cease use of the School App and instead to move to a **weekly email update**.

It is important to note that key information that has until now been shared on the School App will be made accessible on the **School Website** (<http://tynewater.mgfl.net/>). This will include the School Calendar, Newsletters, School Policies, Parent Council Meeting Minutes and our School Improvement Plan and Summary.

The **Weekly Email** will contain reminders of lunches, key events/diary dates for each class coming up, permission forms for any classes, letters or newsletters or links to any surveys.

Seesaw will continue to be used to share learning. Snapshot Jotters will now be going paperless and will be shared on Seesaw. Learning for literacy, numeracy, health and wellbeing and one other curriculum area will be shared each term on your child's private profile with teacher feedback and comments included. Snapshot Learning for this term will be posted on the 6th of October as per the School Calendar.

Should you require support with accessing Seesaw, please get in touch with the school office.

P6 HOCKEY

Primary 6 have been taking part in Hockey Sessions with Active Schools. There are six sessions to prepare our Primary 6 pupils for the upcoming Hockey Tournament on the 26th of October. More details of this to follow.



Houses and School Ambassadors

We are very pleased to share that our House Captains and School Ambassadors have now been appointed.

House Captains for Tyne – Olivia and Campbell
House Captains for Vogrie – Elliot and Ciara
House Captains for Oxenfoord – Tilly and Logan
House Captains for Crichton – Joesy and Tierna

School Ambassadors – Moray and Leonie



Congratulations to you all!

DIARY DATES

Parents Evening -	11 th October and 12 th October
October Holiday –	16 th October – 22 nd October
Inservice Day -	23 rd October
Halloween Disco-	24 th October
P4 Assembly-	3 rd November

