

# Dechmont Infant School

*'Determined to Improve & Succeed'*



## May Newsletter

Welcome to our May newsletter which I hope will give you some information about what has been happening in our nursery and P1-3 class and our plans for the last few weeks of the school session. I would like to thank everyone in Dechmont for the very warm welcome that has been extended to me since I took up post as interim head teacher on the 30th April. I am very impressed by the community spirit which is evident in the school and the commitment of the staff team and families to improving outcomes for all of our children. I look forward to working with your children, the staff team and the families of Dechmont as we continue to strive for excellence for all of our children.

Lesley Henderson

Head Teacher (interim)

## Goodbye and Good Luck

It was great to see so many of our families come along to the school on Friday 27th April to wish Mr Harvey good luck in his new post as Head Teacher of Winchburgh Primary School. He was incredibly touched by the warm wishes, cards and gifts received as he said a very fond farewell to the community of Dechmont Infant School. Although he hasn't quite disappeared yet and has already been in to visit and ensure that a smooth handover takes place.

## P1-3 Visit Howden Park Centre

Primary 1-3 had a very enjoyable morning at Howden Park Centre on Thursday 3rd May- when they visited the art exhibition which is currently running. They were met by the organisers who gave them a tour of the exhibition and who commented on how impressed they were with the children's knowledge of famous artists and their interest in the work on display. It is hoped that P1-3 will hold their own art exhibition in the near future (date yet to be decided) to which they will extend an invitation to all of their families and friends.

## Professional Learning

Our staff team continue to further develop their professional skills and knowledge through attendance at training sessions, working with cluster colleagues and through professional reading and discussion. On our May inservice day the team worked with Kirkhill colleagues on mental health awareness strategies in the morning and in the afternoon our primary staff worked with cluster colleagues on moderation of reading activities and our nursery team worked with colleagues from across West Lothian on developing their knowledge and understanding of the Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC) agenda. Our nursery staff have also recently completed an online training module on the Duty of Candour which has been a directive from the Care Inspectorate.

## Key Dates

Please see the diary dates for the remainder of the school session. We hope that this will give you information on events to which parents/carers are invited to come along and join us in nursery and P1-3 throughout May and June. If any changes need to be made to dates, for any reason, then we will let you know as soon as possible.

### DIARY DATES

#### MAY

9th—Dechmont P3 to Kirkhill transition visit 1

23rd—Dechmont P3 to Kirkhill transition visit 2

25th Dress Down Day

30th—New P1 Parent Info Session—Kirkhill PS

#### JUNE

6th—Dechmont P3 to Kirkhill transition visit 3

7th—Destination Judo taster session for P1-3

11th—Sports Day P1-3 (Kirkhill P3 to attend)

14th—P3 to Broxburn Cluster Highland Games—Broxburn Academy

20th—Fire Service to visit

21st—AM Dechmont Nursery Sports

28th—10.30am Nursery Moving on Celebration

28th—2.30pm P1-3 End of Session Celebration

29th—Dress Down Day

29th—9.45am-10.30am P1-3 to Kirkhill PS End of Session Golden Club event

**\*\*A date for our end of session educational excursion is still to be decided . As soon as we know this date we will send information to parents/carers.\*\***

