



# ROYAL MILE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2020

### **Refurbishment Update**

Primary 7 are about to return to their classroom and Primary 2 have just moved in to the old Support for Learning Base on the third floor. Works are being carried out in the attic rooms over the next 2 weeks as well. Work on the stonework on the outside of the building is just about completed. The temporary boilers are keeping us cosy and further work on our heating system is planned over the summer. Thank you for your continued support and understanding whilst we undergo our facelift!

### **LATES**

Children who arrive late to school are missing out on their education, may miss outings and trips, and are disrupting the learning of others. This can be very distressing for them and they often struggle to settle into school for the rest of the day. The school bell rings at 8.45am to advise pupils to get ready and line up and the doors open at 8.50am.

Please try to ensure your child is at school on time and ready for their day. If you would like information about the Breakfast Club or Walking Bus please ask at the school office. Where persistent lateness is an issue we may seek assistance from the education Welfare Service or Social Work Colleagues.

### **COATS, INDOOR SHOES AND GYM KITS**

Please send your child with these items. If you have any spare or outgrown items these can be donated to the preowned sale. Our stocks of spare shoes are very low!

### **Coming up!**

Last term was really busy and we were very proud of all the young people who represented the school at lots of events. We received lots of compliments: P6 singing at the Parliament Carols, Primary 7 at the Usher Hall concert, we had lovely feedback about the show by P1, 2 and 3 'The combining of Diwali, Hanukah and The Nativity was beautifully done. 'The children did amazingly well, and I appreciate how much planning and hard work went into the production by the teaching staff'' from a local resident. Classes who planned, produced and sold items as part of their Virgin Money Projects were all praised for their good manners and great ideas.

### **Burns Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 11.15pm**

Classes have sent out invitations to invite parents and carers to come along and share some Scots language poems and songs in the classroom. Please come to the WEST DOOR.

Children will be dismissed at the usual times.

### **Art Gallery Opening 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 11.15pm**

We will have a grand opening with a café, guided tours and visiting dignitaries! We hope that you will be able to come and see the fabulous work curated by the Art Group.

### **Spelling Workshop**

It was great to see so many people attend this session and the feedback – 'Thank you so much it was wonderful', 'It was really helpful to see how you do things in school' - was very positive. If you have any questions about spelling or any aspect of your child's school experience please make a time to chat with your child's teacher or Mrs Jessop.

### **Parenting Courses**

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/support-families/parenting-courses-help-ages-3-6-years/1>

We are hosting the PPP course again in our Early Years Building this term. If you are interested in attending a course like this, or any other adult learning opportunities please have a look at the City of Edinburgh Council website or call 0131 200 2000 and make enquiries.

### **Active Schools Clubs**

Eliot Ambrose, our Active Schools Coordinator was in school last week to support with registration for clubs both in our school and in other schools in our cluster. It is not too late to sign up and forms can be found at the school office and were sent out by email as well.



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### **PARENT COUNCIL**

Thankyou to everyone who came along and helped out at the Christmas Fair as well as those who donated items, brought cakes and came along to browse. If you would like to contact the parent council about any other ideas or thoughts their email is;

[royalmileparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:royalmileparentcouncil@gmail.com).

Thank you as well to those people who have dropped off Hallowe'en items in the big red bin over the last few weeks.

### **PUPIL COUNCIL NEWS**

*PLAYGROUND – Thank you to everyone who has left TOYS or GAMES in the big yellow bin. We are always grateful for these, especially just now when wet playtimes are becoming frequent!*

*TOILETS – we have had a visit from the council property department and are waiting to hear back from them about our ideas. We have now got more handwash and paper towel dispensers, coat hooks and mirrors are on the way.*

*FUNDRAISING – we received a certificate from Children in Need for our £133 raised ad will be in touch shortly about our fundraiser for this term.*

*Thank you*

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY \***

#### **JANUARY**

**24<sup>th</sup> Friday 11 – 11.45am BURNS CELEBRATIONS IN CLASSROOMS**

**(West Door will open at 10.50am)**

**29<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 2 – 2.45pm P3 SHOWCASE ASSEMBLY AND SHARING LEARNING IN CLASS|ROOM (West Door will open at 11.50am)**

**31<sup>st</sup> PREOWNED UNIFORM SALE 9 – 9.30am**

#### **FEBRUARY**

**7<sup>th</sup> Friday 11.15am – 12.15pm ART GALLERY OPENING (West Door will open at 11.05am)**

**SCHOOL AND NURSERY CLOSE USUAL TIMES 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020**

**SCHOOL AND NURSERY REOPEN AT USUAL TIMES ON MONDAY 17<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020**

**17<sup>th</sup> Monday P7 outing to Risk Factory, leaving promptly at 8.50am**

**25<sup>th</sup> Pancake Day stay and Play in Nursery**

#### **MARCH**

**4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 2 – 2.45pm P2 SHOWCASE ASSEMBLY AND SHARING LEARNING IN CLASS|ROOM (West Door will open at 1.50pm)**

**5<sup>th</sup> Thursday 5- 5.30pm P6 and P7 CAMP INFORMATION MEETING. Please use main entrance.**

**18<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 2 – 2.45pm P1 SHOWCASE ASSEMBLY AND SHARING LEARNING IN CLASS|ROOM (West Door will open at 1.50pm)**

**19<sup>th</sup> PARENT CONSULTATIONS – Letters to be sent**

#### **APRIL**

**1 – 3<sup>rd</sup> P6 and P7 CAMP**

**1st Wednesday 2 – 2.45pm P5 SHOWCASE ASSEMBLY AND SHARING LEARNING IN CLASS|ROOM (West Door will open at 1.50pm)**

**SCHOOL AND NURSERY CLOSE USUAL TIMES ON 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2020**

**SCHOOL AND NURSERY REOPEN AT USUAL TIMES ON TUESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2020**

**\*please be aware that some dates may alter but we will use text, notices and email to try to advise you in good time.**