



6 December 2019

Dear Families

Key dates in the Christmas letter, please refer.

I want to start with the amazing Winter Fair. It was an absolute joy to be there and I loved seeing all the smiling faces (both children and adults) all around the school. The clear sky and frosty weather helped to make the day seem magical. We raised around £6,700 which is incredible. Thank you to Fran Armour, Chair of the Events and Fundraising group, to all the Parent Council members and to all the families who helped by baking, contributing items, giving up of your time and spending lots of money. I think I spent all my pocket money and more!

On Monday, our P7 netball team took part in an Edinburgh wide competition. Our team of 10 competed against 13 other schools from across Edinburgh and achieved a place in the semi-final. It was a great day and the girls shared their skills and sportsmanship at every turn. Well done to all of them!

Ms Gaffney popped in to see us on Monday at break time with baby Ada. It was lovely to see them both. I tried to persuade her to do some supply work in the afternoon, but she was having none of it!

On Tuesday P4 classes had an excellent visit to The Mosque. The Iman showed them around and talked to the children about some key features of the Muslim Faith. He also answered many questions from the children.

I met with Stuart Irvin, the Minister at St. Catherine's Argyle Church on Wednesday to talk to him about our plans for our Christmas Assemblies on Thursday 19 December, details of these assemblies are in the Christmas letter.

On Wednesday, Miss McGrouther attended a meeting about Modern Foreign Languages in schools. At Sciennes the children learn Spanish from P1 – P7, with some French in P5 – P7. Miss McGrouther will be leading this strategy across Sciennes.

Our orchestra played for our P4 – P7 Christmas sing along on Thursday afternoon. Their playing encouraged the children to sing even better!

Today was one of the best days in the school calendar. The P1 Nativities took place. Primary 1a/1b performed first then Primary 1c/d were next. Both performances were superb! The children performed with confidence and you could almost touch the excitement, pride and warmth in the hall. I was so proud of each and everyone of our P1 children and the staff who have worked so hard. Thank you to all those parents for coming along supporting the children and the school.

P3 – P7 visited The Lyceum Theatre to see A Christmas Carol. They all came back with big smiles on their faces telling me how much they enjoyed it. I shall need to buy a ticket and go and see it. Another big thank you to the staff for helping it run smoothly and a special thank you to the parents who came along to walk the children to and from the theatre. They seemed to love the show too!

I have given some information in the Christmas letter about the Marchmont and Sciennes Tree Lighting and Carol Service tomorrow. If you are able to come along I will see you there!

Enjoy your weekend.

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