



RESPECT INCLUSION TEAMWORK EFFORT

4 February 2022

DIARY DATES

Monday 7 February- Friday 11 February P6 Benmore; Children’s Mental Health Week
 Monday 14 - February Break
 Monday 21 February All resume

P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7
2	1	7	2	7	1	6

26 positive cases were reported in school this week, slightly up on last week’s 20 cases.

P6 at BENMORE 7-11 February

We are all really looking forward to the P6 residential at Benmore. Follow our adventures on the P6 Class Page on our school website: [Sciennes@Benmore2022 \(wordpress.com\)](https://www.sciennes@benmore2022.wordpress.com)

On Monday morning, two coaches will drive up Argyll Place and reverse into Sciennes Road in front of the old hospital. Downie Construction has kindly offered to avoid deliveries until after 10am and Community Police will attend where possible on departure and at arrival back at school on Friday.

Staffing for the trip: Monday to Friday

Ms McGrouther (Group Leader), Ms French, Mrs Clark, Mrs Robertson and Mrs Stove

Monday to Tuesday, returning Wednesday morning

Ms Gallagher and Mr Gilchrist

Wednesday to Friday

Mr Armstrong and Ms Gladstone

Monday to Friday

Ms Anstruther is normally at St Leonard’s Nursery on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesday mornings and at Sciennes on Wednesday afternoons and Thursdays. She does not work on Fridays but during Benmore Ms Anstruther will be at Sciennes Monday to Friday. Senior Leader Marie Lyon will also be on hand that week should we require any additional support in Andrew’s absence.

CHILDREN’S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

7-11 FEBRUARY

Children's mental health is a priority for us at Sciennes. Next week we will be focusing on the wellbeing of our pupils as part of Children's Mental Health Week. As well as class-based activities, the pupils will have an Assembly based on this year's theme of Growing Together. Please look out for a wellbeing Sway in the middle of the week to enjoy at home. We would like to thank the Parent Council for providing the funding for wildflower seeds for every child.

Carolyn Anstruther, Depute Headteacher

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.

First Tuesday Lunchtime Running Club.

The lunchtime running club took place on Tuesday lunchtime in blustery conditions. Firstly, we must thank the parents that ran with us and helped to encourage and keep the children safe. Your support is vital. The run took us through the Meadows up to Bruntsfield Links. From there we made our way up through the Grange and back down Lovers' Lane, covering roughly four and half kilometres. We will be out again on Tuesday, meeting at the East gates at 12:25pm, Primary 6 pupils will be at Benmore so will not be joining us. If you would like to join us for a run, regardless of what stage your child/children are at, please get in touch. 9055990@ea.edin.sch.uk

John Armstrong, Depute Headteacher

UNIFORM SALE

Thank you very much to Diana Rapan and fellow members of the Parent Council for organizing the uniform sale last Friday.

ABSENCE REPORTING PROCEDURE

A reminder that if you wish to report your child's absence, please always contact the school office **in the first instance** rather than inform the Class Teachers. Call 0131 667 1243 and leave a message on the School Absence Line which is easiest for our office staff though you can also email admin@sciennes.edin.sch.uk and they will inform teachers.

ASSEMBLY

Our Assembly this week launched LGBT Awareness month. A whole school focus ties with our Equalities and Anti-Bullying work and our school Values of Inclusion and Respect. In class, the focus is also linked to the national Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood (RSHP) programme and children's rights. P7 LGBT Charter Champions read a story "Julian at the Wedding" by Jessica Love. They explained why they chose this book and passed on the message that families can be different, but family is family and love is love. P4 pupil Rowen Kunz joined classmate Flossie Reid for our weekly signing session. Both girls demonstrated the signs for 'Sorry and 'Waiting.' Thank you to Mrs Mechen for filming. Thank you to P5 pupils Abby and Maddy who explained why they decided to take action with their Sustainability petition to Sainsbury's asking the CEO to list food miles on packaging.

Although we still cannot come together as a whole staff, everyone met in groups on Friday afternoon to take forward our school improvement priorities in Literacy, Numeracy, Health and Wellbeing, Digital Learning and Equalities.

Mr Armstrong and I were interviewing this afternoon as part of CEC citywide recruitment so we will send the Round Up newsletter on Monday. We all wish you a restful weekend.

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