Ratho Primary School

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Head Teacher Newsletter: 27th April 2023

Dear School Community,

Welcome back for the final term of the session! The children have returned full of enthusiasm and it's great to see them refreshed after the Easter holidays and ready for the term. We have a dress down day tomorrow for the end of the month, the House Captains' chosen charity will be The Dog's Trust, but we are splitting dress down day funds raised between charity and funding for school items (ICT, playground equipment, microphones, etc.) from now on. Usual small donations requested please. Also, we will establish a food-bank drive from tomorrow until Sports Day, the donations can be made at the entrance foyer of the school. Please see the below details for the foodbank appeal.

Please see updates below and thank you for your continued support of the school.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Gibb, Head Teacher.

Primary 5 & Primary 6 Spring Show: Twist!

Huge thanks to Mrs Raeburn, Miss Ogilvy, Mr Chmiel, Miss Wallace, Mrs Sime and everyone else who helped with the production of the Spring Show. They were superb performances and a great achievement for the school to put on such a production. Congratulations and thank you to all the children!

Thanks to all the adults who took time to send feedback, this is much appreciated and has been shared with pupils and staff.

If you haven't had a chance to view, the final show is recorded and available to view here… Thanks to Mrs Smith for editing and including some of the initial comments and feedback in the closing credits! https://youtu.be/yCK9XQGa2pk

Glee Choir:

The term got off to a great start with our wonderful Glee choir performing in the Edinburgh and Lothians heat of The Primary School Glee Challenge! They were fantastic and…. Are through to the next round! Huge congratulations to the children and well done and thank you to Mrs Raeburn and Stacey O'Flaherty for all their hard work and good efforts! See them coming off stage here: Ratho Primary School (@Ratho_Primary) / Twitter

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Girls Football.

I'm very pleased to announce that we have a girls team competing in Edinburgh Schools Summer Cup. We have been exploring opportunities for pupils to represent the school at football. The team is led by volunteer parents/coaches and pupils who are in Ratho United; many thanks to them for their time and effort volunteering.

The Summer Cup typically gets around 20 schools sending a girls team and this presented a great opportunity for our girls to get involved. If all goes well, we hope to represent the school again in future events. If you are free, go along and cheer them on.

The three 3 fixture dates are on:
Saturday 29th April – Meggetland Sports Complex, 11am – 1pm.
Saturday 20th May – Liberton, (time TBC)
Wednesday7th June – Meggetland Sports Complex (time TBC)

If your child is interested in organised football, get in touch with Ratho United to get involved! REGISTRATION | Ratho United Youth Football Team

Curriculum Information Leaflets

Curriculum Information Leaflets for the final term have been created and posted for all classes. Please view your child's class page on our school website here: Our Classes – Ratho Primary School and find out 'What we are learning this term' for each of our classes.

Building Resilience

Please see our Parent/Carer information leaflet for this term's Building Resilience Unit 'Expect the unexpected'. You can view more information about this theme and how you can support this learning at home too.

Learning Journals:

All Learning Journals for all classes are updated… Please log in and see what your child has been learning here: Your Learning Journals

Summer Term Excursions:

The Summer term excursions have been planned and are already well underway! P4s have been out to Pizza Express to learn about food, cooking, restaurants and all related aspects. P7s have been out to 'Potter Around' to develop their Expressive Arts and crafts related learning.

We have planned excursions for stages together, as with their sharing of learning assemblies, to give opportunities for the composite classes to learn with their stage as well as their individual classes.

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Upcoming excursions are as follows:

- **P1 – Hopetoun House: 15/5/23**
- **P2 – Botanic Gardens: 7/6/23**
- **P3 & P4 – Stirling Castle: 31/5/23**
- **P5 & P6 – Union Canal Barge Trips: 29/5 & 31/5, 5/6 & 8/6**
- **P7 – End of session excursion is planned in June but teachers will share with pupils first!**

Important Dates for the Diary:

In addition to the excursion dates above, please note the following:

- **School is closed to pupils on**:
  - Monday 1st May – May Day
  - Tuesday 2nd May – In Service Day
  - Monday 8th May – King's Coronation Day
  - Monday 22nd May – Victoria Day
  - **We break for the Summer Holiday on Wednesday 28th June at 1pm**.

- Thurs. 4th May – P2s assembly.
- Wed. 10th May – Edinburgh Evening News photographer for P7 leavers photos.
- Wed. 24th May - Tempest Photographer for all pupils.
- Fri. 2nd June – Sports Day.
- Fri. 9th June – New P1 parents information session.
- Wed. 14th June – P6 parent/carer meeting for School Camp.
- Tues. 20th-Thurs 22nd June – P7 Transition to High School days.
- Fri. 23rd June – End of session reports issued to parents.
- Tues. 27th June – P7s Leavers assembly.
- Wed. 28th June – Final day of session; Awards ceremony at Ratho Church, dismissal from school at 1pm.
- Session 2023/24 resumes for children returning on Wednesday 16th August 2023.

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School Nurse Drop In sessions:

Our School Nurse, Elizabeth Scotson will be available for drop-in sessions on some Thursday mornings. Please see the attached flyer or click on the link / QR code to access a booking form.

https://forms.office.com/r/3rGj9G8Sh4

Parking

A reminder that parents/carers are requested not to use the school car park and to 'park and stride' if they have to drive their children to school. Can drivers please be safe, mindful and respectful to children, each other and our neighbours at all times please.

Community Centre Clubs:

The Community Centre are holding a Pet Show on Sunday 28th May at 10.30am; Registration forms are available from the centre office. Please see attached flyer.

Opportunities for children:

Channel 5: Are currently casting for a second series of *Meet the Experts* for Channel 5's Milkshake. They are looking for outgoing and entertaining children from Edinburgh and surrounding areas who are 7-8 years old, from a variety of backgrounds, to take part. See the attached flyer.

Edinburgh Foxes Lacrosse Club: The inaugural block of lacrosse sessions for the new Edinburgh Foxes Lacrosse Club have been finalised! Suitable for anyone in P6 and P7

- 17:00-18:00 on a Thursday night from 27th April - 15th June
- On the astro pitch at James Gillespie's High School
- No equipment necessary - just suitable clothing/ footwear and a full water bottle
- No cost associated with the sessions.
- To sign up for the sessions please fill in the form via the link below: Sign up form

Heart of Midlothian FC Innovation Centre: During the Easter Holidays we ran a 3-day programme with our community football coaches, called 'Move with the Micro:Bit'. You can find out more about the programme by viewing a video here Move with the Micro:Bit video

We're planning to run the programme again during the summer holidays. Please sign-up to the mailing list to be the first to hear about confirmed dates.

In the meantime, P4-P7 young people can register to our CoderDojo Coding Club on Tuesdays at 3:45 or 5:15 (only few places left). They can also go to linktr.ee/HeartsIC to see all our clubs on offer.

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Headphones Appeal:

P6 & P7 pupils who now have 1-to-1 ipads are encouraged to bring their own headphones for their own use. However, if any families have spare, clean, working and suitable condition headphones they wish to donate for the rest of the children to use, that will be much appreciated!

Food-Bank Appeal:

EMERGENCY FOOD DONATION DRIVE - HELP YOUR LOCAL FOODBANK NOW

The Easter Holidays and the ongoing cost-of-living crisis have led to the foodbanks experiencing both unprecedented demand and dwindling food donations.

This is their first emergency food appeal in four years.

We desperately need the following to be able to fulfil our urgent orders for food parcels, and this is just for the next three days:
UHT Milk 224 cartons
Long-life Fruit Juice 209 cartons
Jam 195 jars
Tinned Cold Meat 184 tins
Tinned Fruit 166 tins

In the weeks to come, they predict that we will need more food donations than ever before.

They accept donations of in-date, shelf-stable food that doesn't need refrigerated.

Can you help?

HELP MAKE SURE PEOPLE IN CRISIS ACROSS EDINBURGH GET THE FOOD THEY NEED

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.