



RESPECT INCLUSION TEAMWORK EFFORT

11 June 2021

DIARY DATES

Summer Fair Saturday 12 June 12-3pm – **N.B. you must sign up to attend**

Dress Down for Euros Football Monday 14 June

Reports Home Thursday 17 June

P7 Leavers' Dance Wednesday 23 June 4-6pm

End of Term Friday 25 June 12pm -12.10pm to ensure staggered exit

PLEASE NOTE THAT P7 WILL EXIT THE BUILDING FROM THE MAIN DOOR AT 11.40am

(This earlier exit is to allow time for photographs and for P7 pupils and families to disperse safely and completely ahead of the rest of the school.)

Dear Families

Scotland in the Euros and School Football tournament

Curriculum for Excellence places an explicit emphasis on Scottish contexts, Scottish cultures and Scotland's history and place in the world. Today is the beginning of the European Football Championships. Scotland, for the first time in 23 years, is appearing at a major football tournament. In order to celebrate Scotland's opening match this coming Monday, there will be a slight change to our usual learning timetable. On Monday 14 June, all pupils and staff may wish to dress down and wear something Scottish or wear something blue – which can include the Scotland football team shirt or similar. There is no fundraising associated with this dress down day. Children can of course wear uniform if they prefer.

On Monday afternoon, from 2pm, all teachers in all classrooms will show the Scotland v Czech Republic football match as an activity. It will need to be streamed so we may only see a part of it! We are also holding a football tournament in school over the next two weeks. Next week P1-P3 will take part in activities in the Meadows with P4-P7 enjoying it the following week. We held a football draw in school where staff could draw a team with a chance to win some small prizes. I managed to pull out North Macedonia. There is thankfully also a prize for the worst performing team!

Aerial Photograph

Thank you to Kirstin Unger, Caroline McKellar and Leda Uberbacher for arranging a drone photograph of the playground to show how our already minimal playground space will be further restricted when the new classrooms are built in the summer holiday. P5, P6 and P7 pupils posed for the photo on Thursday. P7 pupils have chalked #ThanksForTheSpace to promote a citywide campaign this weekend in support of the 'Spaces for People' initiative. We have benefited from road closure as part of 'Spaces for People.' Thank you to our Parent Council for all their efforts in advocating the road remains closed so that we can continue using it as a play area.

Model United Nations

All from UN House Scotland and Edinburgh University mentors – national and international – agreed that the P6C Model United Nations Conference (MUN) on Wednesday 9 June was a terrific success. James Bulman, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, who joined Miss Wittland's class from London, echoed all the other adults in effusing about the children's high level of engagement and participation, particularly their ability to tackle weighty subject matters with insight and kindness. We are also grateful to Bruce Adamson, Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland, who has worked at the New York UN Headquarters as well as at the UN Geneva office, for his support at the event.

Swimming

We have been extremely fortunate to have Swimming instruction for P4-P7 for so many weeks. Please note that Swimming will continue in the last week of term, so pupils should still bring their kit but please make sure it is then taken home. Thank you.

P7 at the Meadows at Lunch Break

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week staff will accompany P7 to the Meadows to eat lunch and play between 12.30pm and 1.15pm.

Fond Farewell

Best wishes to Miss Janelle Stewart who has had a very successful teaching placement in P2C with Mrs Kidd. We thank her for all her hard work and commitment and are very pleased that she will be popping back to see the class next week, even though her placement officially ended today.

Save the Children Fundraising

Very best of luck to P7 Xanthe Harris who is taking on fundraising cycle run from Glasgow to Edinburgh to raise funds for Save the Children. Impressive! Here is a link to Xanthe's [JustGiving](#) page should you wish to sponsor her by making a donation:

Assembly

Today's Assemblies focused on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and how our ECO Team is working to support these goals in school. P6C had a chance to hold their own United Nations session this week, role playing and debating to help them understand how representatives from 193 member states across the globe are working together to tackle poverty, reduce inequalities and tackle climate change. P6C came up with some amazing ideas to support refugees and help countries deal with COVID-19.

This year, our ECO Team has been focusing on three main topics: Litter, Life Below Water and Climate Action. P4 reps are currently following up on their recent fact-finding mission with Mr Scott. They have decided to make signs to help us all recycle using the correct bags and bins. Today, P7 Rosa Mellanby gave a rousing call to action in reducing single use plastic (which can end up in the oceans). She asked everyone to boycott plastic straws – in school and at home. P6 pupils Ellie Napier, Vatanda McColl and Gracie Kirk prepared a presentation on Palm Oil. Vatanda was absent today so Ellie and Gracie broadcast live at both Assemblies. They were so knowledgeable, articulate and passionate about raising awareness of the problems of palm oil use and making suggestions for change. Thank you to all our ECO Reps for working so hard this year with Miss Wittland and Ms Gallagher and thank you to Ellie, Grace and Rosa for presenting so well today.

Tennis Scotland Under 11 Team

Congratulations to P6 pupils Ray Gallacher and Hamish Young who have managed to gain a place in the Under 11 team, playing Tennis for Scotland! A tremendous achievement and worthy recognition of all their hard work and effort. Thank you to their coaches who have been determined to continue mentoring the boys, often at early morning sessions before school.

Holiday dates Christmas/New Year 2021/22

A parent kindly informed me that the dates given by the Council were a bit confusing, so I have lifted the main changes below to clarify. If you have booked a holiday based on the original dates, please just let me know and you can still go ahead with your plans.

Previously **Friday 24 December 2021 - Monday 10 January 2022**

Now **Monday 20 December 2021 - Tuesday 4 January 2022.**

Inservice day Wednesday 5 January 2022. (Staff only)

Pupils Resume **Thursday 6 January**

Term ends **Friday 1 July 2022** (instead of **Thursday 30 June.**)

The agreed changes are now on the Council website, along with dates for dates for 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25.

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/schools/term-dates/1>

School Fair - One More Sleep!

Join us for our Fair. Sciennes Community Pop-Up Fundraising Fair 12th June 12pm-3pm (stalls close at 3pm promptly)

This event is FREE but **requires sign up to attend**. This ensures that we have your details, should you need to be contacted for Test and Protect. **Please sign up here:**

<https://eu.jotform.com/form/211453667001346>

There is no trail at this event and we would suggest that you start at the location nearest you. Please read the safety guidance which has been emailed to families.

The prices of all of our activities, refreshments, games and items to purchase are by suggested donation. PLEASE BRING LOTS AND LOTS OF CHANGE! We will not be giving change on the day.

Please be mindful that this is a FUNDRAISING event to generate much needed funds for your school so please give generously.

Our 3 locations are [Sciennes Gardens](#), [Grange Crescent](#) and [Granby Road](#). This ensures that families living all over our catchment can attend. These neighbourhoods will have a variety of stalls, games, food and refreshments on the day. Please note that there is no access to toilets at any of our locations.

WE HAVE JUST UPDATED OUR PATCHWORK. You can view all of our activities on the day here:

<https://patchworkit.com/38513/sciennesfair>

*Please note that this page is for information only and you **DO NOT** have to sign up to visit a location or take part in an activity. This is a feature that I can't turn off!*

Each location needs your donations. Please find information about what is needed in the document emailed to families earlier this week.

If you are unable to attend on the day, you can still support our school by donating directly to our charity, Friends of Sciennes School. **Please go to our Justgiving page here:**

<https://www.justgiving.com/friendsofscienneschool>

This is our last fundraising event of the year and we really hope you'll come along to support our school. Every penny raised goes towards providing much needed resources and opportunities for all of our children.

Sciennes Parent Council Events and Fundraising Group

I do hope you have a good weekend and I may see you at the Fair. Sunday looks like it will be a scorcher! I am also going to dig out my Mum's Baccara vinyl and practise my singing for the football!

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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
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.

