



RESPECT INCLUSION TEAMWORK EFFORT

1 April 2022

DIARY DATES

- Ramadan Saturday 2 April
- Tuesday 5 April Parent Council Summer Fair Fundraising Meeting 7.30pm
- Friday 8 April 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
- Wednesday 27 April 4.30pm Teams Meeting with Head of Lagganlia re COVID procedures
- Monday 2 May Holiday
- Tuesday 3 May Inservice Day
- Wednesday 4 May Pupils resume
- Friday 6 May Cycle to School Day
- Monday 9 – Friday 13 May P7 at Lagganlia
- Thursday 2 and Friday 3 June Platinum Jubilee Holiday.
- Friday 1 July Term ends noon
- Wednesday 17 August Pupils resume

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

Increased opportunities to return to greater normality after the Easter break are welcomed. We have an active, mobile community and anticipate resultant rises in case numbers post Easter. We will continue to monitor and will introduce eased restrictions, depending on our own context, to ensure we can manage staffing effectively.

REPORTS

Literacy and Numeracy reports will be sent home on Thursday 7 April. We hope this will help inform discussion on pupil progress at the forthcoming Parental Consultations on Tuesday 26 and Thursday 28 April. An additional, summative report will be issued in the summer term.

STAFFING

Andrew has been signed off until 4 May and conveys his best wishes to you. He continues to keep up to date with events at school and wishes to pass on that he has been very moved by the generosity of children and families supporting Ukraine.

John Armstrong and I are supporting the latest round of CEC interviews for supply teachers this afternoon so will send the Round Up newsletter on Monday.

Fondest wishes to Pupil Support Assistant Mrs Halyna Kancir who takes up position as an Edinburgh supply teacher next week. Halyna formerly taught in Ukraine and it is fantastic to see her progressing in her career again. Halyna's family and friends are still in Ukraine and though school has provided some degree of distraction from her, it is obviously a challenging time for her. Halyna was able to put parent Dominic Harris in contact with people to support his efforts helping refugees, including her friend Galyna who has been acting as a translator for him. Find out more about how Dominic is helping Ukrainians here:

<https://www.facebook.com/dominic.i.harris>

PARENT COUNCIL

All are welcome to attend the Parent Council Summer Fair planning meeting at Summerhall on Tuesday 5 April.

CYCLE TO SCHOOL DAYS

The next Cycle to School Day will again be led by Jenni McGrouther, Principal Teacher on 8 April then 6 May after the Easter holiday

JUNIOR NBA

Well done to the P7 Junior NBA team (Theo, Ludvig, Hamish, Hugo, Elizabeth, George, Sadie, Vania, Maria, Slesh, Eddy and Finlay) who competed against Dalry Primary's team on Friday. Both teams played superbly and it was an extremely close game with the Sciennes Jets keeping their cool to secure the win by one point at 24-23. Thank you to Ms McGrouther for lending support and cheering on.

TENNIS SUCCESS

Huge congratulations to P7A pupil Ray Gallacher who is Scottish Junior U12 Doubles Champion! Also to fellow p7A pupil Hamish young who was runner up! Tremendous achievements from both young athletes.

RUNNING COMPETITIONS

The cross-country competition season has concluded this week with the culmination of the Lothian League at The Mary Erskine School. This also coincided with the EPSSA Cross Country event which was held at the Meadows on Monday and our pupils performed superbly in both.

LOTHIAN LEAGUE

For the past four weeks, a small group of Sciennes pupils has been competing across the city in 2k races. Not only have they demonstrated incredible perseverance and determination to succeed, but they have also shown an ability to work as a team to gain as many points as possible. In addition to this, they have all had to wrestle with a variety of challenging weather conditions over the past four weeks!

Results were calculated and there were overall podium finishes for Finlay Glass (1st), Stella Crawford (2nd) and Eilidh Mowbray (Joint 3rd). The girls' team also came 1st overall amassing an impressive 58 points over 4 races. The five girls consistently recorded Top Ten finishes and really encouraged each other throughout every event.

Girls' Team

- 1. P7 Stella Crawford*
- 2. P7 Eilidh Mowbray*
- 3. P6 Emma Maxwell*
- 4. P5 Emi Daunt*
- 5. P5 Laura Kitchin*

Boys' Team

- 1. P7 Finlay Glass*
- 2. P6 Duncan Collin*
- 3. P6 Elliot Lyon*
- 4. P5 Liam Grillo-Powley*

It was also excellent to see former pupils; Freya Mowbray, Kieran Glass, Josh and Dylan Daunt and Bethan Kitchin competing in the senior pupil races.

Well done to everyone involved, you did yourselves proud.

EPSSA

On Monday at 12:30pm, 26 pupils competed in the EPSSA cross country festival. Due to current restrictions the race was a timed event, but they competed against Cramond Primary school in person.

Stella Crawford recorded a 1st place, gold finish with a time of 4 minutes and 18 seconds. She was closely followed by Amy Yang (6th) and Lauren Redman (7th) (All Primary 7). In the boy's race Finlay Glass finished an overall Third place with a time of 4 minutes and he was followed by Ray Gallacher (6th) in a time of 4:05 minutes (both Primary 7).

Well done to all those who competed in both events and a huge thank you to all the supportive parents/carers who supported our young runners.

John Armstrong, Depute Headteacher

ALENA AND EVA LITTER WARRIORS

P5C pupils Alena Beasley and Eva Maclean have organised an anti-litter campaign. At Assemblies, they announced they are seeking three ECO Warriors from each P5 class to help them. They have produced application forms and will interview for three posts per class next week.

CHILDREN'S PARLIAMENT

We are excited to be working again with the excellent [Children's Parliament](#), this time on a rights-based Sustainability project. One third of each P5 class will take part in an introductory workshop on Monday 4 April in the Hall and will be able to feedback to classmates.

LUNCH SALE FOR UKRAINE

Thank you to the amazing Khadse family for reprising their delicious lunch sale again today and to the Sciennes community for generous support. Well done P5C pupil Aaradhy, S1 brother Aadi and parents Swati for raising even more funds for the DEC appeal for Ukraine.

LETTERS TO DNIPRO KIDS FROM P5C

Ellie Henderson's dad Donald kindly put Ms Sellar in contact with the Dnipro Kids. P5C pupil Stanley Grant suggested an inventive format and we are sure the children will welcome the class' supportive messages on beautiful sunflowers which unfurl in water.

EMILY'S EASTER EGG APPEAL

P6C pupil Emily Lake and friends launched an appeal for Easter eggs for Ukrainian arrivals and local Foodbank. Please hand any donated chocolate eggs to Class Teachers by Wednesday 6 April. Emily, Skye, Ellie and Lisa presented at both Assemblies and will collect the eggs each day next week.

ASSEMBLIES

Ramadan, which begins on Saturday 2 April, featured in both Assemblies today with a focus on the Fasting and Alms giving pillars of Islam. This led onto a reflection on the many charitable acts to date from the Sciennes' community in support of Ukraine. P4B pupil Flossie and classmate Carter helped us sign 'sunflower' this week which is the national flower of Ukraine. We were thrilled that P5C pupil Katie Bagshaw and her dad Darroch were able to join our P4-7 Assembly live from Poland! It was fantastic to hear that the consignment of donated items from Sciennes has been successfully transferred to a Red Cross humanitarian convoy, on its way to Ukraine.

Over the last few weeks, the generosity from the community towards supporting Ukraine has been simply staggering. The capacity within our young people to make a difference is humbling and we leave you this week with some of their own words:

THOUGHTS ON UKRAINE BY P5C

There are a lot of people who have given donations for Ukraine. All that will probably save lives. So well done to all the kind people who have given donations. And well done to Katie who started this whole thing along with her team. Emma

Ukraine are being attacked by Russia. Many people are dying. Help Ukraine by putting money in the buckets. Donate other things if you can like soap or sleeping bags or shampoo. Scarlett

Katie's Team (Katie, Zara, Amy H, Emma D, Marla and p5c) are holding a Ukraine appeal. Katie and Katie's Dad are driving the donations in a van all the way to Poland. Donations are sleeping mats, sleeping bags, blankets, dried foods and tinned foods, hygiene products, baby food, clothes and toiletries. Katie

Some people found it hard to get out their class seat because there is so much stuff! There were suitcases, food and bags of clothes consuming the corner of our classroom. We are proud of what we have achieved. We have set up fundraisers and many people donated food, clothes and money. Stanley and Elliot

There were mountains of food overflowing and consuming a quarter of the classroom. Donald

One corner of our classroom is covered in donations. Katie and her team and the whole Sciennes family have done so well. Ellie

Putin, the Russian president, wants Ukraine to be part of Russia which isn't very fair. Since Russia are so big and powerful Ukraine is struggling to fight back. We need to help the people that have nothing left. Amy A

*I think that Katie Bagshaw's Ukrainian appeal will change lots of lives and make lots of days. Alena
Katie and her team have been collecting donations for the Ukrainians from 21 – 25 March. The donations will be collected and will be taken to Poland. We done Katie and the Sciennes Team! Esme*

Katie, Marla, Amy, Zara and Emma were collecting money and other things. Ukraine is suffering and needs help. So that is why they are doing what they are doing. People are helping by bringing things in. What we can do together is incredible. The amount of people helping is just awesome. We have a mountain of things in the back of our classroom. You can change a life! Marla and Amy H

Well done, Katie, Team P5C and Team Sciennes! Happy 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
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