



## RESPECT INCLUSION TEAMWORK EFFORT

### DIARY DATES

Staff resume Monday 26th October

Pupils resume Tuesday 27th October

'Flu Vaccinations Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October

Parent Consultations Tues 10<sup>th</sup> and Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> November 4-7pm

16<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Families

### P3 HARVEST APPEAL FOR FOODBANK

What an extraordinary amount of donations to the North West Edinburgh Foodbank on Thursday! As I mentioned in my Harvest email yesterday, we were overwhelmed by the generosity of our Sciennes' families. Congratulations to the P3 team who successfully led the appeal for the entire school.

### NAIRN'S BISCUITS

Thank you very much to the P1 parent who arranged for the very kind and generous donation of Nairn's biscuits to the Edinburgh Foodbank project. P3 pupils were delighted!

### P1 PHOTOGRAPHS

Huge thanks to Print Pixel who kindly provided copies of parent James Chow's photographs of our Primary One children. The photos were fantastic!

### GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October was Global Handwashing Day and an opportunity to remind the children of the importance of hygiene and how to wash hands properly. Many classes were able to watch a [GHD Assembly](#) featuring Dr Ranj. Mrs Barker and P1C had fun carrying out the pepper and soap experiment!

### ASSEMBLIES

Today we welcomed Stuart Irvin, Minister from St Catherine's Argyle to both the P1-3 and P4-7 Harvest Assemblies. We congratulated P3 for their Foodbank efforts and the focus was on Team work. I enjoyed reading "Oliver's Vegetables" by Vivian French. This tied in with Harvest and the children all have a challenge to try a new vegetable over the holidays! Mr Howie led the P4-7 Assembly with a focus on team work and kindness. His challenge to pupils is to perform a random act of kindness.

## **P7 ORIENTEERING**

Primary 7 enjoyed a spot of orienteering around the Meadows this week after a request for something Lagganlia-esque from the pupils. They worked well in their teams to locate each of the ten controls before putting the clues together to work out the code. Some groups even managing to complete both courses in the time given, which must have involved a lot of running! We hope to arrange more outdoor opportunities for P7 pupils over the next two terms, when the weather is warmer and we hope volunteers can resume.

## **COVID**

As you are aware, a member of staff tested positive for Covid-19. We received expert support and guidance through the night from City of Edinburgh Senior Managers and from Lothian Health Protection from NHS Lothian. We were very pleased to be advised to report that the person concerned was not contagious when they were at work and that no-one else needed to self-isolate.

## **MATERNITY NEWS**

Best wishes to Mrs Holli Barton who spent her last day with classes before starting maternity on Monday 26 October.

## **TEAMWORK**

I mentioned earlier that our school value of Teamwork was a focus in our Assemblies today. I recently read a quotation that I liked and it ties in with Sciennes as a family.

*“Which is more important?” asked Big Panda, “The journey or the destination?”*

*“The company,” said Tiny Dragon.*

The ‘company’ of children, staff and parents working together and supporting each other, especially in these challenging times, makes Sciennes a great place to enjoy the journey.

I hope you all have a lovely holiday

Andrew

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