Ratho Primary School

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Dear Ratho Primary School Community,

Huge congratulations to all children and staff who fully embraced the spirit of **World Book Day yesterday!** Everyone had a great day celebrating our love of literacy and books… We had some fantastic costumes, not least from the staff, great photos of our favourite reading nooks, a fun 'Guess the Teacher' reading game and lots of fun activities in the classrooms! **Huge thanks to all the parents and carers** who came in to read to the classes; each class had 2 readers which was wonderful for the children to experience. Thank you! Finally, all the children will have their **World Book Day tokens** which they can exchange at any participating bookstore, this includes most major supermarkets too!

A special mention to Mrs McShane of the Little Lothian Bookshop, who not only came in to read, but along with local resident, Denise Thomas, donated a Mental Health Book Bundle to the school for P4-P7 and Nursery/P1 respectively. Thank you!

Further highlights of late have been our entry in the EPSSA **Netball team** tournament at Meadowbank Stadium… Well done to all the children involved and thanks to Miss Feld for leading and coaching the team! We really enjoyed welcoming all P3 families for the Space themed **P3s Assembly**. I'm also pleased to have welcomed the **Generation Science** team (workshops with P5, P5/6 and P6) and **Youth Music Initiative** team back who now have weekly sessions for P1s, P2s, P4s & P5s! The P7s have also begun our **Learning Hub** partnership with Edinburgh University, Napier University and Edinburgh College!

As always, it's a packed curriculum and busy term for all! Please see below for all upcoming events, calendar and of course announcements and information. Many thanks for your continued support of the school.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Gibb,
Head Teacher.

- ## Family Consultations

  The Family Consultation evenings will take place on **Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th March.** We will use the 'Parents Booking' system to make appointments again. This system will be live on the evening of **Wednesday 13th March**.

  Please look out for further notification of this to make your appointment.

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- ## P5-P6 Spring Show.

  The P5-6 Spring Show, 'Aladdin Trouble', is nearing showtime… The children are now rehearsing in earnest!

  We will put on two performances of the show on **Wednesday 20th March at the Ratho Church Hall.** The performances (approx. 1hr 15mins) will start at:
  - **10am**
  - **1.30pm**

  Tickets are on sale now via ParentPay. The suggested price is £2.50 per ticket (which includes a Souvenir Programme for the show!), however you should be able to adjust this to pay as little as £0.50 per ticket if you wish!

- ## Pupil Survey

  The Ratho Action Group with promote an upcoming Pupil Survey at their assembly on 21st March, however can families please be aware that we will be conducting a pupil survey from the City of Edinburgh Council (combined with Ratho specific questions from the R.A.G.) to be completed by the end of term.

- ## Nursery new build and drivers

  Many thanks for the consideration and cooperation of drivers in keeping School Wynd safe of late as the works on the new Nursery and Library continue. We ask that all drivers continue these safe practices at all times; park and stride, refrain from using the carpark and importantly, not parking in front of the bins… they often don't get emptied because a car is parked in front of them!

- ## Grapes

  Can any parents/carers please ensure they halve or quarter all grapes given as snacks please? These are a choking hazard and children are not supervised in eating snacks outside in the same way as they are eating lunch in the dining hall. Many thanks.

- ## Change of Clothes

  We have a shortage of changes of clothes for 5-8 year old children, especially girls. If you can donate any trousers/joggers, etc and also donations of **new packs** of pants/socks are gratefully received. Many thanks!

- ## Vaping

  We note there is often 'vape' cartridges and packaging littered around the school or within the school campus. We have highlighted to children not to touch and alert an adult to dispose of, however many families will have/know young adults vaping in the community. Aside from discouraging the litter, please see attached information from the Scottish Government to raise awareness on the rise and dangers of vaping.

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- ## ASN Parent/Carer information

  Autism information sessions are now planned for parents and carers of **children with an autistic diagnosis, or where autism as a possibility. Please see the attached flyer.**

- ## The Scottish Bird Camp

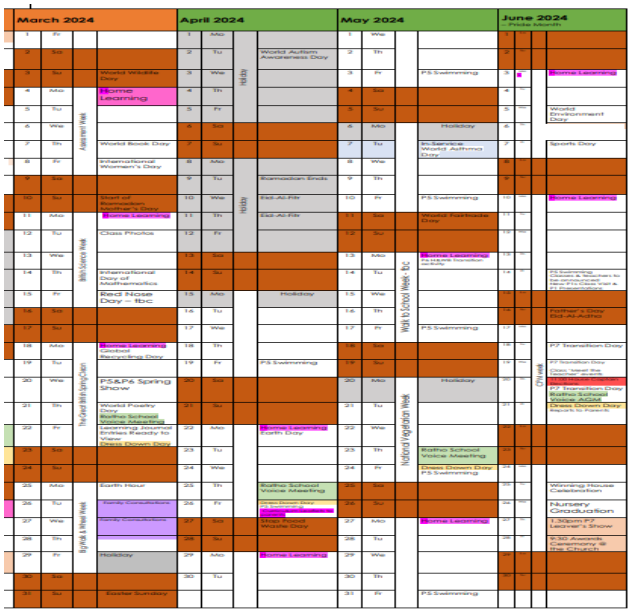
  The Scottish Ornithologists' Club and British Trust for Ornithology (Scotland) have just opened applications for young nature enthusiasts, ages 10 - 16 years, to apply to take part in the Scottish Bird Camp; a fully-funded residential weekend in East Lothian, 31st May to 2nd June.

  During the weekend they will learn about Scotland's birds among like-minded others. Camp will include (subject to the weather): a boat trip to the Bass Rock, bird ringing and nest finding demonstrations, trips to nature reserves and more. The deadline for applications is Sunday 31 March at 5pm. You can find out all about this year's opportunity on the SOC website. **Please see the attached flyer.**

- ## Upcoming events:

  - P7s Cross Country Running at Saughton Park – 11th March
  - Tempest whole class photos – 12th March
  - P7s Rotary Club Quiz at Clovenstone PS – 13th March
  - P5 & P6 Spring Show at Ratho Church Hall – 20th March
  - Ratho Action Group Assembly in school – 21st March
  - Family Consultations in school – 26 & 27th March
  - 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)



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