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The Knox Newsletter



From the Head Teacher

Dear Friends,

Thanks for all your support over the last term.

Following quite a wait, we have received our Inspection Letter and the evaluations that will help us move the school forward. I was delighted that the strengths of the school were recognized by the inspection team. We will continue to ensure that we get the best out of youngsters and do our best for them, and, by following the recommendations from HMIE we will be able to provide a really strong foundation for all of our young people. I am holding a meeting for extant parents and carers at 6.30pm on 26th April in the school hall. If you are a prospective parent—don't worry—there will be opportunities for you to be part of the post-inspection process at a later date.

I was delighted to see that our positive destinations figures (those that are collated as to what pupils move on to after school) have gone up. We are now managing to get 95% of our young people into a positive destination once they leave. I would like to thank the Guidance Team, Pupil Support, our Skills Development Scotland worker—Jennifer Jones and the team at East Lothian Works for helping us achieve this level. Obviously, we want the number to be 100% and we will continue to work with our partners to move towards that goal.

I have been delighted with the pupils' achievements in music, sport and volunteering already this session. Sadly, we did not retain the East Lothian Volunteering Shield this year, but, rest assured we are plotting how we can get it back next session. Pupils have been practising hard at rugby, football, basketball, golf, swimming, musical instruments, dance, and drama and their work is paying off on the sports' field and on the stage. I couldn't be prouder.

Finally, I have to mention the success of two pupils in particular—Angus Langlands and Adam Fairgrieve. They both campaigned tirelessly for the opportunity to represent East Lothian on the Youth Parliament. Sadly Adam was knocked out in the penultimate round of voting, but Angus went on to gain a seat. What makes Angus all the more special is that he has additional support needs and campaigned on a ticket of everyone's differences making us stronger as a whole. What an inspiring message given all that is going on in the world.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, which appears to read 'S. Dupha'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

Head Teacher

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 18th April	All Resume	Wednesday 31st May	Parent School Partnership Meeting 6.15pm
Wednesday 26th April	P7 Numeracy Transition Day	Monday 5th June	New Timetable begins
Wednesday 26th April	Meeting for Parents regarding the Inspection	Monday 5th June	Work Experience Week begins for new S4
Wednesday 26th April	Parent School Partnership Meeting	Monday 5th June	Higher/Adv Higher Biology Fieldtrip week
Thursday 27th April	S6 Paintball Trip	Tuesday 13th June	Sports Day
Friday 28th April	Last teaching day for S4-6	Wednesday 14th June	Sports' Award Evening
Monday 1st May	May Day Holiday	Friday 16th June	Enterprising Maths Competition
Tuesday 2nd May	All resume Exam Leave S4-6	Friday 16th June	Leavers Ceremony (12.15pm)
Thursday 4th May	S3 Tracking Reports Issued	Monday 19th June	Numeracy IDL (Money Week) begins
Tuesday 9th May (AM)	Health & Wellbeing Transition Event	Monday 19th June	S4 Geography Fieldtrip
Tuesday 9th May (PM)	Literacy Transition Event	Monday 19th June	P7 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 17th May	S2 Tracking Reports Issued	Tuesday 20th & Wednesday 21st June	P7 Visit Days
Monday 22nd May	Inservice Day	Friday 23rd June	School Council Election Day
Friday 26th May	S1 Full Reports Issued	Wednesday 28th June	Awards' Ceremony 7pm
Monday 29th May	S1-S3 Activities Week Begins	Friday 30th June	School Closes 12.05pm

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