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Head Teacher Newsletter: 11th November 2022

Dear Ratho Primary School Community,

We are already 3 weeks into the new term and school is as incredibly busy as always! All pupils held a minute silence for Remembrance Day today… This was observed very well by all following discussion and reflection at yesterday's assembly. Last week we re-established our weekly 'Vision Time', it was wonderful to see this back up and running again… Pupils are split into their house team groups and will rotate around different classrooms/areas/staff on a weekly basis to participate in a distinct 'Vision Time' activity each Friday. Further to this, we enjoyed the visit from author Aisling Fowler 2 weeks ago and then another family assembly last week… Congratulations to all of P5 for their assembly. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all pupils, staff, parents and carers. We look forward to welcoming all parents & carers for Family Consultations next week. Please find below lots of relevant information for all families.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Gibb, Head Teacher.

Family Consultations and Book Fair:

We look forward to welcoming families for in-person consultations on 16th & 17th November. Most families are signed up. If you still haven't signed up, please check your email junk mail folder or If you still cannot see the email, go to: https://parents-booking.co.uk/login.jsp and enter the school name, then your child's name and date of birth. If you still cannot access following these steps, call the school and we will assist you.

Coinciding with family consultations, the Scholastic Travelling Book Fair will be coming to the school next week. tbf-book-fairs-autumn-invite-rs-2159368.pdf (scholastic.co.uk)

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There will be 3 ways to pay…

- Pay online… Find school - Travelling Book Fairs (scholastic.co.uk)
- Purchasing Gift Vouchers to be used at the fair… Book Fair Gift Vouchers - Travelling Book Fairs (scholastic.co.uk)
- Cash payments on the night of Family Consultations – Exact money please!

Prior to Family Consultation evenings all children will have had an opportunity to have a look around the book fair and write a wish list. We hope all of our learners enjoy the opportunity to explore the Book Fair.

Potential Strike Day – 24th November:

Teaching Unions have proposed the 24th November as a potential Strike Day. On this day we have the NHS Flu Vaccination team scheduled to administer Flu vaccines (to children who returned the completed forms) and we have the **'P7 Camp' assembly** for P7 parents and carers that afternoon.

We sincerely hope that a resolution can be found in advance of this proposed action and we do not have advice from the City of Edinburgh Council to share with families as yet. We will obviously be in contact with the NHS Vaccination team if necessary. However, for the **'P7 Camp' assembly**, to allow parents notice to arrange time-off to attend, we thought it prudent to re-schedule this for 9.30am on Friday 25th November just in case it cannot be held on the 24th November. We hope P7 families can accommodate this change.

Christmas preparation information:

The Ratho School Voice (RSV) Christmas Fair will be on Saturday 3rd December at the school, they have been busy preparing but will have Market stalls, Games, Baking, Crafts, Jewellery, Activities and more!

More details to follow but they have an appeal for any **good quality, washed teddies to be donated for the RSV Christmas Fair.** If you can, please donate via the school anytime from now! Many thanks.

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The **Christmas lunch** will be provided by the catering team on **Wednesday 7th December.** This will be bookable on ParentPay in the usual way with both a turkey/vegetarian Christmas dinner available by selecting either a meat/vegetarian option for that day from the ParentPay menu. This will be a 'Christmas Jumper Day'!

All our Primary 1 to Primary 7 pupils will be visiting The Lyceum Theatre on **Thursday 8th December** for their **Christmas show "An Edinburgh Christmas Carol".** There is a cost of £11 per child for this excursion. This is live on Parent Pay with the option to pay with the option to pay for this in instalments if you wish to. If this cost is prohibitive for any families, please contact the office to discuss. On the day, children should wear School Uniform and bring/order a packed lunch, snack and water bottle.

Our other **Christmas Jumper Day** will be on **Thursday 15th December**… We have an appeal for any old/unwanted Christmas jumpers (clean & suitable for children) to be donated to school so as all children can have one to wear on our Christmas jumper days. If you can, please donate to the school anytime from now! Many thanks.

We have a link with the local **Ratho charity Kids Love Clothes**. They have issued a request for good quality, nearly new toys to be donated for them to pass on to families they support in time for Christmas. Again, if you can, please donate via the school anytime from now! Many thanks.

The final day of term is **Tuesday 20th December.** We will be having a Christmas Assembly at Ratho Parish Church and as is traditional, we will **finish and dismiss for the end of term at 12.00 noon**

Ratho School Voice (RSV) Calendar cover comp:

A reminder to invite all pupils to design a front cover for this year's calendar. All entries must be in by **FRIDAY 18th NOVEMEMBER**. Please clearly label your entries "FAO RSV Calendar competition".

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- This year's theme is: 40th anniversary of Ratho School. In March 2023 the current Ratho primary school will have been open for 40 years.
- Entrants must be between nursery and P7 at Ratho primary school.
- Pictures must be drawn in **pen** on A4 paper landscape. Please use colour.
- Some design ideas for inspiration may include: the school values, the school logo, the school building, Ratho through the ages, the school houses, the school vision, changes in society in the last 40 years (culture, music, technology, fashion)
- Return clearly labelled entries "FAO: RSV calendar competition" to your class teacher or the school office by Friday 18th November. VERY IMPORTANT to remember to write your name and class on the back
- The winner will receive a copy of the 2023 calendar with their picture on the cover and an art set!

Any problems, please contact the team at rsv.rathoschoolvoice@gmail.com

Story Stones:

Keep your eyes peeled for story stones around Ratho from this week. P4-7 will be making and hiding stones with a variety of characters and settings. If you find a stone have a go at creating and telling a story with it!

School Nurse drop-in sessions:

Our School Nurse, Elizabeth Scotson is available for drop in sessions on some Thursday mornings if you wish to chat about health and well-being or seek advice about any concerns you may have about family health, child development, anxiety or emotional/behavioural issues.

Click on the link or use the QR Code to access a booking form; both available on our school website here: School Health Service – Ratho Primary School

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Anti-Bullying week is next week, 14-18th November:

The Rights Knights spoke at assembly and all classes will have a focus on this next week. We want children and young people to be able to thrive and achieve their full potential and this needs learning environments which are safe, nurturing, respectful and free from fear, abuse and discrimination. We want all adults to understand that bullying is not an acceptable part of growing up and that it is a clear breach of children's rights.

'respect*me*', Scotland's Anti-Bullying Service, has a range of services and support available. Their new Anti-Bullying Learning Academy supports this and is designed for adults to gain the knowledge and confidence to understand and respond effectively to bullying in line with " Respect for All: national approach to anti-bullying - gov.scot (www.gov.scot)"

The free online learning modules offer a convenient and flexible way to access up to date guidance on recognising, preventing and responding to bullying behaviour. The eLearning modules are aimed at all adults who have a role to play in the lives of children and young people including parents and carers. Further information can be found at respectme eLearning modulesrespectme

Young Persons' Free Bus Travel Scheme; Under 22s.

A message from Transport Scotland:

As you may know, the scheme launched in January this year allowing children and young people aged 5-21 who live in Scotland to travel for free by bus with a valid National Entitlement Card (NEC) or Young Scot NEC.

We're already seeing lots of young people benefitting from the scheme, and in September we launched a nationwide marketing campaign to increase awareness

and understanding of the scheme and to encourage even more young people to apply.

Our website, freebus.scot, has lots of information about free bus travel, how it works, how to apply, the benefits and some tips for travelling safely too. It also includes a section with resources for stakeholders. I wanted to draw your attention to some bespoke resources for schools on this page, including posters and leaflets to promote the scheme, a guidance document to support conversations with young people and families about the scheme and a PowerPoint presentation about the scheme which could be shown in some classrooms.

I hope that you find this information and the resources mentioned helpful. If you have any questions about the scheme please get in touch using the contact details on our website.

Dates for the diary:

For all dates, please refer to the school calendar, available on our website shows all events and key dates for the whole session. Please save/print and refer to this to see dates for class assemblies, family consultations and events (dates subject to change). http://rathoprimary.org.uk/calendar

Stars of the last few weeks:

At Assemblies we recognise pupils selected by their class teachers for recognition for excellent effort, work, activities or demonstrating and showing the school values or vision. Here are some of our winners from this term on the next page….

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.

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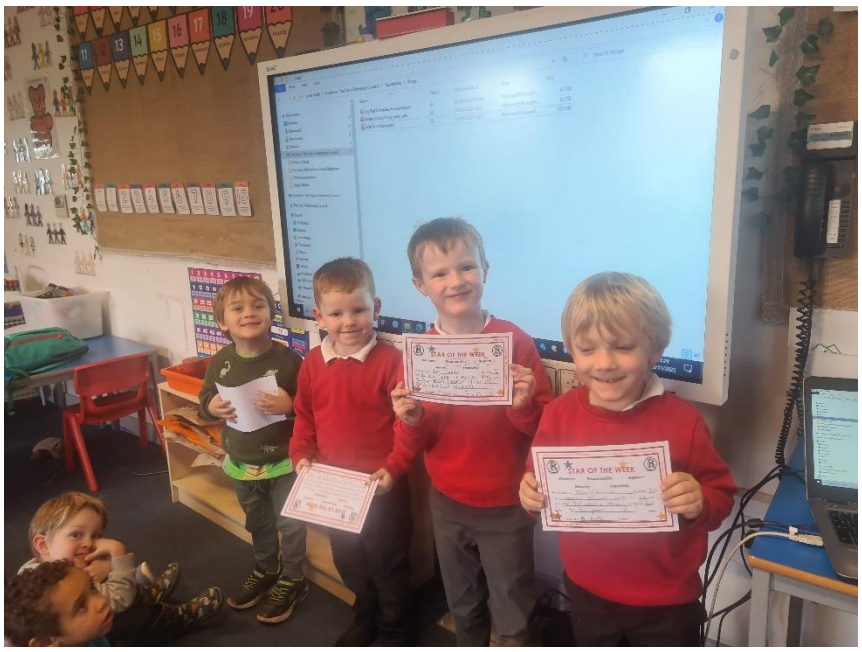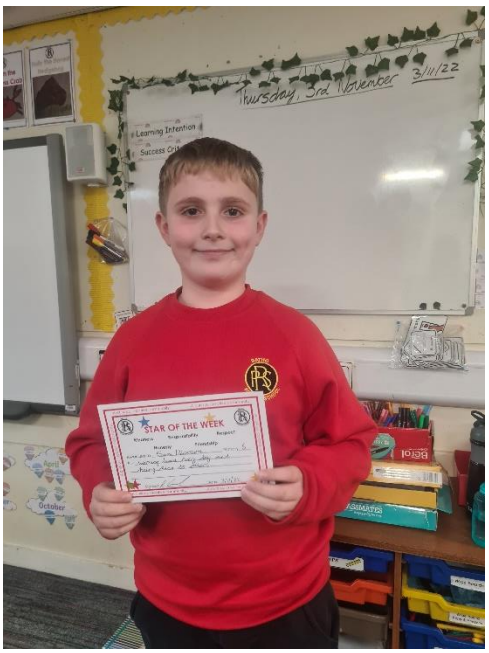
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