



RESPECT INCLUSION TEAMWORK EFFORT

Friday 3rd April 2020

Dear Families

The past two weeks have been challenging for everyone and I hope that you, your children and families are all well.

I have enjoyed hearing that the children have been working hard with their Learning Grids. I hope you have enjoyed the flexibility that our approach afforded you when working from home and juggling home learning and childcare. The teachers will provide new Learning Grids on Tuesday 21st April. These will be posted in the CLASSES pages on the school website <https://sciennesprimaryschool.com> while we begin to roll out new ways of reciprocal online learning in the new term. Ms Kennedy and Miss Gilhooly, our Support for Learning Teachers, have just launched their own website which can be accessed from CLASSES in 'Support for Learning.' Follow us on Twitter for regular updates and suggestions for activities for the children during the holiday <https://twitter.com/SciennesPS> We have really enjoyed seeing all the rainbows and teddy bears in windows! Thank you for the Tweets. Please find attached a booklet from the Edinburgh Learns Team detailing the generic approach schools will be taking next term. Each school will tailor this to suit their own school community.

Some of our critical key workers' children attended a Hub at St Peter's Primary School this week and Sciennes staff were on hand to provide childcare for those families who cannot stay home. It is a very important provision and we are very keen to support it but it is also essential that the number of children is kept to a minimum to ensure the safety of the children, their families, the staff supervising them and the community. School has now officially closed for the Easter and Spring holiday with no access whatsoever. The children will be tired after a very emotional few weeks. It will be good for them to switch off from schoolwork for a while although if they want to do some then of course this is absolutely okay. I mentioned in my Easter Assembly introduction that they might wish to learn a new hobby or learn a new skill. If your child does this do please tweet it @SciennesPS. We would love to hear what they are up to.

The school staff are also looking forward to their holiday and I have asked them to relax as much as they can in the circumstances and to switch off completely from work. I hope they listen to me! I am looking forward to less screen time too though will likely fit in time for some Netflix!

I want to thank the entire Sciennes community for pulling together to support one another and we look forward to working with you in evolving and innovative ways in the summer term. I do hope you are able to have a relaxing break with your children. I realise many parents will be working hard over Easter and our thanks and best wishes go out to you.

We hope you enjoyed tuning into our Virtual Easter Assembly and that the children could dance and sing along. Wishing you blue skies. Here is the link again: <https://we.tl/t-tw3grMGOZK>

All the very best
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