

ECHT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



EVERYONE CREATIVE AND HAPPY TOGETHER

CREATIVE RESPECTFUL SELF-BELIEF TEAM PLAYER INCLUDED INDEPENDENT

Welcome to the ECHT School termly class newsletter in which we aim to share the learning that we have planned for the term alongside the children, as well as key notices and dates for the term. Our curriculum has been recently refreshed to link closely with the 17 United Nations Sustainability Goals (SDGs) and the United Nation Charter for the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). We hope you find this newsletter useful.

General information Our pupils have done an exceptional job of settling back into school life after almost 5 months off school, considering the restrictions in place. We are all learning how to work differently during this period of recovery and constant change and as a staff are we trying to keep as much 'the same' for the pupils as we possibly can. Many thanks to all those parents/carers who have completed our parent survey so far on Google Forms. We really appreciate this feedback.

The Scottish Government have asked schools to focus on Covid recovery, Health and Wellbeing and narrowing the gaps in learning which may have happened due to the pandemic. The children have all completed a range assessments over the past few weeks which takes some time to administer and analyse. The aim of this is to identify next steps and priorities when planning lessons. However, settling the children back into school life whilst keeping them safe is our absolute key priority this term.

As parents are currently not allowed in school buildings for our usual Parents Meetings or Open afternoons, we are considering how to meet with parents differently where possible e.g. via Microsoft Teams. Current advice from the Director of Education is to postpone such meetings until November (Term 2). We will be in touch as soon as we have a clear plan for this with dates and arrangements. In the meantime, please refer back to your child's end of year report or Nursery Learning Journal as an indication of how your child is getting on at school. If you have concerns or anything you need to discuss please get in touch as always.

Areas your child will be working on

Reading

Writing Discussion reports, imaginative/personal writing, verbs tenses, apostrophes

Spelling Phonics International Units focus (varies depending on child/age/stage)

Listening & Talking Debate,

Numeracy Place Value, Time

Health and wellbeing: Keeping safe: Covid routines, Rounders, Target setting

Our context for learning (theme) this term is 'A Fairer, Safer World'

UN Sustainability Goals Focus

Goal 4: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

Goal 10: Quality Education

Goal16: Reduced Inequalities

Links to Charter for the rights of the child (key articles)

Article 28 The right to an education, **Article31** The right to relax, leisure and play **Article 2** Non discrimination, **Article 30** Right to enjoy own culture or religion, **Article 27** Standard of living **Article 4** International co-operation **Article 19** Protect the child from harm, **Article 6** Right to life and survival,

Key themes to explore

*Global Equality in education

*Are all children equally protected in this pandemic?

*Scientific evidence and how its' reported in the news

*Democracy

*The new normal in schools, locally and globally

*Community support

*Racism and discrimination

Dates for your calendar (please continue to also refer to the weekly bulletin)

Parents meetings: TBC (possibly term 2)

Flu jabs: Wednesday 28th October

October break: Monday 12th October– Friday 23rd October. School starts back on Monday 26th October.

Weekly Timetable (a typical week)

Monday	HWB(PE), Literacy activities, Numeracy
Tuesday	HWB (PE), Numeracy, Pupil groups, French/Mandarin
Wednesday	Literacy activities, Numeracy, Theme
Thursday	Literacy activities, Numeracy, HWB
Friday	Assembly, Numeracy, Theme

What you can do at home to help

Please encourage your child to...

- Read regularly with an adult and discuss the text
- Practise rapid recall maths facts on Sumdog or
- Topmarks 'Hit The Button'
- Complete homework tasks on Google classroom

Mrs Lennon teaches- Monday, Tuesday Wednesday

Miss Cochrane teaches - Thursday, Friday and every 4th Wednesday

Mrs Watt—Mondays (HWB and Science)

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