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Head Teacher Newsletter: 11th February 2022

Dear Ratho Primary School Community,

Thankfully at the end of this fortnight, our pupil and staff absence rates are returning to more normal levels and we are closer to our average number of pupils and staff in the school each day.

I hope all our families enjoy the mid-term break and I look forward to seeing all the pupils back after the holiday.

Many thanks for your continued support of the school.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Gibb, Head Teacher.

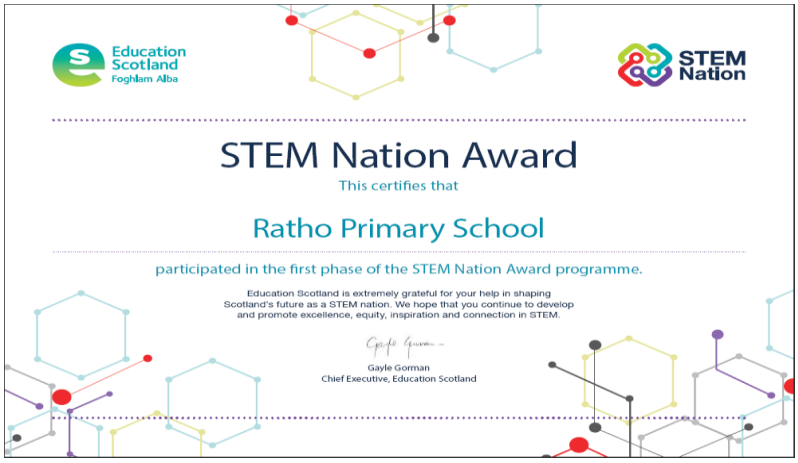
Staffing News

As announced last month, teachers Mrs Amy Dixon and Miss Emma Davies will both be leaving Ratho Primary School and Mrs Wingate will leave her Business Manager position, all after the February break. Again, we thank them for their service and wish them all the best for the future.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr James Nicol who will cover teachers' non-class contact time and Miss Gemma Robertson who will become our new Business Manager. A warm welcome to them for their starting at Ratho P.S. I'm also very pleased to welcome Mrs Tasmia Kamal as an Early Years Practitioner to support the Primary 1 and 2 pupils in their play-based learning as she has joined us this week.

STEM Nation Award

I'm delighted to report that Ratho Primary School were awarded 2 elements of the STEM Nation Award in Leadership and Curriculum. Congratulations to Mrs Dixon and all our STEM Leaders in this achievement!



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PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT AND ENGAGEMENT (PIE) CENSUS City of Edinburgh Council

Click Here to Take the Schools Survey https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/edinpie/

Completion time is around **10 minutes.**

For many years, schools have been surveying their parents, seeking their views on many aspects of school life and using this information to make improvements. This is a central feature of school improvement planning, providing opportunities for parents to share their experiences of engagement with the school and contributing to priorities for the school going forward.

Often, and rightfully so, these surveys have asked bespoke questions depending on what subject the school is seeking parent's views on. Also, the surveys have taken place at varying times of the year, without local authority co-ordination thus making it challenging to generate a picture of parental involvement and engagement across Edinburgh, and indeed, across Scotland.

The national Parental Involvement and Engagement (PIE) census aims to rationalise the collection of Parental Involvement and Engagement data by providing a set of questions that all authorities will be invited to ask in their respective areas, which should result in comparable data being collected.

The Scottish Government has asked all 32 local authorities to undertake this census with parents in their local authority area before March 2022.

The census is taking place online using the SmartSurvey platform which offers many benefits including the secure collection, management and deletion of data. Indeed, preparations for the census have been rigorous to satisfy data protection legislation. Contact Parental.Engagement@edinburgh.gov.uk for a copy of the PIE Census Privacy Statement.

Please see the separate letter for further details/FAQs on our website:

School Holiday payments & Scottish Child Bridging Payments

The Scottish Government funds additional payments for families with an income-based eligibility to Free School Meals. They are free school meals payments during school holidays and Scottish Child Bridging Payments.

If you have applied for and been awarded free school meals and a clothing grant, payment will be made automatically using the payment details we currently hold for you. **You do not need to make a separate application for these payments.**

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If your bank details change, you must tell us immediately using our contact form.

Both payments are made just before a school holiday, except the February mid-term break where only a holiday payment is made. Payments for each holiday will be:

- February mid-term break - to be paid by 18 February 2022 **(holiday payment only - no bridging payment)**
- Easter holiday - to be paid by 8 April 2022
- Summer holiday - to be paid by 1 July 2022.

Pre-school/nursery aged children are not eligible for this payment. The Scottish Child Payment is available for children under the age of 6. Find out more about this payment on the Scottish Government website.

Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood (RSHP)

We will begin teaching on our Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood programme (RSHP) after the mid-term break. Our programme covers a range of diverse topics including how to look after a baby, life cycles, puberty, different parts of the body different families and different relationships. Parent information booklets for each stage can be found on our website here: Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood – Ratho Primary School

The booklet below from NHS Health Scotland is a handy guide on talking to primary-aged children about relationships and sexual well-being.
http://www.healthscotland.com/uploads/documents/1138-TalkingWithYourChild_1.pdf

Covid Reminders

It is essential that your child does not attend school if they have symptoms of COVID-19. Currently, in our experience, these symptoms can present as anything from nausea, sore-throats, headaches to general tiredness and discomfort. Anyone who develops symptoms of COVID-19 must self-isolate and test via the appropriate method.

We previously issued a letter detailing a summary of current Covid guidance and also information on Home Learning and supporting children isolating at home.

You can access the advice letter again here: Covid19 Information – Ratho Primary School

You can access the Home Learning page here: Stuck@Home Learning – Ratho Primary School

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Dates for Session 2021-2022

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School Closed/Holidays

Teacher In-Service Day (closed for pupils)

For Session 2022-23, pupils return to school on 17th August 2022.

Many thanks for your continued support of the school… Please contact us via admin@ratho.edin.sch.uk or 0131 333 1293 if you have any queries, concerns or need assistance.