



Torrance Primary Newsletter

September 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

We are delighted to welcome back our families to Torrance Primary school and Early Years Centre and extend a warm welcome to our new children and families joining the Torrance community. We are excited to be back together and very much looking forward to the year ahead.

Classes

Miss Harrison and Miss Moffat have joined our teaching team this year and have enjoyed getting to know the children over the past few weeks. Congratulations to Miss Black who has returned to school this session as Mrs Small! We wish you every happiness for married life!

Our class structure this session is as follows:

P1 Miss Campbell
P3 Miss Harrison
P5 Mr Tolmie
P7 Mrs Small

P2 Miss Moffat/Mrs Tytler (Wed PM/Thursday)
P4 Mrs Wells
P6 Mr O'Connell
Wellbeing support Mrs Tytler

Committees

We are delighted to be able to re-establish face-to-face committees with children across the school. Our Pupil Council elections will take place on Monday 6th September and representatives will be announced on Friday 10th September. If your child wishes to stand for election within their class, they should prepare a brief manifesto to present to their class on Monday 6th September. If your child would like to participate however does not wish to do this in person, they can record a short video which can be shared with the class.

Once our pupil council is established, we will discuss with them the way forward for other committees throughout the school.

Buddies

Our Primary 7 children have had a great start to the year, being excellent examples of responsible citizens through our Buddy programme. Both Primary 7 and Primary 1 children have enjoyed getting to know each other and we are excited to see relationships develop further this year.



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Climate action week

With COP26 (the UN Climate Change Conference) taking place in Glasgow in November this year, and the increasing need for us to take action on Climate Change, our P5-7 classes will be participating in Climate Change Action Week workshops provided through Keep Scotland Beautiful. The workshops will be delivered online during the week of 13th September and will help our learners understand what Climate Change is and its impact, how we are contributing to this situation and how we can contribute to its solution.

All classes will have the opportunity to engage in Global Citizenship/Sustainability topics in term 2.



Children's Rights

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, or UNCRC, sets out rights that all children are entitled to covering all aspects of a child's life. It also explains how adults must work together to ensure all children can enjoy all their rights. In March 2021, the Scottish Parliament passed a bill that will make children's rights part of the law in Scotland.



All classes have begun to discuss children's rights looking at what is important to us and how both adults and children can work together to uphold children's rights. Each class has discussed and designed a class charter to show collective responsibility for children's rights.

Once our Pupil Council is established, we will be asking them to contribute to discussions around a wider school charter.

SeeSaw

We will continue to use SeeSaw this session to communicate with families about the work we have been doing in class and provide school/class updates. Class newsletters will also be shared on SeeSaw next week. We have had great uptake on this platform however if you require any sign-in details etc. please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Outdoor walks

Each class will participate in an initial outdoor walk to a local area (e.g. The Plum, Acre Valley Woods, Fairy Glen, Fairy Trail etc.) on the following days:

Monday 13th September AM – P3, PM – P7

Tuesday 14th September AM – P2, PM – P6

Wednesday 15th September AM – P1, PM P5

Thursday 16th September AM – P4

Please ensure your child comes dressed with appropriate clothing and footwear for this walk.

P1 and P2 children will participate in weekly walks this term – more information to follow on SeeSaw.



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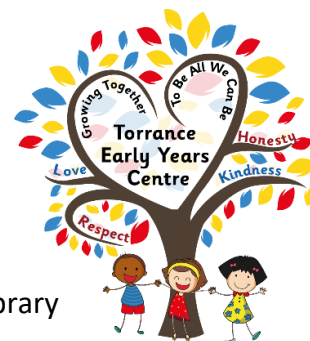
Torrance Early Years Centre

The children in our early years setting have been enjoying the freedom and flexibility of exploring the nursery environment without the restriction of bubbles! As a result of this, we have been adapting the learning environment to ensure children have the opportunity to explore a wider range of resources and provocations.

The children are also visiting the school gym hall on Mondays and Fridays, and the library on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Over the following weeks we will be focusing on each of values to help children understand how we can demonstrate the values in our setting. We have also introduced Teddy Time to encourage regular use of our Torrance Teddies. The Teddies will be used to help explore new activities and to facilitate wellbeing check-ins within key worker groups.

For regular updates on our Early Years Setting, please follow us on Twitter @TorranceEYC



Allergies/medicine

We have a number of pupils who have severe allergies within the school including pupils who are severely allergic to **nuts** and **eggs**. I would ask for your support, in being mindful of such allergies, when preparing and considering your child's snacks and packed lunches.

If your child requires medicine during school hours, please phone or email the school office who will ask for you to complete a consent form and will arrange a safe drop-off of the medication. May I remind you to **check the expiration date of all medication** as out of date medication cannot be administered to pupils.

Diary Dates

September

Tuesday 7th September

W/B 13th September

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Thursday 23rd September

Friday 24th September

Monday 27th September

Parent Council meeting (online)

Climate Change Action Week

Outdoor walks – see class dates above

Infant Harvest Celebration video shared

September Weekend holiday – school closed

September Weekend holiday – school closed

October

Friday 8th October

Monday 11th October – Friday 15th October

In-service day – school closed to pupils

October week holiday – school closed

As always, please do not hesitate to speak with us about any aspect of your child's experience at school by making an appointment through the school office.

Kind regards,

Laura Law
Head Teacher



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