Ratho Primary School

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Headteacher's Newsletter: 3rd November 2023

Dear Ratho Primary School Community,

The 2nd term of the year is well underway…. The wind, rain and muddy grounds haven't dampened the children's enthusiasm for school and learning which is great to see! We had the P6 assembly yesterday and it was lovely to see all the children's own ideas and video creations about our Global Goals come together. Well done P6! We also had some P7's represent Ratho P.S. at the Edinburgh Schools Indoor Athletics competition at Meadowbank and despite being a smaller team than the other schools… They came 2nd! Well done athletes! Also this week, the House Captains hosted tours of prospective P1 parents/carers around the school… The feedback was lovely; well done House Captains!

Please see below for updates and information of upcoming events and information. Many thanks for your continued support of the school.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Gibb, Head Teacher.

Important Dates for the Diary:

Please note the following:

- **Due to Industrial Action, School is closed to pupils on Wednesday 8th November.** Learning will take place online and at home as with the Industrial Action days in September. Each class teacher will issue and instruct their classes as appropriate next week.

- **Tuesday 7th November – Tempest Photography, individual and sibling photos.** Following the last photo shoot, we ran a consultation with parents/carers as to which term they would prefer which kind of photo. The decision was to have individual/sibling now and class photos in the summer term. We will stick to this schedule from now on.

- **Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th November - Family Consultation Meetings.** Please book your appointments via the link and instructions sent earlier this week via individual emails. If you are sure your contact details are up to date and you haven't received this email, check your junk/spam email folders.

- **Friday 17th November - Children in Need Day**
- **Monday 20th November – Flu Vaccinations Day**
- **Thursday 30th November – P5s Assembly (2pm)**
- **Saturday 2nd December – RSV Christmas Fair in School and Community Centre**

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Curriculum Information Leaflets

Curriculum Information Leaflets for this 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 class.

Building Resilience

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

School Library Appeal

Thanks to the parents who came in to help tidy and organise the new library area. We are still looking for good quality and modern texts, soft-furnishings and also any boardgames/games which we may also use in the outdoor playground shelter. Please see the attached flyer again.

School Handbook, Support for Learning Policy and Neurodiversity Awareness week.

We have updated the School handbook and, following consultation with parents/carers and City of Edinburgh Council Additional Support Needs team, we are have revised and updated our Additional Support for Learning Policy.

https://rathoprimary.org.uk/support-for-learning/

School Handbook

The Neurodiversity Team (ND Team) have also been busy to raise awareness of Neurodiversity and have created a video (available via the link above) shared with all classes this week. They will visit classes to discuss in person next week – Well done them!

The Ratho School Voice (RSV) Christmas Fair: Saturday, 2nd December

There will be Market stalls, Games, Baking, Crafts, Jewellery, Activities and more!
The Ratho School Voice needs your help! We currently need some more people to volunteers their time to help the fair run as smoothly as possibly. We need helpers for a variety of tasks including:

- Setting up on the Saturday morning
- De-rigging on the Saturday afternoon
- Children's stall helpers
- Mulled wine and Prosecco host
- A great 'Ratho Bake off' coordinator

All money raised from this event goes directly back into helping the Ratho School Community!

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The Ratho School Voice (RSV) Calander competition: **Extension to Friday 10th November**.

We would like to invite all learners to design a front cover for this year's school calendar. Please can all entries be in by **FRIDAY 10th NOVEMBER** and clearly labelled FAO RSV Calendar Competition and include your child's name and class.

Here are the details you need to know:
This years theme is: **Sustainability Goals.**
Our world is facing a major transition to a more sustainable world. 🌎

Entrants must be between nursery and P7 at Ratho Primary School 🏫 and pictures must be drawn in pen on A4 paper landscape 🖼 and please use colour 🌈

Here are some ideas of how the Ratho School learners might reflect Sustainable Goals:

- The designs might include aspects of all of the sustainable goals or learners might choose to just focus on 1 or 2 that they are most passionate about.
- It should include the name of the school 'Ratho Primary School'
- It should include the year '2024'
- Learners might wish to take a look at this website to consider which goals to include in their designs...Scotland - Sustainability - UN Sustainable Development Goals - BBC Bitesize
- This Sustainable Goals colouring book might also offer some inspiration...The-SDG-COLORING-BOOK_low-quality_4MB.pdf (unsdsn-ne.org)

Return clearly labelled entries FAO: RSV calendar competition, to your class teacher or to the school office by Friday 3rd November.
VERY IMPORTANT to please remember to write learner's name and class on the back. ✍

Please could all parents/carers also complete this google form once their learner has handed in their entry. This will allow me to keep track of entries to expect.
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSemx8RXMf6h4LKMJuDPpAbqEMyk_H5ihmnkD3DCwR1H9z9sSQ/viewform

The winner will receive a copy of the 2024 calendar with their design on the front cover and an Art Set. The runner up will also receive a 2024 calendar and a prize. 🍀Good luck from the RSV team! 🍀

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P1 registration and S1 High School Allocations

P1 registration:

The online registration form is now live: **www.edinburgh.gov.uk/P1registration.** This form now includes the option to make a placing request for a non-catchment school, so no separate form is required.

Letters about registration were sent to all parents of current N5 nursery pupils attending a City nursery or Early Years setting.

Most parents will not be required to upload any evidence with their form. Evidence will only be required in these cases:

- proof of their address if they are not liable for Council Tax.
- the child's birth certificate or passport if the child does not attend a city nursery or early years setting.

P7 high school allocations:

P7 pupils have been allocated places in their catchment high schools. This week, the City of Edinburgh Council are sending out the letters to parents/carers about the transfer to high school and they should all be delivered by 10 November.

Free Football Tickets – Women's Capital Cup

On the 18th November, the Women's Edinburgh Derby will be played at Easter Road. This is a great opportunity for families to attend a game of football free of charge.

Hibernian Women vs Hearts Women, Sat. 18 Nov. Easter Road. 1pm kick-off, Free entry!

The Women's Capital Cup is one of the most iconic games in the calendar for Hibs and Hearts Women as they look to take the local bragging rights and the trophy!
Entry to the match will be FREE for all as we reach out to the wider community with this fantastic opportunity.
Visit our website for tickets and more information - www.hibernianfc.co.uk/capitalcup
Should you require paper tickets for this fixture, please email kmcewan@hibernianfc.co.uk with the exact required number of tickets for your party.

Both the West Stand and East Stand are open for Hibernian FC supporters. Hibs supporters – CLICK HERE to get your tickets now!

Away supporters will be situated in the South Stand and can also purchase tickets directly from our e-ticketing website. Hearts supporters – CLICK HERE to get your tickets now!

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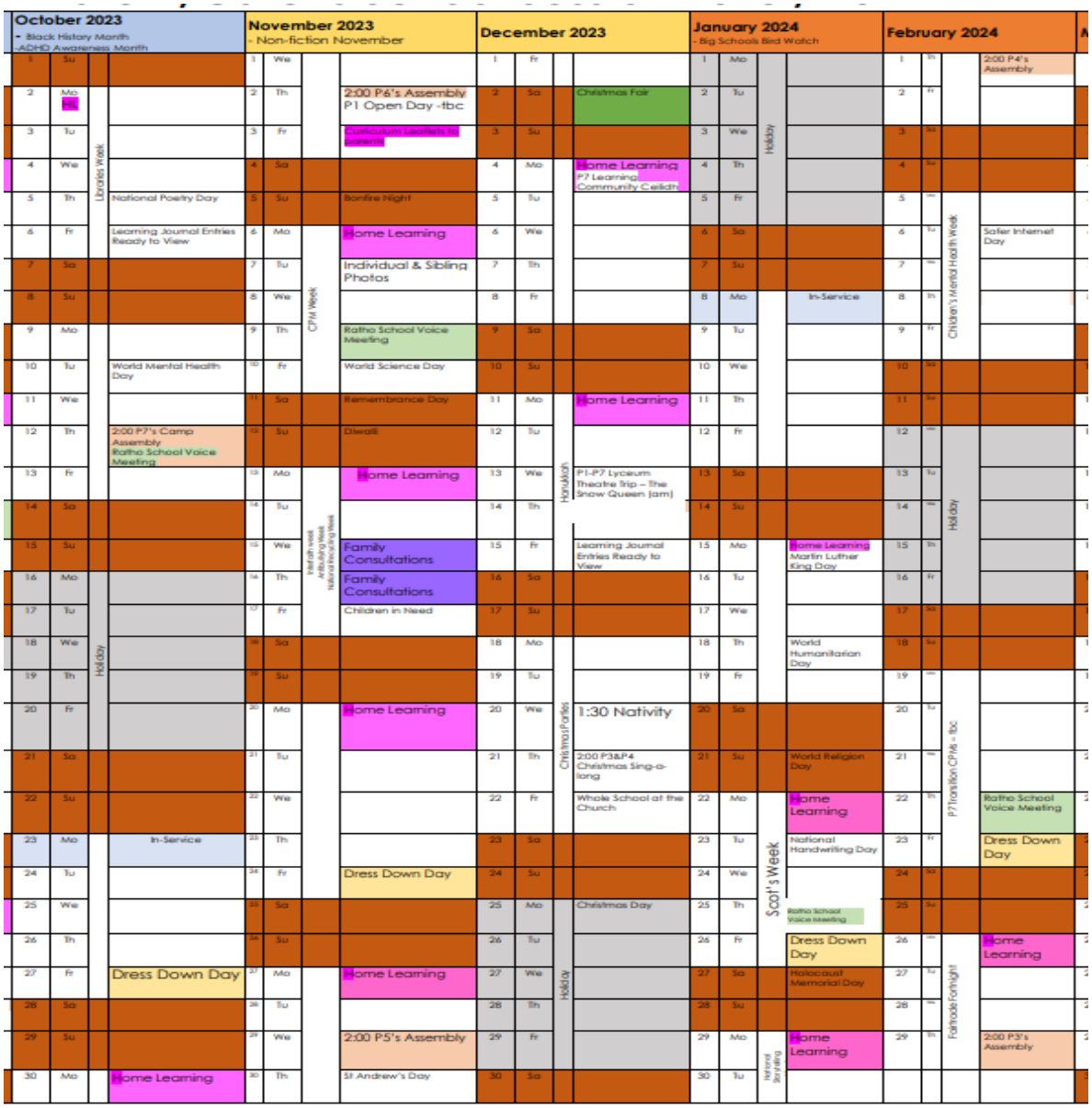
See attachments:

- New School Library appeal flyer.
- Fast Forward Parent Session about digital safety, drugs & alcohols and e-cigarette/vaping… Tuesday 20th February. Flyer
- Building Resilience Unit – Parent/Carer Leaflet

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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