



# TYNEWATER PRIMARY SCHOOL

## AUGUST 2023 NEWSLETTER



### WELCOME BACK 2023-24

We wish you all a very warm welcome back after a lovely long summer break and hope you have a settled start to our first term.



We welcome many new families to Tynewater Primary School this session in our ELC, P1 and across the school community. 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](mailto:tynewater.ps@midlothian.gov.uk) / 0131 271 4710.

You will have received diary dates for the year in our Parent Calendar. There will be other dates, which will be added through the course of the school year, but we will always do our best to give you lots of notice if these dates involve your children.

### STAFFING UPDATES

This year we are joined with many new team members to the Tynewater family.

We have a new Head Teacher, Miss Louise Ferguson and new substantive Principal Teacher, Ms Janet Donaldson who will be assuming the Acting Depute Head Teacher role until October. During this time, Mrs Jo Clarke and Mrs Isobel Leonard will be continuing in their roles as Acting Principal Teachers. We welcome Miss Nicole Robertson to Primary 6 during this period and Miss Sophie Gray will be assuming full time responsibility for Primary 3 until Easter.

We also welcome Miss Jessica Machetto as our Newly Qualified Teacher this year, in Primary 2 and Mr Lewis Scallan, who is teaching Primary 5S to our team.



### ALLERGIES AND MEDICATION

At this point in the school year, we 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.



Please also be sure to update our school office of any changes to your child's medical needs. Remember all medication throughout the year should be given to Ms Mackay, not class teachers so that a medical form can be completed.

### Infant Drop Off

As of Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September, we are asking children from P1-4 to line up in front of the MUGA to afford more space for pupil lines. Chairs will be placed out on Monday to support with this change.

### READING BOOKS IN SCHOOL

Can we please ask that any school reading books that were not returned before the summer holidays are returned? An inventory of our reading books has shown large gaps in our resources. It would incur a large cost to the school to replace these and therefore we hope that you will check your children's books at home and return any that belong to the school as soon as possible.



## MEET THE TEACHER

Thank you very much for your attendance at our Meet the Teacher Event last night. We hope this was a good way for you to meet your class teacher and be informed about what the year ahead entails for your children and for our school community.



We highly value your ongoing support. Should you wish to get involved in the work and life of the school, please do not hesitate to get in touch. If you would like to offer a specific set of skills such as gardening, languages, technology or sport coaching we would be happy to hear from you.

Throughout the year, we will be getting in touch to ask parents for support to enrich our curriculum; such as during our Developing the Young Workforce Fortnight, so please keep an eye out for emails and don't hesitate to get in touch if you can support in any way.

## SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

We will communicate with you monthly by Newsletter. The newsletters are sent to all parents via email; however if you would prefer a printed copy then please let Ms Mackay know.

We have a school website, which can be accessed here: <http://tynewater.mgfl.net/>

We use Seesaw to share children's learning and any small reminders from class teachers.

We are currently using our School App along with emails to communicate important information and updates with you. **Below you will find a link to a survey to ask your opinion on our Communication Strategy moving forwards:**

<https://www.menti.com/alnanob5iy11>



## Houses and School Ambassadors

Our school has four houses – Tyne, Oxenford, Vogrie and Crichton which all children are allocated to. Primary One pupils will be allocated a House over the next week. Our Primary Seven pupils are currently in the process of preparing campaigns for House Captain Elections and these will be held week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> September. The elections for School Ambassadors will also take place during this week.

This year, we will have a termly House Challenge organised by House Captains and a House Treat for the winning House at Christmas and in June. Children collect House Points throughout their daily school life by exemplifying our school values and expectations and by showing commitment and effort in their learning.



## DIARY DATES

Meet the Teacher –	31 <sup>st</sup> August
Autumn Holiday-	15 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> September
Parents Evening -	11 <sup>th</sup> October and 12 <sup>th</sup> October
October Holiday –	16 <sup>th</sup> October – 22 <sup>nd</sup> October
Inservice Day -	23 <sup>rd</sup> October

