



ROYAL MILE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2019

Art Gallery Opening a Great Success!!- Bright Futures!

It was wonderful to have so many parents, family members and friends come to celebrate the opening of another wonderful exhibition. Katherine Taylor from Canongate was very proud to open the show and huge thanks went to the staff and children, especially Miss Kerr and Miss Porteous for their hard work. Councillor Dickie dropped in to see the Vision 2050 display she had heard about from the Pupil Council and enjoyed chatting with children and adults.

Pupil Council News

This term we will be selling red noses in school to support Red Nose Day at the start of breaks in the Open area. Children may bring in money from next Monday and hand it to their teacher until they go out to play.

Our Charity Choice this term is the Salvation Army as we wanted to help homeless people. We will be trying to make a 'river of copper' down all our stairs- quite a challenge! So please empty your pockets and purses, look down the back of the sofa and send in your copper coins on **Thursday 28th February**. Look out for pictures on the class blogs and notice boards to see if we are successful!

Playground crew- we are adding to our excellent Dynamites play crew with a new group called **The Termites** (toy ..mites) These P4 pupils will help encourage play through organising toys, games and colouring in. We already have a few things and the Parent Council have donated some funds to help us out. We will be collecting suggestions and then doing some charity shop shopping (recycling and benefitting others) to get us started. If you have any table top toys, games or puzzles you could donate please drop them into the school office!

Leuven Scales... we have worked hard to design a scale so that pupils can let their teachers know how much they are enjoying the learning and helping to make lessons interesting and informative. Watch out for it at Parent Consultations and try it out yourself.

Eco Group News -Fair Trade Fortnight 25th February

Mr McPheely and Miss Sobanski helped us look at our rubbish! We carried out surveys and were shocked by the amount of plastic waste we are producing at playtimes.

As a school we produced 186 pieces of individual rubbish from one break, of which 163 pieces were non-recyclable plastic.

Eco Assembly on 27th at 2pm Come along via the West Door at 1.55pm and hear more about how we can make a difference to our environment and planet by avoiding plastic and making sure we recycle whenever we can. See our prize winning posters too!

On **Friday 1st March** our challenge, parents and pupils, is to come to school with **NO plastic packaged snacks**. (Something reusable like a tub, fruit in its own skin, paper bag is ok)

We will be collecting rubbish from break time on Friday to see what difference our eco campaign has made. Watch out for the results!!!

P3 Showcase and classroom visit 6th March 2pm

We hope you will come along and find out what the class have been learning and share some activities in the classroom. The West Door will open at 1.55pm.

World Book Day March 7th

Look out for homework challenges and lots of fun activities around reading! Be ready to be interviewed for Royal Mile's very own 'Book at Bedtime' show and help us be reading stars!

Refreshing News!

We are having new corporate computers in school from 4th March. There may be some disruption to emails and messaging for a couple of days but we should quickly be back up to speed, hopefully even speedier, with new hardware.



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The Early Years now have a new dining area within their own building – just a dishwasher to fit and they will be dining in style! This will also give us a space for more life skills and cooking activities across the school.

Our Hall is also coming into the 21st century with a screen and projector being installed. It will make life a little bit less stressful we hope with less wires to worry about!

Pre Owned Uniform and Found Property 1st March 9am

There will be a sale of uniform and a chance to look for those items your child has left behind at school during the fair. Unclaimed items will be donated to local charity, recycled into the sale or popped into the ragbag. As always we would ask that you put your child's name on everything they bring to school.

Unwelcome Visitors

Please remember Head Lice is a community issue. Please consult your pharmacist or practice nurse about treatments and check your children's hair regularly. Remember to treat the whole family and wash hats and bedding.

Dates for Your Diary

February

25th Fairtrade Fortnight – look out for activities and challenges from our Eco group

27th Eco Assembly – the Eco group invite you to find out more about looking after the world

28th Fundraiser for Salvation Army – send us your copper coins to make a river on the stairs.

March

1st 9- 9.30am Uniform Sale in open area

6th 2pm P3 Showcase Assembly and classroom visit. West Door opens at 1.55pm

7th World Book Day – look out for activities and events

14th School Meals Day - send us any comments to pass on to the Service.

18th Profile Jotter Week. This week all work is completed in one jotter so that at Parent Consultations you can see how much and how well your child is working. You will also be able to share their targets and give them feedback.

20th 2pm P2 Showcase Assembly and Classroom visit. West Door Opens at 1.55pm

28th Parent Consultations 3 – 5.30pm and 6 – 8pm. We will base our offer on October's appointments. Please advise the school office in good time if this is not suitable as it can be challenging to make sure times fit for siblings. These are short chats about progress generally. If you have any concerns you can make an appointment at another mutually convenient time via the school office.

April

1st P7 Residential Camp, children who are not attending camp will have other activities planned and should attend as usual

3rd 2pm P6 Showcase Assembly and classroom visit. West Door opens at 1.55pm

FRIDAY APRIL 5TH SCHOOL AND NURSERY CLOSE AT USUAL TIMES
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