

# ECHT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



EVERYONE CREATIVE AND HAPPY TOGETHER

CREATIVE RESPECTFUL SELF-BELIEF TEAM PLAYER INCLUDED INDEPENDENT

## General information

It has been lovely to welcome all the pupils back to school after the winter break. After all the excitement of Christmas, this term is all about fully re-focusing on the core areas of the curriculum – literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing. Meanwhile, we have been delighted to welcome a new Therapist to Echt on Fridays: Breagh the golden retriever and her owner Anne, who are engaged in supportive 1:1 reading sessions for some pupils. We are also hoping to make it to the forest this term (weather and conditions permitting). The P5-7 class have planned another Community Café prior to the mid-term break. We hope you can attend. An open afternoon for the whole school is planned for March. This term we are running two themes side by side. The Outright Campaign will provide evidence for our Rights Respecting Gold assessment late this month.

## Areas your child will be working on

**Reading** Developing comprehension skills through discussion of reading books and answering questions on individual texts.

**Writing** Letter and Information writing genres: specific text features, note taking, punctuation, proof-reading.

**Spelling** Phonics units as appropriate with tasks to support understanding of words (meanings, usage and spelling).

**Listening & Talking** Paired, group & whole class discussions. Asking good questions, being an audience & giving feedback to others.

**Numeracy** Shape, Multiplication and Division, Measurement of length, area and volume, mental maths strategies.

**Health and wellbeing:** learning Scottish dances, ball skills with a focus on rugby, developing gymnastics skills.

## Our context for learning (theme) this term is 'OutRight Campaign' and 'Energy: Push, Pull, Wire & Waves'

### UN Sustainability Goals Focus

**Goal 3:** Good Health and Wellbeing **Goal 4:** Quality Education **Goal 6:** Clean Water and Sanitation

**Goal 9:** Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure **Goal 10:** Reduced Inequalities

**Goal 7:** Affordable and clean energy **Goal 12:** Responsible consumption and production

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

**Article 2:** The right to non-discrimination, **Article 3:** Best interests of the child, **Article 6:** Life survival and development, **Article 12:** Respect for the views of the child, **Article 13:** Freedom of expression, **Article 23:** Children with disabilities, **Article 24:** Health water food environment

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### Key themes to explore

**OutRight Campaign:** Access to health and health systems, features of health systems, accessibility and barriers to healthcare, campaigning on children's rights

**Energy: Push, Pull, Wire & Waves:** Types and sources of energy, responsible use of energy, forces, electrical circuits, sound, light, magnets

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

**Community Café:** Thursday 23rd March (TBC) **Litter Pick:** Thursday 16th February

**World Book Day:** Thursday 2nd March **Forest School:** Friday 3rd March

**Open Afternoon:** Thursday 16th March **End of Term and Reports Issued:** Friday 31st March

## Weekly Timetable (a typical week)

Monday	Writing, Maths, Phonics, Pupil Groups
Tuesday	Literacy, Reading, PE, French
Wednesday	Maths, Theme, Literacy
Thursday	PE, Maths, Phonics, Reading
Friday	Assembly, Circle time, Theme

## What you can do at home to help

### Please encourage your child to...

- Be curious! Read all kinds of texts for enjoyment.
- Practice 'Learn Its' number facts (number bonds and times tables) to support many areas of numeracy.
- Complete homework tasks (find these on Google Classroom).

**Miss Peach teaches - Monday-Friday**

**Mrs Perry teaches - PE and French on Tuesdays**



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