



RESPECT INCLUSION TEAMWORK EFFORT

26 March 2021

DIARY DATES

Thurs 1 April Easter Assembly

Thurs 1 April Term ends

Tues 20 April All resume

Dear Families

We really missed the normal hubbub of families in and around the whole building for Parent Consultations but we appreciated being able to connect with you through Teams last week. The connections were not always glitch free! Thank you for your patience and understanding where there were any technical problems and we hope the next meetings can be in person once again. The teachers really appreciated being able to talk to you and also hear your perspective of your child's experience of Remote Learning.

Nursery

I sent an email at the beginning of the week to keep you informed about an exciting new development. From August, St Leonard's Nursery School will become aligned to Sciennes. We have begun liaising with current staff as well as recruiting new staff and will provide more information for you next term.

UNCRC Assembly

At our P4-7 Assembly we looked at the history of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) which became part of Scots' Law last week and thought about why Children's Rights are important. We looked at some of the Articles of the UNCRC and showed some examples of bunting created by Primary Four and Primary Five and a shield created by Shay Devlin. P7 Equalities Advisors Bella Thompson, Sofia Eodenable and Sofia Barreira featured in a Together Scotland video that was shown at last week's Zoom Party, celebrating the UNCRC being enshrined in Scot's Law. We encouraged everyone to work with us on Article 2 to make sure that everyone is treated fairly. Our Equalities Advisors will continue working with us next term on Equalities, anti-bullying and anti-racism. At the P1-3 assembly I read "Slinky Malinki" by Lynley Dodd. I was joined by P4 Equalities Advisor, Natalie Ismail. Natalie told everyone about the UNCRC shield she designed for Article 2 of the UNCRC, bearing her quote, "No one should be judged because of the way they look."

Easter Assembly

Stuart Irvin, the minister from St Catherine's Argyll Church will join us on Thursday 1 April to broadcast our Easter Assembly live to P1-3 pupils and then to P4-P7 pupils. Please inform your child's Class Teacher if you do not wish your child to take part.

Farewell Old Friend!

The Sick Kids Hospital has been our faithful friend and neighbour throughout Sciennes' entire history. It has been a great comfort having the hospital right on our doorstep for checking out any bumps! The staff and children moved to their new home at Little France on Tuesday 23 March and we wish them well. Thank you to parent Sarah Alexander and others who helped transport plants donated by the hospital to our playground last Sunday.

EPIC P7!

Principal Teacher Ms McGrouther has been meeting with the Head of Outdoor Education, Andrew Bradshaw to arrange an outdoor experience next term. 'Epic Days' have been developed by the Sports and Outdoor Learning Unit for P7 pupils who missed out on their residential experience due to the pandemic. The programme, which will be run by staff from both Benmore and Lagganlia, will cost £38 and is designed to provide a flavour of the full residential experience in one extended Epic Day running from 10am – 9pm. During the course of the day pupils will embark on a mini expedition in the Pentland Hills, take part in on-site activity sessions, enjoy a hot meal for dinner and a campfire to end the evening. P7 families will receive further details once transport arrangements and costs have been finalised.

Lagganlia October 2021

On Friday, Ms Gallagher and Ms McGrouther met with our current Primary Six classes on Teams to talk about the proposed P7 residential visit to Lagganlia Outdoor Education Centre next session 11-15 October 2021. Next term we will provide an information meeting via Teams for families.

Benmore February 2022

Next term we will also provide information and meetings for current P5 pupils and families about the proposed P6 residential visit to Benmore Outdoor Education Centre 7-11 February 2022.

Edinburgh Hill Challenge - Friends of Sciennes School Sponsored Event

Edinburgh has seven fantastic hills, most within easy reach of the Sciennes' community. For this term's sponsored event we're asking Sciennes' pupils and families to stay local and head for the hills over the Easter Holidays!

Pupils will be asked to set their own personal target to complete over the Easter holidays, be it one hill, two hills or all seven, and we need your support to help them meet their target. With the longer evenings and the warmer weather hopefully on its way, this is a great opportunity to explore our wonderful city whilst raising funds to benefit each and every child at Sciennes.

Please see attached letter for more information.

COVID 19

Please see the attached letter from Katie Dee, Interim Director of Public Health and Policy, concerning public health COVID-19 information for parents/carers, staff and pupils. We ask that you please report any positive cases in the Easter holiday to the Council Contact Centre on **0131 200 2000** so that contact tracing can be initiated on our behalf.

We may have lost an hour when the clocks moved forward but the start of British Summer Time is welcome! Term ends on Thursday 1 April but please note that this is a full day in school. We all return to school on Tuesday 20 April. The 'stay home' guidance changes to 'stay local' on Friday 2 April, so a great excuse to get out safely into the hills!

We are looking forward to the final week in school before the break.

Andrew



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SUMMARY OF STAGGERED START AND FINISH TIMES AT SCIENNES PRIMARY SCHOOL from 15 March 2021

Year Group	Start Time	Mon – Thurs Finish Time	Friday Finish Time	ENTRANCE/EXIT
P1	9.00am	3.00pm	12.10pm	WEST DOOR (Sick Kids Hospital side)
P2A, P2B	9.00am	3.00pm	12.10pm	EAST DOOR (Main Entrance)
P2C	9.00am	3.00pm	12.10pm	Classroom Entrance/Exit from Playground
P3	8.50am	3.20pm	12.05pm	WEST DOOR
P4	8.50am	3.20pm	12.05pm	EAST DOOR
P5	8.40am	3.10pm	11.55am	WEST DOOR
P6	8.40am	3.10pm	11.55am	EAST DOOR
P7	8.40am	3.10pm	11.55am	EAST DOOR

***N.B. PUPILS SHOULD ONLY USE THE ENTRANCE/EXIT STIPULATED**

DROP OFF All pupils can come into school directly without lining up at their designated time. Please observe COVID regulations by wearing a mask and keeping 2m apart.

PICK UP P6 and P7 pupils may only be collected from outside the school gates. P1-P5 Parents, please only enter the playground just before your designated pick up time, ensure 2m distancing and then vacate the playground immediately you have collected your child to avoid congregating. If you have siblings who need collected at different times, please leave the playground, move away from the front of the school and return at the designated time. Thank you.

