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House Point Challenge – Results

The first house point challenge was focused on being ready. After two weeks the number of points awarded to each house was -

Brighton -1409

Quarry – 917

Rosefield -916

Figgate -880

The next challenge will last 3 weeks and is focused on Respectful, specifically good manners.



Towerbank Pupil Parliament 19/20 at their first meeting this week.

Reporting absences

Please do not report absences by email – We cannot guarantee to receive emails. Can all absences please be reported by families by phone call. Thank you.

Changes in who is collecting children at the end of the day

Can families please inform class teachers with a small note in the morning. The school office cannot manage the current number of daily changes. The office will continue to manage genuine emergencies.



Daisy Mackay P5
Daisy entered the Beach Busk Photography Competition recently and won the Beach Busk Baines Prize. Here she is pictured with her winning photograph-well done Daisy!



Lily Urquhart P5
Lily took part in the Race for Life Pretty Muddy Kids 5K on Saturday 14th September with her older sister. She has raised over £500 (and counting!) for Cancer Research UK . What a fantastic achievement!

"I won the Scottish Book Trust competition by writing a story. My story was about a cake which wasn't alive but was alive. They sent me lots of lovely books for my prize. I felt very pleased."

50 word story entry:

<https://www.scottishbooktrust.com/50-word-fiction/august-2019-winners>

Young writers (5-11) category winner
Sofía Moreno, age 5

There was a cake. Not a normal cake, a tiny cake. Eyes popped out of the icing. Legs grew out quickly, then a mouth. "I'm talking!". The cake slid and hung off the table on his tippy-toes. Then he heard footsteps. He got nervous and turned into a normal cake.



TASC October Holiday Club

The October Holiday club is now open for bookings. To view the full programme and book spaces [click here](#)

Please note the October holiday club will take place in Portobello Community Centre (a.k.a The Wash House).

If you have any questions contact the TASC team - tascholiday@gmail.com.

As part of their emotions theme P3 made worry dolls to put under their pillow.



Last week this was published with a small error in the times. The correct times are highlighted below.

The information has also been updated with clarification on exemptions – also highlighted.

School Streets

The City of Edinburgh Council took the decision in 2015 to limit traffic in the street directly outside the school at key times, meaning that parents will not be able to park right at the gates to drop their children off.

The aim was to create a safer, more pleasant environment. The scheme promotes active travel to school by walking and cycling, in turn reducing congestion and pollution in the area.

The police are able to enforce this restriction with fines.

What does School Streets mean for parents?

The street immediately outside the school is closed to traffic at specific times at the beginning and end of the school day.

For those who still need to drive to school then we ask that they park a short distance away from the school and walk the last five or ten minutes of the journey.

The streets around the school will not be completely traffic free however. Residents will have permits to drive when the flashing signs are on and there are certain others who have exemption – blue badge users, taxis collecting children and the emergency services for example.

There are a few parents who have blue badges and an exemption because the car is the only way they can get their child to school. Some of them have experienced a bit of hostility while driving. Please bear in mind that some people have every right to be there, and allow them to drive to school.

Refuse lorries are not allowed to enter the restricted streets during the hours of operation. The recent violations of this have been reported to the Council. This should not happen again.

Hours of operation

Mon-Thur:
8:20am - 9:10am
3pm - 3:40pm

Fri:
8:20am - 9:10am
12:10pm - 12:35pm

Streets affected

Aitchison's Place
Bath Place
Beach Lane
Figgate Bank
Figgate Street
Shrub Mount
Whins Place
Wilson's Park

Tower bank Parent Group

Bake sale/ 50p Friday: Our first bake sale of the new school year will take place on Friday 4th October. We aim to have one bake sale a term and it is a great way to raise funds - children can buy baking for their snack at mid morning break. Everything costs 50p. We are aware that several children in the school have allergies. All baking has to be nut free but there is a separate allergy section of the sale, to prevent cross contamination, and children with allergies can be directed to this area.

To make the bake sale a success we need your help. We will have over 650 customers to cater for and we don't want to run out of baking and leave any disappointed pupils. We would be grateful for your donations of home baked goods - cookies, fairy cakes, traybakes, 'free-from' items. Any home baking, but it must be **nut free**. Baking can be handed in to the school office on **Friday 4 October at drop-off**.

Dates for your diary:

- **Friday 20th September:** Towerbank Quiz Night, 7.30-10pm in the school. Tickets are £2 each and will be sold at drop off between 17 and 20 September. If you can't get a ticket at these times, please email towerbankschoolfairs@gmail.com.
- **Friday 27th September:** Playspace meeting, 9am, Miros.
- **Friday 4th October:** 50p Friday/ bake sale
- **Every Friday:** Tidy Fridays in the Library. If you'd like to find out more, drop into the library on Friday morning or email the Library group at towerbanklibrarygroup@gmail.com.

You can keep up to date with all TPG meetings and dates, as well as information about sub-groups, parent-run activities and fundraising by checking out the new TPG website: <https://towerbankparentgroup.wordpress.com/>.

If you need volunteers or have key dates you would like included in the TPG's weekly update, please email Alisonapayne@gmail.com