



RESPECT INCLUSION TEAMWORK EFFORT

7 May 2021

DIARY DATES

Friends of Sciennes School (FSS) Meeting Monday 10 May

Parent Council Meeting Wednesday 12 May

Holiday (Victoria Day) Monday 24 May

Parent Council Picture Day w/c 31 May

Reports Home Thursday 17 June

End of Term Friday 25 June 12pm

Dear Families

I hope you enjoyed the long weekend.

Our Inservice Days are still conducted remotely online and we encountered some technical issues we think related to all city schools holding similar whole staff meetings via Teams at the same time. Nevertheless, we managed to overcome these and it was good to come together to focus on whole school developments and initiatives for this term and next session.

We had already begun to implement the national Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood(RSHP) programme in the upper school and are extending its use it throughout the school. The Health and Wellbeing programme also incorporates personal safety and replaces and updates our previous P1-7 Keeping Myself Safe curriculum. Ms Anstruther is our Health and Wellbeing lead and she took us through the programme for each stage. There was a timed quiz which brought out everyone's competitive side! Anti-racism surveys and online modules helped advance our Equalities curriculum and Mr Armstrong shared a video of pupil Digital Leaders demonstrating creative uses of our brand new Promethean Interactive panels for teaching and learning. Wonderful to see how confidently and expertly our pupils presented! We were joined by Sharon McGhee who is a seconded Headteacher – and former Sciennes' teacher – now leading developments in the city for Care Experienced pupils as a Quality Improvement and Education Officer. Her input was extremely moving and also inspiring and we look forward to working with her to expand our provision for our own care experienced pupils.

Uniform Sale

Thank you to Diane Rapan and parents who have been busy organising a Nearly New uniform sale which will take place on Friday 14 May at 12.20pm. We ask parents to queue outside the main gate until directed to come into the playground once all the children have departed. Socially distanced single lines while filing past tables will ensure safety and we ask that you wear a mask. Thank you to everyone who has been donating uniform in the mornings and you can still do so next week up until Thursday at 9am.

Assemblies

On Friday, our Assemblies focused on Deaf Awareness Week and we are extremely grateful to parent Aicha Reid for providing signing videos which we have used in class each day. Our P4 and P7 Equalities Advisors produced their own signing videos to share at Assembly. Unfortunately, we experienced technical difficulties which forced us to abandon the P1-3 Assembly which was hugely disappointing. We managed to get operational for the P4-7 Assembly and I gave some information about deafness and hearing impairment and shared the story of Helen Keller's life and amazing achievements. We will broadcast the Assembly to P1-3 on Monday and will first make sure all is working well in cyberspace beforehand!

ECO Code

We now have ECO Code competition entries from P1-P7 pupils and it will be extremely difficult to select one overall winner but our P4-P7 ECO Reps are really enjoying looking through them to decide. We hope to announce the winner by the end of next week. The quality and creativity levels are so high that we will provide additional prizes for highly commended entries.

Swimming

Mel Coutts' (Strategic Development Officer Sports & Physical Activity) team of Swimming Instructors began lessons this week and it is wonderful to have our pool back in use and to provide Swimming for so many of our children from P4 to P6. Thank you very much for supporting participation in making sure the children have a swimming costume and a towel on their swimming day. P6A and P4A will have their turn on Monday!

P7 Epic Day

We are so delighted to have the go ahead to take part in a fantastic – Epic! - adventure day at Bonaly and in the Pentlands on Monday 17 May. The event has been organised by the Sports and Outdoor Learning Unit for pupils who missed out on a residential experience due to the pandemic. P7 pupils should arrive at school as normal at 8.40am and will travel on three coaches. We will return to Sciennes playground to be collected from there at 9.30pm at night. We are one of the first schools to take part and I thank Mrs Brenda Ellis in the school office for organising transport at such short notice. We can now confirm that the final cost, including transport, will be £42 and we will publish that on ParentPay next week. Meanwhile, thank you to all the families who have already signed the permission form Ms McGrouther emailed on Thursday.

Mandarin Award

Congratulations to Alexander Donaldson in P4 who achieved a Bronze award in a recent UK Mandarin Reading competition!

Hope you enjoy the weekend and the four seasons in one day that we seem to be getting every day at the moment! Variety is the spice of life.

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SUMMARY OF STAGGERED START AND FINISH TIMES AT SCIENNES PRIMARY SCHOOL

	Year Group	Start Time	Mon – Thurs Finish Time	Friday Finish Time	ENTRANCE/EXIT	
*N.B.	P1	9.00am	3.00pm	12.10pm	WEST DOOR (Sick Kids Hospital side)	PUPILS
	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	

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.

