



ROYAL MILE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

APRIL / MAY 2019

CELEBRATE!

Many of you will have seen the display outside the school office showing what each class have been doing and showing off some WOW work from that month.

Just inside the door is our Roll of Honour display with the names of those who stay on green each month and other achievements from across the school. Our year books are also under the trophy cabinet showing all the fantastic things the young people at Royal Mile have achieved.

Next time you are in school please take a look!

On 30th April 2019 the Pupil Council, from suggestions made from all classes, have decided the termly reward (known as the Green Tea Party) will be a movie show on the new big screen with popcorn and juice. All children who have stayed on green from January to April 6th will be invited to attend. I know you will join us in congratulating them and thanking them for their contributions to the school community.

Mosaic News

Mrs Brown and all the classes have been busy putting the lovely designs the children came up with into Mosaic displays. We know they will look fantastic at the front of the building, and alongside the art installation under the tree.

The Scottish Parliament have again donated the money from their plastic bag sales to the school. Each class will receive some funds for their pallet gardens – this year's competition is for a 'Bright Future' display. Green fingered support would I think be very welcome, let your child's teacher know if you can help.

Healthy Eating

In recent weeks it has become clear that some children are bringing sweets and chocolate for snack and as part of their lunch.

PLEASE can we remind you that treats are best left until after school and monitored by parents. Snacks should be healthy – fruit, plain crisps, plain biscuits for example and lunch boxes should not contain sweets and chocolate bars. Please don't be surprised if we offer your child an alternative snack sometimes.

DRINKS – children may bring WATER in a sports top bottle to drink throughout the day. They may have milk or water after break whilst reading their books. As part of packed lunches children can bring a carton of fruit juice or a bottle with diluting juice, milkshakes or smoothies (but do watch sugar content on some brands) or have a glass of water from the servery.

Vision, Values and Aims

Please take a look at the new display just inside the school front door.

These were put together about 7 years ago by the parents, staff and children at Royal Mile. In the life of the school that is about a generation and next session we will be looking at these again with the new generation of Milers! So please do look and cogitate so you can help us update them soon.

Pupil Council News

Our Charity Choice last term was the Salvation Army and we made a 'river of copper' down our stairs. You can see the pictures on the Headteacher Blog and we raised £35 altogether.

The Termites (toy ..mites) with Mrs Swan and Mrs McGlashan went shopping in local charity shops with the generous donation from the Parent Council. We also had a donation of Flower Buckets from Morrisons which make great toy storage. The P4 Termites had a wee trial at the end of last term but will be starting this term full of enthusiasm. If you have any table top toys, games or puzzles you could donate please drop them into the school office!

Thankyou to those parents who spent a few minutes to look at the Leaven 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.

Also to those who looked at our draft Learning and Teaching Policy which is available in hard copy from the school office or on our website under 'Policies'. We would welcome feedback and will leave the draft on our site until May 30th 2019.

Eco Group

The no plastic challenge went really well and we would encourage everyone to continue to avoid using plastic packaging and one use water bottles.



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We now have 2 new bins – red and yellow – for our plastic and for crisp packets for recycling. Again thanks to Morrisons donation we will have bins for our milk cartons in every class and we are pursuing recycling bins on site for food as well as plastic.

World Book Day March 7th

We had great fun and enjoyed a wide variety of activities around reading and books. Please take a minute to look at the amazing 'Royal Mile Chronicles' book covers in the West Corridor.

The Scottish National Standardised Assessments

Children in Primary 1, 4 and 7 will take part in these online assessments in maths and literacy this term. We have undertaken these assessments for the past two years and ensure they are relaxed and supported whilst taking part. More information is available at <https://standardisedassessment.gov.scot/parents-and-carers/>. If you would like to chat about these please make an appointment via the school office with Mrs Jessop.

Refreshing News!

Our new corporate computers are here and we have pretty much solved some of the hardware issues but are still waiting for CGI to solve a few software glitches.

The new Screen and projector in the hall have enhanced the recent assemblies and events and with the sound system really help make the experience more helpful.

P7 News

Residential Away -this was enjoyed by everyone who went. The children enjoyed the chance to take part in some adventurous activities and work with the excellent staff at Benmore.

School at Home – they had amazing visits to the museum on The Mound, Johnston Terrace Nature Reserve and helped the Parliament launch its new virtual reality tour. They also baked for and hosted a Tea party for the knitting volunteers from Canongate Kirk and Maths Tutors from Edinburgh University.

Next Year – the cost of these trips can be challenging and even though we have been able to reduce costs and seek support from our Parent Council, it still makes attending tricky for some of our young people. We have been reviewing this and hope to have a more affordable option for next session. Please watch this space if you have a child in P5 and P6 this year.

Pre Owned Uniform and Found Property Friday May 3rd at 9am

There will be a sale of uniform and a chance to look for those items your child has left behind at school. 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

May

3rd Pre Owned Uniform Sale 9 – 9.30am

6th Bank Holiday – School and Nursery closed.

7th In Service Day – School and Nursery closed to pupils.

15th 2pm Primary 1 Showcase and Classroom Visit. West Door will open at 1.55pm.

Families will be asked to step outside at 2.50pm to collect children as usual.

20th Local Victoria Day Holiday - School and Nursery closed.

27th Environmental Health Week – a focus on health and wellbeing, both mental and physical, as well as getting out and about in the environment. Look out for opportunities to join in. If you have a skill or interest, for example healthy cooking, reiki, singing etc. let us know!

31st Fun Sports Day 9.30am in Queen's Park for EVERYONE. We hope you will come along to support, take part and enjoy.



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June

4th 9.15am – 10.15am New August Primary 1 visit and activity morning.

10th Home Task for Gala Day Show.

13th Gala Day Assembly 2.30pm and stalls until 4pm ish

18th 9.15am – 10.30am New August Primary 1 visit and parent information session.

18th, 19th and 20th Primary 7 High School visits. (please check individual arrangements)

24th The Secret Garden Show to whole school

25th Whole School Outing – further information to follow

26th 2pm Celebration and Prize Giving Assembly. West door opens at 1.55pm.

27th CHANGE OVER DAY – visit your new classroom and meet your new teacher

(probably) Letters will go out to parents with new class information.

Primary 7 Celebration 6 – 8pm

28th 10am Nursery Graduation Celebrations

10.45 am P7 Leavers Show

FRIDAY June 28TH SCHOOL AND NURSERY CLOSE AT NOON