



RESPECT INCLUSION TEAMWORK EFFORT

1 April 2021

DIARY DATES

Tues 20 April All resume

Dear Families

We feel grateful that we were able to have all the children back at school full time before Easter. We are sure those of you with older children at secondary school will be relieved they will also return full time after the break. Brighter skies and days are ahead.

Easter/Spring Assembly

Stuart Irvin, the minister from St Catherine's Argyll Church joined us on Thursday 1 April for the live broadcast of our Easter Assemblies to P1-3 pupils and then to P4-P7 pupils. Stuart told the story of Maundy Thursday and I focused on Spring and Spring cleaning! Our three P4 ECO Reps, Stanley, Abby and Sara, demonstrated their interviewing skills by asking Mr Neil Scott (our janitor) about Recycling at Sciennes and how we can all help make it better. Mr Scott asked them for their ideas on reducing, reusing and recycling. What are yours? Tell your ECO Rep. Thank you to both of our wonderful janitors Mr Scott and Mr Reid for working so hard for all of us, recycling 400 milk cartons as well as paper and card every single day. Attached is the link to the video featuring our superb P4 Eco reps. I also enjoyed reading "Sonny's Wonderful Wellies" by Lisa Stubbs to P1-P3.

<https://vimeo.com/531473731>

Sustrans Big Pedal

Principal Teacher Ms McGrouther worked with our fabulous Primary Seven House and Sports Captains to create this video about the Sustrans Big Pedal project. The whole school is invited to get more active and to record all active journeys from Monday 19 April until 30 April. (Even though we are not back at school until Tuesday 20 April, keep a note because this is a competition – and Ms McGrouther and the P7 Captains are very keen that we win!) Here they explain what is involved but **please note the link will not be live for a few days:**

<https://vimeo.com/531757433>

Easter Bake Sale

P5 pupils Isla, Emilie, Penny and Althea have arranged a Stand Up to Cancer Bake Sale at Isla and Esme Alexander's house in Grange Loan on Friday 16 April 1.00-3.00pm. Well done to them and thank you to their families for supporting this great cause. I will try to nip along to make a donation and sample the baking! Who doesn't like a good slice of home baking?

Edinburgh Hill Challenge - Friends of Sciennes School Sponsored Event

Friends of Sciennes School (FSS) is challenging all of our children and young people to walk the Seven Hills for Sciennes over the Easter holidays. As our school's Charitable Trust, your support is vital to sustaining our commitment to enhancing the educational and extra-curricular life of Sciennes school.

Due to the challenges posed by COVID-19, we have been unable to hold our sponsored events in 2020 and won't be able to resume these until early 2022. With this in mind, we are appealing to our school community to take part in this challenge to raise much needed funds.

Pupils and their families are encouraged to set their own personal target, be it one hill, two hills or all seven! All pupils have today received a handout where they can record their challenge and they have been asked to return this to school after the Easter Holidays so we can count how many hills Sciennes' families have climbed.

We would love to see how you get on before and during your family's challenge. Feel free to share your photos, drawings, stories with us on Twitter at [@SciennesPS](https://twitter.com/SciennesPS) [#sevenhillschallenge](https://twitter.com/SciennesPS) or email admin@sciennes.edin.sch.uk. We hope to share these and celebrate with the children when they return to school.

We're aiming to raise £3,000 towards our funding priorities which include subsidising activities and excursions for families, the purchase of Promethean boards for classrooms and extra-curricular opportunities.

Donations can be made via our official campaign page and you can create your own fundraising challenge page connected to the campaign. Just click on the Start Fundraising button. <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/sevenhillsforsciennes>

Thanks to the gift-aid scheme, FSS can reclaim money from the government on charitable donations from UK taxpayers. This means that for each £1 donation, FSS can obtain an extra 25p. Your employer may also have a charity match funding scheme in place which the FSS would be delighted to receive.

A copy of the handout and the FSS letter issued earlier this week with more details is attached.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Friends of Sciennes School

Nursery

Yesterday afternoon, Ms Anstruther and I visited St Leonard's Nursery School which will become aligned to Sciennes in August. We were made to feel very welcome and it was great to begin making plans together for next session.

COVID 19

We wish you a safe, healthy and happy Easter break, but ask that you please report any positive cases in the holiday to the Council Contact Centre on **0131 200 2000** so that contact tracing can be initiated on our behalf.

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....and work off the chocolate eggs!

As I write the sun has come out and I can see blue skies beckoning from my window. I really hope you all have a good break. This has been the strangest of terms and I am hopeful for a bit more normality next term for all of us!

Andrew



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SUMMARY OF STAGGERED START AND FINISH TIMES AT SCIENNES PRIMARY SCHOOL 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.

