



RESPECT INCLUSION TEAMWORK EFFORT

28 May 2021

DIARY DATES

Parent Council Picture Day Monday 31 May and Tuesday 1 June

Reports Home Thursday 17 June

End of Term Friday 25 June 12pm

Dear Families

The sun has made a welcome return this week and next week the forecast is set to improve further! Thank you to parents who volunteered to accompany P2 classes to Tennis today. From this week we can now have parents volunteering outdoors, as long as we maintain COVID mitigations. We will be in touch soon to find out if you might be interested in supporting us to get the children learning outdoors to a greater extent now that the weather has improved and into next session.

School Photographs

The Parent Council school photographs will be taken on Monday and Tuesday next week so it would be great if children were able to wear their Sciennes uniform. We are so grateful to the Parent Council for organising this. A large number of families have opted to take part!

P7 Silent Disco

Thank you to the P7 Team who have put together plans for the P7 Leavers' Dance which will take place on Wednesday 23 June 4-6pm. We are so pleased to have been given the green light and delighted to be holding the first ever Silent Disco at Sciennes! P7 families received an email yesterday and further information will be posted on ParentPay. Thank you to parents who have offered to help with decorations.

P4-7 Sports Day

P4-7 Sports Day was postponed this week because the ground was too wet but will go ahead on Thursday 3 June. 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.

Assemblies

Today our Assemblies focused on the City of Edinburgh 'Building Resilience' Health and Wellbeing programme. We have worked through the programme in school several times in recent years to build our children's ability to cope with life's ups and downs. Next session we will commence another cycle of exploring its ten mental health tools as part of our measures to bounce back stronger.

Bake Sales

Today Izzy and Jamie in P5 held a Bake Sale for the World Wildlife Fund. 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. Two opportunities to sample delicious home baking!

Keeping Safe

You may be aware that COVID infections are on the rise and city schools have been affected, with one primary school closing completely this week. We are all working together to ensure everyone remains safe and we really appreciate your support in maintaining the same procedures we have all become accustomed to.

School Fair

Please find below an important communication from our Events and Fundraising Group.

SCIENNES POP-UP COMMUNITY FAIR 12TH OF JUNE 12PM-3PM

As you might be aware, fundraising at Sciennes has been challenging this year. Despite this, our fantastic Sciennes community and our dedicated volunteers have stepped up to provide fun events for all. I'd like to thank you all again for your support. In terms of Sciennes summer fundraising, there have been delays caused by uncertainty around the temporary classrooms being installed in the front playground and more recently with Edinburgh Council informing us that **we cannot use the playground** for our fair. For this, I can only apologise.

Fear not though as we are holding our first **SCIENNES POP-UP COMMUNITY FAIR on the 12th of June from 12pm-3pm**. There will be no entry fee and this will be held in various streets across the school community (similar to the winter trail).

Our locations for our fabulous pop ups will be: Granby Road, Sciennes Gardens and Grange Crescent.

With a short turnaround time in which to pull everything we need your help!

Firstly, we are looking for donations for some of our stalls and would be incredibly grateful for your support.

HOME BAKING, preserves, sweet treats. We will have 3 stalls across our various locations. We have always been impressed by the quality of donations from our families. We hope this year will be just as impressive! Please label any allergens you are aware of. These donations can be dropped off to Susan Dunlop at 122 Findhorn Place

Donations of TOMBOLA items. We will have 2 stalls, so we need lots of donations. This could be bottles of wine, food stuffs, toys, trinkets. All of those unwanted presents that haven't quite made it to second hand shops yet. Please check the best before dates on any food stuff items. These donations can be dropped off to Susan Dunlop at 122 Findhorn Place

Donations of pre-loved BOOKS. These donations can be dropped off to Caroline at 22 Grange Crescent.

Teddy Tombola. A new entry – we want your cute and cuddly friends who may be looking for a new adventure – let's find your old soft toys and teddies a fabulous new home where they will be much loved! These donations can be dropped off to Caroline at 22 Grange Crescent.

Donations of pre-loved CLOTHING: the children love rummaging through these stalls and this is an ideal opportunity to have a little clear out. These donations can be dropped off to Caroline at 22 Grange Crescent.

PROSECCO and/or PIMMS: our summer prosecco and Pimms stand was very popular last year. These donations can be dropped off to Susan Dunlop at 122 Findhorn Place

PLANTS: The plant stall needs your donations! Now is the ideal time to divide clumps of plants or dig up self-seeded plants as with a bit of water they will recover beautifully for the fair. So if everyone with access to a garden could have a look to see if they have anything that would be fabulous! These donations can be dropped off to Caroline at 22 Grange Crescent – or if you need plants collected call Caroline on 07968 563 939

YOURSELVES: We need volunteers to help out on the day, with stalls and activities. If we have as many offers as possible this allows everyone to get the opportunity to enjoy the fair with their family. You can sign up to specific duties on this **Doodlepoll:**

https://doodle.com/poll/7ukusuwi9yhug87d?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link

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More details to follow ASAP as soon as we get more support. We will also issue guidance on keeping yourself and our school community safe in line with government guidance.

Scottish Mathematical Challenge

Congratulations to our magnificent Primary Sevens who took part in this year's Scottish Mathematical Challenge. There were three rounds of very challenging problem solving across the year. The level of difficulty McKenzie was high but so was the margin for attaining a prize. The difference between a Gold award and a Silver award this year was one point! Honorary mentions to Joshua Chalmers, Atreya Subr and Jamie McKenzie. Very well done to Xanthe Harris and Josh Daunt who achieved a Bronze award, to Min-Gyu Ahn who achieved Silver and to Isla Griffith and Anjalie Khan who did exceptionally well to achieve Gold certificates. We invited them to Assembly today and it was great to acknowledge their tremendous achievements and hard work.

Monday 31 May

A reminder that schools are open this Monday. It is a national bank holiday but Edinburgh schools take Victoria Day which was last Monday. We have had a number of enquiries about this so I thought it would be useful to clarify.

I hope you all have a lovely and sunny weekend!

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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.

