



Friday 22nd March 2019

KEY DATES

- Monday 25th** Sustrans Big Pedal
P5 Zoo Lab
Model UN Conference at City Chambers (Single Use Plastic)
P6/7 EPSSA Cross Country Final, Duddingston
- Tuesday 26th** P4A Bo'Ness Railway
P5 Napier University Science Festival Robotics workshop
Parent Support Group 5.30 – 6.45pm
- Thursday 28th** Primary 4 Scots' Night 6.30 – 8pm
- Friday 29th** Cycle to School Day meet King's Buildings 8.15am for 8.20am then en route
Easter Assemblies led by Stuart Irvin minister of St Catherine's church
11.45am-12.30pm Parent Council Uniform Sale
- Saturday 30th** Earth Hour 8.30pm-9.30pm
- Monday 1st April** Glee Club at the Assembly Rooms 6pm-9pm
- Tuesday 2nd** P4B Bo'Ness Railway
- Wednesday 3rd** 9.30am-1pm EPSSA Swim and Dive Gala
- Thursday 4th** P6A and P6B return to Sciennes from James Gillespie's Primary
- Friday 5th** Edinburgh University Orchestra Society P3-P7 Concert
Term ends 12.05pm
- Mon 8th and Tues 9th** Pupils supporting interviews with Children and Young People's Commissioner
- TUESDAY 23rd** All Resume
- Saturday 27th** Scottish Schools Athletics Association (SSAA) Cross Country at Kirkcaldy High
- Wednesday 8th May** 2.15-3pm P5 Scottish Opera

It was wonderful to see all parents/carers this week at Parent Consultations on Tuesday and Thursday to share the learning that has taken place this year. We highly value parental engagement at Sciennes and greatly appreciate your ongoing support and partnership.

Many thanks to Emma Kirk, Parent Council Communications Convenor, who manned a stall selling our new school badges which can also be ordered on ParentPay. Great to see P7 pupils Rory, Isla, Evie and Ella manning a stall for Easter egg donations for Foodbank. The group will be collecting until Friday 5th of April.

On Monday, Ms Pearmain and Mrs Reid met with Mrs Boyle, Parent Council Treasurer, to finalise spending for upgrading the resources in the school kitchen in the GP room. Ms Pearmain and the

Health and Wellbeing Group are working on a progression of skills for cookery and implementing a Food and Healthy Eating programme of work across the school.

Primary Seven pupils successfully reached the Final of the Edinburgh Primary Schools Sports Association (EPSSA) Hope Trust Basketball Cup at the Craggs and played extremely well on Monday. They were gracious in defeat to the overall winners Liberton Primary School, who are also to be congratulated on winning the Junior NBA not only in Edinburgh but also in the Scottish Final in Glasgow! Thank you very much Mrs Beth Walker for organising the EPSSA event and to all parents who strongly supported the participation of our Junior NBA teams throughout this term at the Craggs.

Ms Gallagher accompanied P6 pupils Rory, Jennifer and Haris on Monday and it was lovely to participate in Preston Street Primary's Assembly. Our pupils joined their three MCPs who were giving a presentation on Children's Parliament's 'What Kind of Edinburgh?' project. Our Preston Street pals will join us at one of our Assemblies after Easter and we look forward to maintaining and strengthening links.

P1-3 continued their focus on Making A Difference at their weekly assembly. P7s gave a short presentation on their Easter egg Foodbank appeal, and Sam and Caleb in P1 were presented with certificates from the Sick Kids Hospital for asking for donations for charity instead of receiving presents at their joint birthday party.

Huge congratulations to Edinburgh Primary Badminton Elite Squad players Ben Ross, Ling Yun Xiao and Qing Yang Xiao who represented Edinburgh in the Scotland Inter Primary Badminton Championship on Saturday. They achieved a very comprehensive victory in the tournament winning the Harry A Leuchers Primary Inter Area Shield. Very well done!

On Wednesday, Primary Seven pupils had an opportunity to attend the Reid Concert Hall in Bristo Square to take part in a Choral Project organised by the Edinburgh University Music Society. Thank you very much to EUMS and to all the parents who volunteered to accompany.

Several Primary Seven pupils took up the Scottish Mathematics Challenge this year - which was indeed very challenging - involving detailed completion of three separate problem-solving papers. Well done to all and everyone who took part will receive a certificate. Special congratulations to Christina Edgar who received a Gold award, Tomos Hunt and Wenda Wu who received a Silver award and Katharine McMurdo who received a Bronze award. These pupils will be invited to a special prize giving ceremony at James Watt Centre, Heriot Watt University on Friday 31st May.

Congratulations to Matthew Nunn in P6 who won the Steven Lui Poetry Recital Trophy this year. As ever, the standard was extremely high and many pupils demonstrated superb skills in learning and presenting the poems of Robert Burns. Well done to all six finalists and particular congratulations to Catie McKendrick who was Runner Up.

Thank you to Kate Kitchin and all the parents who have supported pupils' participation in the Lothian Schools Cross Country events this session. Well done to all our runners, notably P7 pupils Anna Cruden and Dylan Daunt who each gained a silver medal.

Rona Blackwood from Children's Parliament visited P6C on Friday to share news of the successful candidates interviewed in part by the pupils. Always a pleasure to welcome Children's Parliament and Mr Hunter will be very sad he has finally had to return their magnificent postbox!

Mr Howie led a Singing Practice for P3-P7 pupils on Friday and we are so pleased to have received such lovely feedback from pupils and families about the high levels of enjoyment. We have also noted raised standards in Singing together generally, thanks to his weekly sessions.

Also on Friday, we welcomed Stewart Johnson and Rachael McLure, PGDE students who will be working with P6A and P6B next term.

Please note that the next meeting of the Parent Carer Support Group is on Tuesday 26th March. The meeting takes place in the Support for Learning base from 5.30 until 6.45pm, with coffee available from 5.15pm. Any parents who are interested in coming along should get in touch with Mrs Gilhooly via email. All welcome. Paula.Gilhooly@sciennes.edin.sch.uk

P6A Class Teacher Ms Jenni McGrouther is looking forward to having as many cyclists as possible join in the Cycle to School Day next Friday 29th March. This is a great event that has been very well supported in the past, so please join her at 8.15am, for an 8.20am start at King's Buildings, or en route to school.

We are hoping to have Mr Hunter back with us next week and continue to send him our best wishes during his illness.

Carolyn and Lucy