Ratho Primary School

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Dear Ratho Primary School Community,

A quick but busy five weeks and we are already at the mid-term February break! So far this term the P1, P1/2 and P2 **Padlets** are up and running, joining the P7 classes as our trial of how we communicate the learning and activities of the children and their classes to parents and carers. These look great and seem to be being very well received. Check them out via the 'Class Pages' tab on our website! (link above)

Vision Time is back on a Friday (pupils take part in an extra-curricular activity of their choice) and we've been supported by staff and pupils from Balerno High School in delivering these sessions. We have enjoyed our annual **'Burns' Assembly**, enjoying recitals and performances from all classes and even a rare treat of 'Auld Lang Syne' in both Scots and Bengali accompanied by Mrs Kamal and her harmonium and Ms. Shivas on guitar.

We've also enjoyed a **P4** assembly on Friendship, a **Rights Knights** assembly promoting Children's rights, the UNCRC and promoting our work as a Silver Award Accredited School. The Rights Knights even represented their good work at an event at Balerno High School!

Further highlights were in sending all **P5**s to be part of the opening of Oriam's new tennis facilities, welcoming Ratho United Coaches for a **P3** girls football taster session (see flyer attached) and seeing the ongoing rehearsals from both the **Glee Choir** and for the **P5 & P6 Spring Show**!

Please see below for announcements and information and we look forward to seeing all children and families again after the February break. I hope all families have a peaceful and restful break.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Gibb,
Head Teacher.

- **Ratho School Voice**
  Well done to the RSV on their fantastic fundraising efforts and of course in the community who support them. They met a couple of weeks ago and have made their minutes available to the school community via their tab on our website Ratho School Voice (RSV)- Our Parent Council – Ratho Primary School We encourage all parents/carers to get involved in the RSV!

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- ## Safer Internet Day

  We brought awareness to Safer Internet Day on Tuesday, with the Digital Leaders doing a great job promoting awareness of dangers online and 'digital footprint'. We have a **Fast Forward Parent/Carer session planned for Tuesday 20th February from 6-8pm**… See the attached flyer for this and the page on Online Safety on our website: Online Safety – Ratho Primary School

- ## World Book Day

  World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March and we will be celebrating our love of reading across the school and at assembly. More details are to follow, but advance notice that we will encourage children to dress up as a literary character/book theme, but that we **discourage parents/carers from buying costumes** for the day. It's just for fun to promote reading and shouldn't cost anyone any money.

- ## P7 Football Team

  Some great news to share! For the first time in a number of years, Ratho PS will be entering a Primary 7 football team into the Edinburgh Schools Seven a side league. One of our P7 parents, Michael Stewart, will be the designated adult who will take charge of the team. Matches will be on a Saturday morning. Our home venue is Dean Park PS and we will have a number of away fixtures too. Numbers will be limited to around 10-12 children and we will hold trials for the team after the February break. More details will follow in due course. Many thanks to Mr Stewart for organising and taking this on!

- ## Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood (RSHP).

  We will resume our Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood programme (RSHP) after the February 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. Please see the tab on our website for more information and for a guide to what the children learn at each stage so parents/carers can support at home. Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood – Ratho Primary School

- ## Measles Awareness

  There's been an increase in reports of measles cases across the UK. It's important to be aware of signs and symptoms: cold-like symptoms sore,red eyes that may be sensitive to light a high temperature a rash on the skin that usually first appears on the head/neck and then spreads to the rest of the body.

  Find out what to do if you think you or your child has measles at www.nhsinform.scot/MMRagainstMeasles

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- **UNCRC – We are a Rights Respecting School**

  Your child, and all children under the age of 18, have a special set of human rights. These are called **children's rights**, and they are written in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Our **Rights Knights** promote Children's Rights, across the school. We are a Silver Award Rights Respecting School.

  The UNCRC (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill received Royal Assent on 16thJanuary 2024, meaning the UNCRC will be officially incorporated into Scots Law by 16th July 2024.

  To help promote this development with families, City of Edinburgh Council have put together a guide for parents and carers to understand what it means for them and around children's rights. **https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/childrensrightselc** Please also see the attached flyer for more information about UNCRC and Children's Rights.

- **Upcoming events:**
  - February Holiday 12-16th February. Children return Monday 19th February.
  - Netball team tournament – 26th February.
  - Balerno Pipe Band Concert at Balerno High School – 28th February, 7-9pm (see attached flyer)
  - P3s Assembly – 29th February, 2pm.
  - World Book Day – 7th March
  - P7s Rotary Club Quiz
  - P5 & P6 Spring Show – 20th March
  - Eco Warriors Assembly – 21st March, 2pm.
  - Family Consultations – 26 & 27th March
  - Youth Music Initiative sessions for P1s, P2s, P4s & P5s
  - P7s engaging in the Learning Hub partnership with Edinburgh University, Napier University and Edinburgh College.
  - Generation Science Workshops in school.
  - Continuing our Building Resilience unit 'Respect Yourself.
  - Term ends for Easter/Spring Holiday at 3.15pm on Thursday 28th March.

  Please see the calendar for all events! RPS-Parent-Calendar-2023-2024.pdf (rathoprimary.org.uk)

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.