



## Religious Observance at Sciennes Primary School

### Assemblies

HMIE and Education Scotland define religious observance as 'community acts which aim to promote the spiritual development of all members of the school community and express and celebrate the shared values of the school community.'

Parents who wish to exercise their right to withdraw their child from religious observance should contact the Headteacher, in writing, and alternative arrangements will be made for your child.

### P1-3 Assemblies

The Early Years assembly takes place every Friday morning from 9.30 – 10am.

The basic structure of the assembly stays the same each week:

- The children are introduced to the theme of the assembly and some initial information is given
- Welcome song
- Birthdays are celebrated and birthday children come out to the front to sit on the birthday bench
- Class awards are given to the pupils who have worked particularly hard / done something extra special.
- A story is told to reinforce the theme of the assembly
- One of the children demonstrates a talent in our 'Spotlight'
- Closing song
- School news
- House points

The themes are wide ranging, but generally are centred on the school's values. This session we have looked at:

- kindness – "Fill Your Bucket"
- our brain and how we learn
- our responsibility towards others – Food bank; "The Good Samaritan"
- behaviour; our school rules

We respond to celebrations as they occur throughout the year:

- Eid
- Diwali
- Halloween
- Christmas
- Burns Night
- Chinese New Year.

## Primary 1 – 3 Assembly Planner

Date	Theme / Value	Festival / celebration
January		
10	Scotland / Trying our best	House Assembly
17	Behaviour 1 – “The Bad Tempered Ladybird” Revision of our rules	
24	Robert Burns The Life of Burns / To A Mouse	Burns Night
31	Chinese New Year	Chinese New Year Year of The Horse
February		
7	Behaviour 2 Respect	
14	Love Assembly	Valentine’s Day
28	Looking After Myself Online	Internet Safety
March		
Thursday 6	Book celebration	World Book Day
14	Maths	St Patrick’s day
21	House Assembly Influential People / Growth Mindset	
28	Health and Well Being	The Oscars

### P4 – P7 Assemblies

A P4 – P7 Assembly is held weekly on Fridays 10.45-11.30am to create, nurture and sustain a positive school ethos that stresses care, respect and understanding for self and others. It builds a sense of school community by reflecting Sciennes’ Values, celebrating diversity and communicating matters affecting our local community. It provides an opportunity to celebrate success and a forum for pupils and staff to share learning and ideas, set within an attainment agenda of high aspiration and ambition in both learning and ideals. Some of our Assemblies focus on how we can learn from different faiths and cultures as well as from inspirational people and events from history. Assemblies are carefully planned to balance a range of values, themes and topical events throughout the academic year.

## P4-P7 Assembly Planner

w/b	Fri	Theme/Value	Assembly Possible Festivals/Events
12/08/13	16.8	Expectations/Overview	Stage meetings P4, P5, P6, P7
19/8/13	23.8	Values – Jim Carrey	Targets and Goals
26/8/13	30.8	Citizenship MLK	Martin Luther King 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary I Have a Dream
2/9/13	6.9	Singing Practice	Rosh Hashanah 5th Sept Hindu –‘Rebirthday’ of Lord Ganesh 9.9
9/9/13	13.9	Citizenship Rights & Responsibilities	P7 Citizenship Conference 12.9 Introduce new House and Sports Captains; JRSO
16/9/13	20.9	Autumn Assembly Peace One Day – Syria	Autumn Equinox 22.9; Peace Day 21.9 Remind Languages Week and Harvest Appeal; Jeans for Genes 20.9
23/9/13	27.9	Remind Harvest European Day of Languages	Languages Week 26.9 North West Edinburgh Foodbank speaker Harvest Appeal
30/9/13	4.10	LAGGANLIA Harvest	National Poetry Day 3.10 World Smile Day 4.10; World Architecture Day 1.10
7/10/13	11.10	Singing Practice	Parent Consultations Eid al Adha 14.10
14/10/13	18.10	NO ASSEMBLY	NO ASSEMBLY
21/10/13	26.10	Animals in War Poppy Appeal	31.10 Halloween; Feed the Birds Day 26.10 Poppy Appeal; Food Waste Pilot
28/10/13	1.11	Diwali	Diwali 2.11 Bonfire Night 5.11
4/11/13	8.11	NO ASSEMBLY	P3 Dance Show Poppy Day 11.11
11/11/13	15.11	Mary Queens of Scots Food Waste Syria Appeal	Children in Need 15.11; Anti Bullying Week next week 18 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> <b>Christmas Singing</b> Switch Off Fortnight
18/11/13	22.11	HOUSE ASSEMBLY Anti Bullying	Road Safety Week 18-24 <sup>th</sup> Nov <b>Christmas Singing</b> Switch Off Fortnight
25/11/13	29.11	St Andrew’s ;Book Wk Remind PTA Fair	30.11 St Andrew’s Day Christmas Fair Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov <b>Christmas Singing</b> 28.11 Thanksgiving;
2/12/13	6.12	NO ASSEMBLY	P3-P7 Lyceum ; P1 Nativity
9/12/13	13.12	<b>Christmas Singing</b>	JGHS P7 Concert Rehearsal; Coding Week
16/12/13	20.12	Christmas Assemblies	P7s perform Term ends Thursday 12pm
23/12/13		NO ASSEMBLY	NO ASSEMBLY
30/12/13		NO ASSEMBLY	NO ASSEMBLY
6/1/14	10.1	Goals and Resolutions	Scotland Week Mention Steven Lui Cup P6
13/1/14	17.1	HOUSE ASSEMBLY	House Assembly
20/1/14	24.1	Robert Burns Steven Lui Cup	Burns 25.1; Martin Luther King Day 20.1 HMD 27.1 Award Steven Lui Cup P6
27/1/14	31.1	Chinese New Year	Chinese New Year (Horse) 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb
3/2/14	7.2	Safer Internet Day	Internet Safety
10/2/14	14.2	BENMORE. P4 Scots Night	Benmore Valentine’s Day P4s perform (Scots Night 13.4)
17/2/14	21.2	NO ASSEMBLY	NO ASSEMBLY
24/2/14	28.2	Internet Safety Week Fairtrade Fortnight	Internet Safety Week Fairtrade Fortnight ; 1.3 St David’s Day
3/3/14	7.3	World Book Day	World Book Day 6 <sup>th</sup> March; Fairtrade Fortnight; International Women’s Day 8.3
10/3/14	14.3	Pupil Council Presentations JGHS Pencil Case Appeal	St Patrick’s Day 17.3
17/3/14	21.3	HOUSE ASSEMBLY – Wider Achievement and Sport Relief	Sport Relief 21.3 Spring 20 <sup>th</sup> March
24/3/14	28.3	Citizenship and Celebration of Achievements	Parent Consultations; Earth Day 29 <sup>th</sup> March

31/3/14	4.4	Easter Assemblies	Easter
7/4/14	11.4	NO ASSEMBLY	NO ASSEMBLY
14/4/14	18.4	NO ASSEMBLY	NO ASSEMBLY
21/4/14	25.4	The Commonwealth	
28/4/14	2.5	P5s perform	Scottish Opera
5/5/14	9.5	NO ASSEMBLY	Art Exhibition 9.5 Europe Day 10 <sup>th</sup> May
12/5/14	16.5	Christian Aid Week	Christian Aid Week 12.5 – 18.5 Swimathon Week
19/5/14	23.5	Swimathon Awards	Walk to School Week Africa Day 25.5
26/5/14	30.5	Singing Practice	
2/6/14	6.6	NO ASSEMBLY	Sports Day Summer Fair Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> June
9/6/14	13.6	NO ASSEMBLY	Graduation Practice; Announce House winners
16/6/14	20.6	NO ASSEMBLY	Graduation Practice
23/6/14	27.6	Whole school Assembly	Fun and Frolics 24.6 End of Term Whole School Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June

## House Assemblies

We aim to hold 4 House Assemblies in a school year led by the House Leader, House Captains and Sports Captains for Grange, Lauder, Sienna and Tantallon Houses. Themes for this year include:

- Anti bullying
- New Year Resolutions / Scotland
- Sporting Achievement
- Commonwealth Games