



RESPECT INCLUSION TEAMWORK EFFORT

21 May 2021

DIARY DATES

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

It has been another very busy week at Sciennes and like last week it ended very wet outside Sciennes!

P7 Epic! Day

Thank you to Ms McGrouther and the P7 team for an Epic Day of adventures on Monday. Ms Gallagher, Mrs Maguire, Mr Tsarnas, PE Student Morven Dobie and PE Specialist Mrs Cynthia Berry also accompanied and all were incredibly proud of the pupils who are a credit to families and to the school. We are very grateful to the City of Edinburgh Outdoor Education team who are providing this opportunity to 3000 P7 pupils across the city over the next few weeks. A mammoth undertaking and it was slickly organised and fully compliant with all safety procedures, as well as being lots of well-deserved fun!

“We had a wonderful day at Bonaly Scout Camp on Monday and did indeed have an Epic day. We arrived, met our instructors and then did a morning activity of going up into the Pentlands for a walk and did challenges and played games. After lunch each group did two activities including: climbing, archery, mini gorge walks and bushcraft. Dinner was followed by free time playing in the field and we were blessed by a sunny evening. An impromptu talent show occurred on a wooden stage after this and we were treated to stand-up comedy routines, spectacular singing and shadow boxing displays. Finally we had a bonfire and roasted marshmallows. By the end of the day we happily sat on the bus smiling and contented. It was a special day!”

Epic Day!

I wish we had Lagganlia, it would've been so fun! We did get to do an Epic Day though and we were the first school to do so. We were split into groups, got on a coach and then went to Bonaly!! On the coach, we saw two ladies on a bench. I said to Zosia: "That'll be us in 40 years!". The bus ride was long but fun and I was in a group with Zosia, Isla, Amèlie, Evie, Lewis, Sam, Max and Aden.

Our first activity was archery and we were using METAL ARROWS! I almost got bullseye. After a couple of rounds, we played a game and had to make a full pizza with all the colours. After that, we did climbing and it looked SO HIGH! I almost got to the top though and we were attached to harnesses so it wasn't really that scary.

We were starving by this time and ran to the tent to get lunch. It was a blast. After we had eaten, we went on a BIGGGG long hike around White Hill. We were calmly walking when we saw a random chicken! In the middle of the Pentlands! It was so random! (It was actually a grouse but we like to call it a chicken.) But by this time, we were up the hill and admiring the view.

After that we went back and had a delicious dinner of pasta, an apple and a muffin. We ate around a MASSIVE amphitheatre with seats and a fire pit in the middle. After dinner it was pretty much just free time, along with lighting fire and roasting marshmallows. I was so happy that we go to go on the trip and it was so fun!

When we were heading home, it was 9:30 pm! I was very tired but also sad to say my goodbyes. It was a really good trip. P7 has been a great year, with ups and downs. Funny moments and sad moments, but I know for sure I'm going to miss it. Bye bye!

-Bella Thompson

P1-3 Sports Day

P1-3 had a wonderful time at their Sports Day and were very lucky that the rain stayed off. Ms Anstruther and Mrs Berry (PE Specialist) organised the events and the children worked very well in teams, the red team, the yellow team, the blue team and the green team. It was very close but the results were as follows:

1st Grange, 2nd Tantallon, 3rd Sienna, 4th Lauder

Congratulations to everyone!

P4-7 Sports Day is next Thursday 28 May. It is unfortunate that we are not able to have any parent spectators this year but delighted that the events have been able to go ahead for the children. Great if the P4-P7 children can wear House colours on Thursday.

P1 School Link Officer

During her visits to P1 this week, the children decided to do some portraits of our School Link Police Officer, PC Amy Fowler. Fantastic, detailed pictures can be seen on our Twitter page: <https://twitter.com/EdinPolSE/status/1395095245122113539?s=20>.

Playground Switch

This is going well and the children very quickly got used to our new one way system in school. Everyone seems to be enjoying their new playground area.

Assemblies

We had hoped to take part in a live Global Action Plan Assembly for P4-7 today, focusing on the 'Freedom to Breathe' Clean Air campaign, but the event will be broadcast using Zoom, which we are unable to access. However, it will be recorded, so we can tune in next week.

We are encouraging pupils to take part in a BBC Radio Climate Tales competition. Entries are open to 5- 16 year olds, inviting them to express their hopes, frustrations, opinions and/or fears about Climate Change in a short story, poem, written piece, monologue or rap. Entries can be handed to Ms Gallagher by 4 June if your child completes at home.

Top prizewinning messages will be broadcast on radio, TV and at COP26

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p09bx6dp>

Clean Air Day

Primary Six Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs) Eilidh Mowbray, Amy Yang, Rory Smith and our wonderful P7 Captains unfurled a Clean Air Day Scotland banner outside school last Friday to launch this year's Clean Air Day campaign.

Ms Gallagher, Mr Hutchison, Caroline McKellar Co-Chair of the Parent Council, Frank Ross, Lord Provost of Edinburgh and John Bynorth of Environmental Protection Scotland- which coordinated the day on behalf of The Scottish Government - also took part in the launch event. This Clean Air Day on 17 June, everyone is encouraged to walk or cycle, rather than use the car, particularly on the school run or for other shorter trips to schools and supermarkets. The campaign also encourages people to consider walking or cycling less polluted side streets after research found this could reduce a child exposure to air pollution by 30%.

Mr Hunter said: *"Sciennes Primary School has supported Clean Air Day for many years and our involvement has helped our pupils learn about air pollution and how it can affect health. The campaign supports our promotion of the benefits of active travel and care for the environment."*

Ms Gallagher said: *"As a Unicef Gold Rights Respecting School we are very pleased to continue our support for Clean Air Day to raise awareness of children's right to good health and to promote active travel. Clean Air Day also ties in with the Sustainable Development Goals to*

tackle Climate Change – an issue which is extremely important to our young people and brought into even sharper focus with the forthcoming COP26 climate change conference in Glasgow.

The Lord Provost of Edinburgh, Frank Ross, a trustee of Environmental Protection Scotland, said: *“In Edinburgh we wholeheartedly support the Clean Air Day campaign’s aims, and through initiatives like School Streets we’re helping our youngest generations to make journeys by healthy, active travel. It’s wonderful to see some of our Junior Road Safety Officers join in to celebrate Clean Air Day’s fifth anniversary, and to spread the clean air message, which will be so important for years to come. This Clean Air Day we’re reaffirming our commitment to tackle air pollution, for the future of our city.”*

Thank you very much to everyone who took part.

<https://www.cleanairday.org.uk/scotland>

Bake Sale

I have exciting news about another fundraising Bake Sale. Emily, Natalie, Mary-Katherine and Zoey from P4 will hold their bake sale on Saturday 29 May from 11.30am-1.30pm at 83 Grange Loan. The children are raising funds for our school. I am already looking forward to sampling the baking!

I hope you all have a good holiday weekend. I am looking forward to the Scottish Cup final on Saturday afternoon and The Eurovision Song Contest in the evening. I think France will win! It will be great to welcome the children back on Tuesday for the last section of this academic year.

Andrew

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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.

