



RESPECT INCLUSION TEAMWORK EFFORT

4 June 2021

DIARY DATES

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

Reports Home Thursday 17 June

P7 Leavers' Dance Wednesday 23 June 4-6pm

End of Term Friday 25 June 12pm

Session date change Christmas holidays 2021

At its March meeting, the Education, Children and Families Committee agreed to change the scheduled Christmas holiday dates from **Friday 24 December 2021 - Monday 10 January 2022** to **Monday 20 December 2021 - Tuesday 4 January 2022**.

The change was based on a similar amendment to the previous year's holiday dates. The reasons for the change are set out in this committee report:

<https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/documents/s31995/7.10%20School%20Session%20Dates%20Amendment%202021-22.pdf>

The report did not include consideration of the in-service day after the holidays. This will be Wednesday 5 January 2022. To ensure that pupils are in school for the required 190 days, the summer term will be amended to finish on **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>

Dear Families

This was a week of highs and lows! We were feeling very fortunate to be able to go ahead with school photographs and the upper school Sports Day. However, a positive case of COVID in school at the end of last week and another city primary school closing completely from Monday are stark reminders that we must remain vigilant and do all we can to ensure we work together to reduce the spread. Thank you for continuing to wear face coverings, wash hands and maintain distance. It may have seemed alarmist not to invite parents to Sports Days, but the Council believed it was the right thing to do for our communities and children. We hope next session will see a welcome return to everyone gathering in the sun for some egg and spoon fun!

School Photographs

Thank you so much to our amazing team of parent photographers who took stunning pictures of siblings and classes this week. Wonderful to be able to have photographs this year and incredible that the whole endeavour has also raised an astonishing £5000! We are very grateful to the Parent Council for arranging and in particular to Co-Chair Leda Uberbacher for coordinating.

P4-7 Sports Day

Thank you very much to our PE Specialist Mrs Cynthia Berry for organising a fantastic event on Thursday for P4-7 year group bubbles. Great teamwork and sporting attitudes all round and our P7 Sports Captains were a superb support. Lovely to see so many happy, smiling faces in the Meadows and very exciting to watch the P6 and P7 relay races! The results from the Upper School were

1. Lauder
2. Grange
3. Sienna
4. Tantallon

We will combine the P1-3 and P4-7 results and announce the winning House at our final assembly of the school session. Who will win the House Cup this year?

Model United Nations

We are very excited that Miss Wittland's P6C class has been invited to take part in a [Model United Nations](#) event on Wednesday 9 June. Their work on Global Citizenship has also caught the eye of [Scotdec](#)! The whole day event will be run online by [UN House Scotland](#) and mentors from Edinburgh University. The children will be taking part as delegates from Sweden, China, Guatemala, USA, Sudan and New Zealand. Resources are available in their Class Team in the MUN Channel and the resolutions will have a particular focus on the UN Sustainable Development Goals as well as international responses to the pandemic and refugees. We are very grateful that a member of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and also Bruce Adamson, Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland will attend the event.

Music to Our Ears!

Music making has made a welcome return to Sciennes thanks to Pete Baynes from Youth Music Initiative who has been working with our three P4 classes outdoors on percussion workshops. We are also grateful to NYCOS who have been working online with P3. Tess Moran has been able to provide stringed instrument tuition in person for our P6 and P7 classes since Easter and we hope restrictions on working with bubbles will ease next session so she can resume with P4 and P5 tuition on viola and violin. Restrictions still remain tight for woodwind instruments but Robert Ironside has consistently posted materials online for his woodwind groups on Teams each week since the first Lockdown. We remain optimistic that Music will be heard and played freely once again and we are counting the days until Singing is restored safely indoors!

Cubs Success!

Congratulations to Senior Cubs Alfie Dimeck, Lockie Ridley and Tommy Ridley who have been awarded the Chief Scout's Silver Award. This is the very highest award available to Cub Scouts and only ever achieved by Cubs who consistently perform and achieve at the highest level. *"To gain the Chief Scout's Silver, Cubs must achieve all seven of major Challenge awards, undertake nights away at cub camps, hold leadership positions within the pack and have completed many activity badges – usually in their spare time. Alfie, Tommy and Lockie have done all this and more. The boys are outstanding Cubs, great team players and leaders. They are tremendous role models for all in the Scouting movement, especially in our pack. We are so proud of them and hope the school community will join us in congratulating them for this achievement."*

Thank you very much to Simon Watson and Simon Warr, Leaders 85th Braid Cub Pack, Blackford for sharing this good news. Congratulations Alfie, Lockie and Tommy!

Cancer Research Bake Sale

Very well done to Esme Bain and Rory Smith whose cakes sold like hot cakes (literally in fact; the chocolate-covered Viennese whirls kept melting and so they had to keep putting them in the fridge!)

With Hanna Johansson and Bea Edgar manning the sales team, they raised £150, and with 25% gift aid their efforts raised £187.50 for Cancer Research!

The children and their families would like to pass on their sincere thanks to the Sciennes pupils and community who supported the bake sale today. Tremendous!

Friends of Sciennes Bake Sale

Thank you very much to Emily Jobson and to her P4 friends Zoey, Sara, Natalie, Krithi, Eva, Mary-Katherine and Eilidh and their families for organising a Bake Sale on 31 May in Emily's driveway which raised an astonishing £337.64 for school funds! Thank you to everyone in the community who supported.

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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|  | <p>Doodle: Sciennes Pop Up Community Fair Volunteers 12th of June 12pm-3pm. PLEASE ENTER YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS AND NOT YOUR NAME SO WE CAN CONTACT YOU. doodle.com</p> |
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We are delighted to announce **Sciennes Pop-Up Community Fair**. Three generous neighbourhoods are setting up a wonderful afternoon for all of Sciennes community to enjoy. 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.

Our 3 locations are:

- Sciennes Gardens
- Grange Crescent
- Granby Road

This coverage 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. All of these are operating a suggested donation system so please ensure that you bring plenty of cash and change.

Attendees won't receive a printed map on the day however we are using a fabulous site called **Patchwork** where you can use your phone to [view all of our activities on the day](#), their suggested donations and their locations. Please be aware that the activities offered and their locations are subject to change based on the number of volunteers we receive.

I hope you enjoyed a sunny weekend and the good weather looks set to continue! I ran the London Vitality 10k on Saturday (in Edinburgh) and managed it in 49 minutes and 32 seconds. I was quite pleased with myself and on my cool down light jog on the way home I tripped on a large stone and injured my foot! I am therefore resting my foot and being most impatient about it!

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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.

