



30 August 2019

Key Dates:

P1 Photographs Edinburgh Evening News	2 September 2019
Stage Newsletters sent out	Tuesday 3 September
Parent Council second hand uniform sale	Friday 6 September
Swimathon	Monday 9 - Thursday 12 September
P1 Challenge Run	Monday 9 September (weather permitting)
Autumn Holiday	Monday 16 September
Parent Council Meeting	Wednesday 18 September 6.30 -8.30
P1 Induction Evening	Thursday 19 September 6.30 - 8.30
Parent Consultations	Tuesday 1 October Add in time
Parent Consultations	Thursday 3 October Add in time
P1 - P7 Nasal Flu Vaccinations	Thursday 3 October
P7 Lagganlia Trip	Monday 7- Friday 11 October
School closes for October break	Friday 11 October at 12.05
School reopens for pupils	Wednesday 23 October

Dear Families

On Monday, P7B enjoyed a visit to The Water of Leith as part of their World of Water studies. The other P7 classes will visit in September.

We also had the first of our House assemblies. We asked the children how we could make our House System better and further increase learner participation in school. We got lots of ideas from the four Houses (Grange, Lauder, Sienna and Tantallon) and the first impact of this is that in P2-P7 we are going to rearrange our Pupil Voice Groups, so that each House can be aligned with a key priority from our School Improvement Plan.

Primary 6 started the next stage of Bikeability training on Monday. This week the children have been doing on-road training and will have the opportunity to cycle to Bingham via the Innocent Railway Tunnel next week. The final week of training culminates in a fantastic day long trip to Spylaw Park via the Union Canal. The training is carried out by qualified cycle instructors, helped by class teachers. It is great that we are able to offer this experience to our children. Monday for me finished with the Festival Fireworks. Simply stunning and I was amazed and pleased I was still awake at 10.30pm on a school night!

We had our informal drop in and Meet the Teacher event on Wednesday. It was great to see so many parents come in and say hello. There was a real buzz around the school. We realise

it was short notice but it was a day when all the teachers could be together, so I was keen to make the most of that opportunity. If you were not able to make it, please do not worry. Parent Consultations will be upon us soon and you will also have the opportunity to look at your child's work then too!

On Thursday Ms Gallagher attended a UNICEF UK meeting at George Heriot's school with representatives from Scottish schools who have also attained a Gold Rights Respecting Schools award. Gerry McMurtie, Senior Professional Advisor in Scotland and Rights Respecting Schools Director Frances Bestley have held similar consultations across the UK. The topic for discussion was 'Beyond Gold' with a focus on ways we could sustain, share and extend good practice, in partnership with Unicef, with other schools. Heartening to hear that Frances considers rights-based learning to be particularly well developed and understood in Scotland.

Primary 1 thoroughly enjoyed their Teddy Bears' Picnic. They each decorated a teddy biscuit and enjoyed eating it with their favourite teddies. They were also very excited because a panda walked into our playground to see them! Wow! P3A really enjoyed trying Sumdog for the first time on their iPads. They were really excited to get their own account and loved trying all the maths games and challenges! Primary 7 worked in mixed class groups this week to learn more about water and its properties, by carrying out hands on, practical activities as part of their World of Water study. They had great fun, they learned lots and working in new groups was a good preparation for their upcoming trip to Lagganlia.

I have some exciting pupil news to share. Hayden Robertson P6A went to the Dance World Cup in Portugal this summer. She performed amazingly well. Hayden won 2nd place in a group song and dance duet performing 'Anything You Can Do, I Can Do Better' and 3rd place in a group song and dance performing 'The Sound of Music'. P7A golfer Daniel Hogg and his Craigmillar Park team won the Edinburgh GolfSixes' league over the weekend at Swanston and have now qualified for the GolfSixes Final at Muckhart Golf Club, near Dollar on 8 September. Well done to both Hayden and Daniel!

A reminder that the Evening News P1 photograph will be taken this Monday morning, 2 September and that any parent/carer who does not want their child to appear should contact the class teacher. Can I also remind you to have a look at my email on The School Street Scheme. I sent it yesterday and it contains some really important information and reminders.

I hope you enjoy the last days of August and have a lovely weekend.

Andrew.

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