



RESPECT INCLUSION TEAMWORK EFFORT

25 March 2022

**DIARY DATES**

Wednesday 5 April Parent Council Summer Fair Fundraising Meeting  
 Friday 8 April Term ends  
 Monday 25 April All resume  
 Tuesday 26 April and Thursday 28 April Parent Consultations via Teams

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6 positive cases were reported in pupils last week.

Great news that pupil case numbers have reduced dramatically. However, we are still averaging five staff absences per week and all members of the Senior Leadership Team were covering classes on Friday, including Carolyn Anstruther who does not normally work on Fridays. Increased opportunities to return to greater normality after the Easter break are welcomed but we will continue to monitor and introduce these dependent on our own context and case numbers.

**PARENT COUNCIL**

Thank you very much to Chair Caroline McKellar for leading the Parent Council meeting on 23 March. Several avenues are being explored in relation to securing play space for the children in Sciennes Road and cross-party support from local Councillors has been strengthened. Leda Uberbacher is Fundraising Convener and has arranged a meeting at Summerhall on Wednesday 5 April to make plans for the Summer Fair on Saturday 29 May. Leda has many demanding commitments and would welcome anyone volunteering to take on the lead if possible as well as any additional offers of support. The staff are extremely grateful for the generous support of the Parent Council and community in providing resources for Literacy (including Equalities literature), Digital Learning, Play and Inclusion (which includes funding discounted excursions and residentials for low income families).

**CYCLE TO SCHOOL**

*It was lovely to see so many families this morning on our first Cycle to School Day after an extended and unexpected break. Thank you to everyone who came out, who took park and who helped to ensure that the ride ran as smoothly as possible. Kudos to the pupils who took to the Lauder Road hill like pros. Well done, everyone. To avoid such a long break between cycles and clashing with JGPS, who we liaise with, the next Cycle to School Day will be in two weeks on the 8 April and again on the 6 May after the holidays.*

**Jenni McGrouther, Principal Teacher**

## **JUNIOR NBA**

A big congratulations to the P7 Junior NBA team (Theo, Ludvig, Hamish, Hugo, Elizabeth, George, Sadie, Vania, Maria, Slesh, Eddy and Finlay) who won all three of their games on Friday. They played Balgreen, Cramond and Warriors and won 29-18, 50-4 and 26-22 respectively. The team worked brilliantly together and were a real credit to the school.

Well done and thank you to Ms McGruther for lending her competitive edge in support!

## **LOTHIAN LEAGUE RUNNING**

The next Lothian League event is on Wednesday 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](mailto:john.armstrong@sciennes.edin.sch.uk)

## **PYSANKY EGGS ASSEMBLIES**

Instead of Assemblies today some classes drew Ukrainian Pysanky egg designs. See website if you would like to decorate eggs at home for windows and displays.

## **COMIC RELIEF**

£350.66 was raised last Friday and we donated £175 in notes to the DEC appeal, with the remainder to Comic Relief.

## **P6C BAKE SALE FOR UKRAINE**

On Saturday, Penny, Nuala, Nadia, Althea, Isla, Ellie, Anna, Zoe and Vicky and their families raised an extraordinary £1200 for UNICEF! Tremendous effort, everyone who baked, sold and bought!

## **LUNCH SALE FOR UKRAINE**

Thank you to the amazing Khadse family for delicious food and to the Sciennes community for generous support. P5C pupil Aaradhy's parents Swati and Rahul were cooking from dawn and it was great to see former pupil Aadi lending a hand, too! A fantastic £500 raised for [DEC](#)!

## **WHOLE SCHOOL UKRAINE APPEAL 21-25 March**

Pupil Katie Bagshaw her P5C friends Amy Harrison, Zara Malik, Emma Dummer and Marla Gavin-Daunt successfully ran their whole school appeal for Ukraine this week. With £175 from collection last Friday, they raised an incredible £1000 at the gates in the mornings. All donated items handed into school were picked up on Friday by Katie's dad, Darroch Bagshaw, with help from fellow parent Mr McBain. Darroch will drive the Sciennes' consignment in a hired van to the Polish border where it will be added to a Red Cross humanitarian convoy and driven into Ukraine. Truly impressive efforts by our caring and impressive pupils, supported so generously by the Sciennes Family.

We hope you manage to enjoy the sunshine this weekend.

*Lucy, Carolyn, John, Steve and Jenni*

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<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>Mon–Thurs Finish</b>	<b>Friday Finish</b>	<b>ENTRANCE / EXIT</b>
P1	8.50am	<b>2.50pm</b>	12.05pm	WEST DOOR
P2	8.50am	<b>2.50pm</b>	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