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Head Teacher Newsletter: 6th June 2023

Dear School Community,

As always, lots of news and information is needing to be shared this term… Please see all relevant information below.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Gibb, Head Teacher.

Sports Day

Sports Day on Friday was a wonderful occasion for the school. The pupils all really enjoyed their day and it was great to welcome so many parents, carers and members of the school community into the school grounds to enjoy the day.

Thank you to all who make an effort to come and support and especially the pupils and staff for their excellent organisation and effort.

Further thanks to the RSV and their kind volunteers who helped with putting on the BBQ and refreshments and also awarding stickers and marshalling the finish line on the flat races!

Finally, a huge thanks to Ewa Well ('Ewa Well Photography' on Facebook or https://ewawellphotography.wordpress.com/) for taking fantastic photographs on the day and making them available to all. A wonderfully kind gesture from her… Please see here: https://ewawellphotography66.pixieset.com/rathoprimarysportsday/

Tempest Photography

Individual and sibling proofs from Tempest were handed out last week. Photos should be ordered online via Tempest directly and free delivery back to school is available for orders placed before 12th June for delivery by the end of term.

Tempest traditionally take photographs of individuals and siblings in the summer (term 4) and class photos at the start of session in the autumn (term 1). **Do you want these timeframes to continue? Have your say!** Make your preferred choice of timeframe here, we will instruct Tempest according to the majority vote:
https://forms.office.com/e/6KqmfEKmrQ

Ratho Gala Day

The organisers of the Ratho Gala Day request that all Primary 1 and Primary 7 pupils attend a rehearsal in the Community Centre on Friday 9th June at 12.30pm.

They also appeal for donations for the Gala Day tombola and have a drop-off box at the front entrance/office of the school.

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Ratho School Voice – Our Parent Council

Huge thanks as always to the Ratho School Voice for their support of the school.

The RSV will hold their AGM on 22/6/23. At this meeting some current office bearers will be stepping down and we are looking for parents/carers to take up these roles and of course get involved with the great work the RSV does for our children!

If you are keen to get involved and possibly take on a role, please get in touch with the RSV through their Facebook page or through the school. Ratho School Voice - RSV | Facebook

PROPOSED NEW KIRKLISTON HIGH SCHOOL

Due to Queensferry High School being over capacity, the City of Edinburgh Council have plans to build a new high school in Kirkliston to accommodate the pupils of Kirkliston Primary. As part of this proposal it has been suggested that both Ratho Primary School and Hillwood Primary School change their catchment high schools and attend the new Kirkliston High School from August 2028.

Please can all parents/carers complete the survey linked below. We would appreciate your feedback on this matter.

https://forms.office.com/e/ViC3ApXZ6D

More information can be found here - https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/file/32976/future-queensferry-and-kirkliston-secondary-school-provision-engagement-outcomes

There is a information drop in session on the 14th of June at Kirkliston library, between 1pm-8pm to share more information and provide the opportunity to comment on the potential redevelopment of the Kirkliston Leisure Centre site for a 1200 pupil high school.

We will share responses with the relevant parties ahead of this consultation. The survery will remain open until Monday 12th June.

Many thanks,

Emily and Leanne
Ratho School Voice Chairs

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Dates for remainder of session:

Please see a calendar for the remaining weeks of session on the final page.

Please note the following times:

- **New P1 parent/carer information meeting at 1.00-2.00pm on Friday 9th June.**
- **New Nursery parent/carer Open Mornings 10.45am/11.45am on Friday 9th June.**
- **Next session's P7 Camp Meeting on Wednesday 14th June at 4.30pm**… There will be a presentation in the hall, a question-and-answer session, an opportunity to meet the staff attending and hopefully a video link for Lagganlia staff to join us.

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

Information to families

- Please see attached 'BE' (Border Embriodery) flyer for School Uniform ordering.
- Please see attached Waterpolo Summer Camp opportunity during the summer holidays.

Balerno & District Schools Pipe Band

Balerno & District Schools Pipe Band offers lessons for local children from P4 upwards. You might well have seen our band out and about locally but if not there are some photos and videos on our facebook: https://www.facebook.com/BalernoSchoolsPipeBand

We are looking for expressions of interest for beginners lessons in piping or drumming from August. Time and location of lessons is tbc but it it is likely that lessons will be £6, however funding may be available if required; enquire in confidence. Drums and uniforms are provided by the band and pipes can be hired for free for 3 years.

Please email balernoschoolspipeband@gmail.com to register your interest, letting us know your child's name, school and school year. **Lessons for any child from Ratho would take place at Balerno High School on either Tuesday or Friday after school.**

Edinburgh's special schools are recruiting Pupil Support Assistants (PSA).

We have a range of vacancies across the sector including primary and secondary settings. It is possible to identify a specific school, or a number of schools you would be interested in applying for prior to interview. Closing date: 13/6/23

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Pupil Support Assistants - Special Schools City Wide - EDN24358 | City of Edinburgh Council | myjobscotland. If you are interesting in finding out more about this role and specific schools, please click this link to register for an online info session on 8/6/23. https://forms.office.com/e/FgYKaaGfbZ

Young Person's Free Bus Travel Scheme

The Young Person's Free Bus Travel Scheme is currently being evaluated, with a survey available for parents/carers of children aged 5-23, and young people themselves aged 12-23. Feedback is being sought from both those with experience of using the Young Person's Free Bus Travel, and those that do not use it in order to find out why.

The survey seeks to understand use of the scheme and any benefits or challenges that have been experienced since its introduction. It should take about 10 minutes to complete, and there is the opportunity to enter a free prize draw to win up to £250 in One4All vouchers.

The survey can be accessed here: **https://online1.snapsurveys.com/Yr1-YPFreeBusTravel** The closing date for all responses is 9th July 2023.

If you have any difficulties in accessing or completing the survey, or any questions about the work, you can contact the project manager at elaine@wellsideresearch.co.uk.

June 2023			
1	Th	Health Week	Nursery Sports Day
2	Fr		School Sports Day & RSV BBQ
3	Sa		
4	Su		
5	Mo HL		P5&6 Barge trips
6	Tu		
7	We		P2 Trip to Botanic Gardens
8	Th		P5&6 Barge trips, Nursery Summer Outing
9	Fr		New P1 Parent Presentation
10	Sa		Ratho Gala Day
11	Su		
12	Mo HL		
13	Tu		
14	We		P7 trip, P6 parent/carers Camp meeting
15	Th		BR feedback Assembly
16	Fr		New P1s Class Visit

June cont.

17	Sa	
18	Su	
19	Mo	
20	Tu	P7 Transition Day 1
21	We	P7 Transition Day 2 P1-P6 'Meet the teacher' Day
22	Th	P7 Transition Day 3 Ratho School Voice AGM
23	Fr	End of session progress reports to parents/carers
24	Sa	
25	Su	
26	Mo	
27	Tu	1.30pm P7 Leaver's Assembly
28	We	Achievement Awards Ceremony. 1pm Finish for end of session
29	Th	Holiday
30	Fr	Holiday