



Royal Mile Primary School Newsletter

March 2016

Parent Council Meeting Reminder 14th March 3.30pm

Colds, coughs and sickness

The last few weeks have been very challenging in terms of absences amongst both pupils and staff. We have to say a huge thank you to both support and teaching staff who have been flexible and supported each other and colleagues so that we have been able to provide continuity in learning and teaching and access to events and opportunities outside the school, like the Crags Sports Centre Programme. This has also affected pupils and our attendance figures have fallen.

We would also like to thank parents and carers who have been understanding when events or planned developments have had to be postponed or delayed. (And newsletters delayed!) Hopefully the spring has arrived and better weather will bring us all better health and we can forge ahead with things like parent librarians, outdoor learning and our health week programme!

Gate

You will have noticed that our gate is closed for safety reasons and maintenance will start soon. Please do take care when using the East Gate and be sure to close it after you. The pavement around the West Gate may be restricted during this period so please do take care.

Daffodils

Thank you to Miss Porteous and pupils from across the school who have put out the lovely pots around the school. Spring!!!

The Pupil Council have worked hard to research and investigate school playgrounds. They will present their ideas to the school this week and we will have the presentation running during the Parent Consultations alongside our display for Curriculum Information. We hope you will take a look. Please look out for a flier about their fundraising week 14th- 18th March!!!

We had a great day of Loose Parts Play Activity in the playground supported by CYP.

This type of play will shortly be available all the time and we hope that parents will help by donating items that are safe and suitable for these activities. In particular we are looking for some cable drums, tarpaulin, plastic crates... If you aren't sure just ask!

World Book Day and World Maths Day

We all enjoyed the events and visits that the children took part in over these two days. In particular P3, 4 and 6's visit to the Usher Hall and The Biggest Book Show on Earth, which was fantastic. We are excited to find out what exciting fundraisers P2 and P4 will plan as they work with Virgin Money to make their £5s grow! All profits will go to buying wet playtime/ golden time toys and games for the two classes. Our Nursery shared lots of stories and food from Home countries and everyone enjoyed it so much - we are going to keep on doing it!

Art Competition

We are looking forward to finding out who has won the Premier Inn 'design a building' competition and the choir will be performing at the opening ceremony. The Book Token

designs were all sent away too - we are always impressed by the talent and abilities of our young people.

THANK YOU to the volunteers from Premier Inn who came down and weeded our playground and nursery garden as well.

Breakfast Club

Please be aware that funding for the breakfast club is being withdrawn and we will have to charge for this service. We will let you know more in good time for next session in August.

Dates for Your Diary

March

17th Parental consultations 3.30 - 5.30pm, 6- 8pm

18th Drop In - ESOL Course for Early Years Parents (starts 15th April)

21st - 24th P7 Residential Experience at Benmore

21st P6 Assembly and classroom visit 2.20pm

24th Easter Holiday Nursery and School close at usual times

April

11th School and Nursery reopens at usual times

18th SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSED

25th Health Week - details to follow

29th Sports In The Park 9.30 - 11.30am, come and join us!

May

2nd May Day Holiday SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSED

5th Scottish Parliament Elections SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSED to pupils

23rd Victoria Day SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSED

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