



RESPECT INCLUSION TEAMWORK EFFORT

18 March 2022

DIARY DATES

Ukraine Appeal – Mon 21 -Fri 25 March
 Wednesday 23 March Parent Council Meeting
 Friday 25. March Cycle to School Day 8.20am King’s Buildings
 Friday 8 April Term ends
 Monday 25 April All resume
 Tuesday 26 April and Thursday 28 April Parent Consultations via Teams

P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7
1	5	3	5	4	3	5

26 positive cases were reported in pupils last week.

You may be aware that schools across the country are facing significant challenges with staffing, as a result of the highest rates of positive cases we have seen to date in Edinburgh. We have been able to manage our own staff absence, despite supply shortages, and we strive to minimise disruption to classes. We are very grateful for the dedication of our own staff who produce plans and resources, even when absent and unwell. Today, we had planned to resume holding Assemblies in the Gym Hall to mark the easing of restrictions on 21 March. Case numbers at Sciennes are not as high as in previous weeks, but we believe it is only prudent to review after Easter before re-instating. Thank you for continuing to test regularly, which is having a mitigating effect.

PARENT COUNCIL

All are welcome at the next meeting of the Parent Council on Wednesday 23 March.

CLUBS

Given that most restrictions are easing from Monday, we understand some may feel frustration that we are still imposing limits on the clubs we can run in the building and that we cannot yet provide details on when others may begin. School, however, is an exceptional case and our main priority must be to protect everyone’s health and wellbeing and protect our workforce so school can remain open. We are very grateful Parent Council Clubs Convener, Janine Ridley, for developing so many creative solutions meanwhile.

LOTHIAN LEAGUE RUNNING

Roving reporter, Mr Armstrong, was broadcasting live this week from P1 with runners from P5, P6 and P7. They reported on the fairly wet and muddy event at the Meadows on Wednesday. Great results! Next week’s event is on Wednesday 23 March at Lower Bruntsfield Links, then on 30 March at Mary Erskine School. If you would like your child to take part, please get in touch with any questions about the Lothian League or Tuesday lunchtime Running Club john.armstrong@sciennes.edin.sch.uk

HISTORY ON OUR DOORSTEP

Fantastic that Primary Six were able to get out and about this week on a Jacobite Walking Tour with our very own Mr Howie, currently on a career break and sorely missed! Mr Howie's [historical tours](#) are a masterclass in bringing history to life and P5 are really looking forward to their Old Town Tour with him next week. Primary Five will also visit Gladstone's Land in the last week of term.

BADMINTON SUCCESS

Congratulations to P5B pupil Emily Robson who recently won the Edinburgh Badminton competition! Fantastic achievement! Emily will now take part in a national Badminton competition in Perth. Well done, Emily!

SIGN LANGUAGE WEEK

At Assemblies we celebrated Sign Language Week by signing 'red nose day' with Flossie and Chloe from P4B.

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY 21 March

Thank you very much to Flossie's mum, Aicha Reid, who provided two excellent presentations for the P1-3 and P4-7 Assemblies, explaining very clearly what Down Syndrome is and pitched perfectly for both audiences.

COMIC RELIEF/UKRAINE ASSEMBLIES

Thank you to P7 House Captains Hanna Johansson and Lori McBain for conducting our Comic Relief joke telling session at both Assemblies. They expertly supported each class winner to tell a joke or funny story. Future television presenters in the making! The girls collected donations and will count these on Monday. Thank you P4 pupil Makeda Rowe for starting the collection with £9.66 raised. Funds will be split between Comic Relief and [DEC](#)

SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

At our Assemblies, we shared how members of our school community are taking action to help Ukrainian refugees. P4 raised a remarkable £1008 last week, including £58 raised P7 pupils Conner Bell, Moses Rowe, Sam Heyward and Lexie, Mason and Zac Stevenson. P2 parent [Dominic Harris](#) has inspired and moved us all with his direct action. Dominic hired minibuses with friends to provide transport from the Polish border for refugees, with safe and warm accommodation waiting for them in Berlin. Dominic is continuing his efforts and you can contact him at dominicjohnharris@me.com

BAKE SALE FOR UKRAINE - Saturday

There will be a baking sale to raise money for the UNICEF Ukraine appeal on **Saturday 19 March 2.30pm - 4.30pm** at 19 Wilton Rd, organised by some of our P6 girls.

WHOLE SCHOOL UKRAINE APPEAL 21-25 March

P5C pupil Katie Bagshaw spoke to her family and Ms Sellar about her passionate idea to start a whole school collection of items to help Ukrainian refugees. Katie researched items required by local charities and has the support of our Parent Council and staff in organising an appeal which will run from Monday 21 March to Friday 25 March. Katie launched the appeal at Assemblies with her P5C friends Amy Harrison, Zara Malik, Emma Dummer and Marla Gavin-Daunt. Items can be handed to the C classrooms in P1-P7 and will be collected on Friday by the Ukrainian Club Edinburgh. [See separate email for details.] The girls will also take monetary donations each morning next week at the gates. Well done, Katie!

Lucy, Carolyn, John, Steve and Jenni

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SCIENNES COLLECTION
 FOR REFUGEES OF THE
 WAR IN UKRAINE
 21st March - 25th March

- ✓ Tinned Food & Dried Food
- ✓ Tea, Coffee, Chocolate
- ✓ Baby Food
- ✓ Toiletries
- ✓ Hygiene Products
- ✓ Sleeping Bags
- ✓ Camping Mats
- ✓ Blankets
- ✓ Clothes
- ✓ Money (find a collection bucket)

Donation points in every "C" class
 Please help and donate what you can. Thanks!

All donations go to DEC Appeal / Ukrainian Club Edinburgh

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