



ROYAL MILE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2020

Refurbishment Update

Work on the exterior of the building is almost complete. The majority of classrooms have had windows and ceilings refurbished. There are ongoing works to replace the heating pipes that are taking place round the clock to avoid too much disruption. Thank you for your continued support and understanding whilst we undergo our facelift!

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!

PRE-OWNED UNIFORM SALE - Friday 28th February 9 – 9.30am

ECO WEEK 2nd March

For eco week we are holding an eco-competition between all the classes in school.

Classes can earn points by making eco choices like walking, biking, scooting or traveling by public transport to school and not bringing in snacks with plastic packaging.

Please support your child to make eco choices and earn points for their class. Where possible try to not drop children off at school in cars; reducing harmful emissions and congestion around our school.

You could also try to cut down on plastic waste by putting snacks in re-useable containers or sending children with healthier snacks like fruit.

AND if you don't already – receive newsletters by email!

WORLD BOOK DAY 5th MARCH

Lots of plans are starting to take shape for World Book Day. You will already have received a library registration form and we aim to have every child using the local library service!

Look out for an invitation to join your child's class in a visit to the library.

On the day there will be activities such as 'Never Judge A Book By It's Cover' and a bedtime reading experience and a challenge to complete at home.

Children should be reading at home every day – even if they aren't currently completing a Reading Journal. They can always borrow a book from the Book Box to bring home as well as read at school!

Tokens towards World Book Day books will be sent home on the day as well.

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK 9th MARCH

Each class will be displaying a poster and artefacts linked to a study of the continents that especially looks at: **Biodiversity, Social/cultural diversity**; Religious beliefs, language, food, expressive arts and **Architecture**. Other Science, technology, engineering and Mathematics based activities will be happening throughout the school as well.

Each class will create a profile of a **Science Champion** who helps/is from that continent who (ideally) has contributed to the diversity of the science field. These will be on display in the Dining Room during Parent Consultations.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS – Letters to follow

In your child's homework folder there will be a short report about how your child is getting on. Please take the time to read it and complete the sheet attached (even if you don't want to highlight areas for discussion) This copy of the report is for you to keep.

Parent Consultation appointments about learning and are very short. We want to make them as helpful and focussed as possible. If at any time you want to speak with Mrs Jessop or your child's teacher please make an appointment via email, telephone call or drop in at the school office.

There will be an opportunity to look at your child's profile jotter with sample of their work from a school week, and you can look back and be impressed by how much they have improved. Their own evaluation and next targets are here for you to read as well. They will have chosen a piece of work they are particularly proud of and will look forward to reading your comments in their jotter.

If you are unable to attend please speak to the school office to arrange another appointment.



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Health

There are many reports in the news just now and like every Edinburgh school we are following the guidelines from NHS Scotland.

There are general principles anyone can follow to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including:

- washing your hands often - with soap and water or use alcohol-based hand sanitiser if handwashing facilities are not available. This is particularly important after taking public transport
- covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throwing the tissue in a bin.
- people who feel unwell should stay at home and should not attend work or any education or early learning and childcare setting
- children, pupils, students, staff and visitors should wash their hands:
 - o before leaving home o on arrival at school/setting
 - o after using the toilet o after breaks and sporting activities
 - o before food preparation
 - o before eating any food, including snacks
 - o before leaving school/setting
- use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available
- avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- avoid close contact with people who are unwell
- clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- if you are worried about your symptoms or those of a child or colleague, please call your GP or NHS24 (111). Do not go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment but phone.
- see further information on HPS COVID-19 website and NHS Inform

Face masks for the general public, pupils or students, or staff are not recommended to protect from infection, as there is no evidence of benefit from their use outside healthcare environments.

PARENT COUNCIL

If you would like to contact the parent council about any other ideas or thoughts their email is; royalmileparentcouncil@gmail.com.

We are looking for donations of COOKING EQUIPMENT that is still in good condition. We are especially looking for: frying pans, cake and muffin tins.

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.

PUPIL COUNCIL NEWS

The Pupil Council would like to thank people who have dropped off toys and Games. If you have any simple board games, Chess sets or dressing up clothes we would really be grateful!

Thank you

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY *

MARCH

2nd ECO WEEK

4th Wednesday 2 – 2.45pm P2 SHOWCASE ASSEMBLY AND SHARING LEARNING IN CLASSROOM (West Door will open at 1.50pm)

5th Thursday WORLD BOOK DAY (not dressing up)

5th Thursday 5- 5.30pm P6 and P7 CAMP INFORMATION MEETING. Please use main entrance.

18th Wednesday 2 – 2.45pm P1 SHOWCASE ASSEMBLY AND SHARING LEARNING IN CLASSROOM (West Door will open at 1.50pm)



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19th PARENT CONSULTATIONS – Letters to be sent

APRIL

1 – 3rd 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 3rd APRIL 2020
SCHOOL AND NURSERY REOPEN AT USUAL TIMES ON TUESDAY 21st APRIL 2020

MAY

4th Monday In Service Day for staff – SCHOOL AND NURSERY CLOSED

8th BANK HOLIDAY (V.E. DAY) SCHOOL AND NURSERY CLOSED

13th Wednesday P6 SHOWCASE ASSEMBLY AND SHARING LEARNING IN CLASS|ROOM (West Door will open at 1.50pm)

15th Friday International Families Day (details tbc)

18th VICTORIA DAY HOLIDAY – SCHOOL AND NURSERY CLOSED

25th ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH WEEK – look out for activities and events including FUN SPORTS 29th 9.30am tbc

TERM ENDS FRIDAY 26th JUNE

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