



RESPECT INCLUSION TEAMWORK EFFORT

11 February 2022

DIARY DATES

Monday 14 - February Break

Monday 21 February All resume

P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7
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13 positive cases were reported in school this week.

P6 at BENMORE 7-11 February

Thank you to the whole team - at Benmore and at Sciennes – for all pulling together to ensure our Primary Six pupils had a fantastic week. Thank you to Ms McGrouther for being a superb Group Leader. It was wonderful to welcome Andrew Bradshaw, Senior Leader of Benmore and Lagganlia, on Tuesday evening for the rest of the week. A highly respected and valued friend to the school, it was great to have his company and support at camp again. Staff tirelessly devote their time and energy to the children throughout the day and night but that makes it tricky to find time to post photographs. However, many memorable moments were captured and these will be posted in due course in Microsoft Teams. We hope you enjoy looking at the group photos on the blog meanwhile and hearing from the children about all their adventures.

[Sciennes@Benmore2022 \(wordpress.com\)](mailto:Sciennes@Benmore2022.wordpress.com)

CHILDREN’S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

7-11 FEBRUARY

This year’s theme is ‘Growing Together’ and the focus is on encouraging children to consider how they have grown, and how they can help others grow. Many activities in class have encouraged the children to think about their aspirations for the future and how they might achieve the targets and goals, with help along the way. Please take time to look at our Sway so that you can talk about this with you child.

In addition to this, all pupils have been given a packet of wildflower seeds to take home in line with the theme. We hope that you will be able to plant these seeds either in the garden, or in local park or communal garden space. The seeds can be scattered on open ground and do not need formal planting. Nature will do the rest.

The mental health and emotional growth of our pupils is always a high priority for us at Sciennes. Please feel free to contact us if you have any concerns related to this, or any other matter.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Book tokens will be issued to each child and we invite pupils to dress up as a character from a book on Thursday 3 March. Homemade is best and we discourage expense. We have a costume lending library and always welcome any donations. Instead of staffing a stall on the day, this year we invite families to email Carolyn.anstruther@sciennes.edin.sch.uk or lauren.thomas@sciennes.edin.sch.uk to request to borrow a costume and it will be delivered to your child's classroom.

LUNCHES

P1-P5 pupils are all now entitled to free school meals which has led to an increase in uptake and brought some challenges. Ms Anstruther has been working with canteen staff, pupils and parents to find solution and make improvements. After the February break, there will still be three sittings for lunch. P3 and P4 will now eat in the Dining Hall before going into the playground while P5 and P6 will play first and then eat. We will continue to monitor and review and would greatly appreciate your support in remembering to book your child's meals via ParentPay before midnight each preceding Wednesday.

P7 MEADOWS

Please can P7 pupils bring an old pair of trainers in a bag for the Meadows after the February break. They will change in and out of the spare pair in the playground before we leave at lunchtime and after we return. The cleaners will thank you too! We are grateful to parents who have offered to assist with supervision and we will be in touch to arrange.

P7@LAGGANLIA 9-13 MAY

Thank you to everyone who has already returned the KiC permission forms and made payments via ParentPay. We will provide an Information Evening soon and provide a bespoke website with details for you and the pupils.

ASSEMBLY

Ms Anstruther led our Assemblies this week to celebrate Children's Mental Health Week and round off a week of class-based activities on the theme of 'Growing Together.' Thank you to Mrs Mechen for filming our weekly signing lesson with P4 pupil Flossie – today it was 'Happy' and 'Sad.' Flossie's lovely smile made 'sad' look 'happy!'

Primary Six will be sad to be leaving Benmore today but very happy to be safely home and we know families will be extremely happy to see them, too! Washing machines at the ready because it's been a wet and muddy – though fun-filled – week!

We hope you enjoy a fun-filled holiday week and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 21 February.

Lucy, Carolyn, John, Steve and Jenni

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Year Group	Start	Mon–Thurs Finish	Friday Finish	ENTRANCE / EXIT
P1	8.50am	2.50pm	12.05pm	WEST DOOR
P2	8.50am	2.50pm	12.05pm	EAST DOOR
P3	8.50am	3.20pm	12.05pm	WEST DOOR
P4	8.50am	3.20pm	12.05pm	EAST DOOR
P5	8.50am	3.20pm	12.05pm	WEST DOOR
P6	8.50am	3.20pm	12.05pm	EAST DOOR
P7	8.50am	3.20pm	12.05pm	EAST DOOR