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Head Teacher Newsletter: 27th March 2024

Dear Ratho Primary School Community,

Many thanks for your continued support of the school this term. It has been a busy term packed with learning activities and opportunities across all stages. Since the last newsletter we have had highlights in:

- The Ratho Action Group Assembly which also celebrated Neurodiversity Celebration Week and World Down's Syndrome Day.
- Two P7 Teams competed in the Balerno and Currie Rotary Club Quiz. They came 1st and 2nd and the winning team will progress to the next round!
- We had runners in the Primary School Cross-Country running at Saughton Park
- Violinists Amelia & Wedad played in the Music Services concert at the Usher Hall!

In addition, special mention for last week's fantastic **P5s & P6s Spring Show 'Aladdin Trouble'** at the Church Hall! Huge congratulations to everyone involved, the show was brilliant! It was well enjoyed by all the pupils, staff and also over 160 guests over the 2 performances! A really superb opportunity for the children to experience the Expressive Arts Curriculum and shine for the whole school and community – Well done!

I hope all children and their families enjoy a peaceful and relaxing holiday and we look forward to welcoming all children back on Tuesday 16th April for the final term of the session!

Yours sincerely,

Peter Gibb,
Head Teacher.

- **Path alongside the main playground gate**

We are finally getting the path alongside the main playground gate resurfaced over the Easter holidays. Could the community be aware that the Council will shut pedestrian access to this path whilst the works are completed over the next 2 weeks.

- **Family Consultations**

We have really enjoyed welcoming all families to their Consultation Appointments over the last 2 days. Parental engagement with the appointments has been really high.

We also want to hear your views! We value parent/carer opinions and engagement at Ratho Primary School and want to give everyone the opportunity to contribute their view. Following this round of Family Consultations, we would like to gather your views and feedback. Your opinion matters to us and can help inform improvement and future directions of the school.

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Many of the questions only require a rating and you do not have to submit comments if you do not wish to do so. It is also anonymous…we'd like to here from as many parents/carers as possible! You can request further discussion of your comments/feedback via this form if you wish.

Please complete the Form here:

https://forms.office.com/e/fgf9VGgX7p

Thank you for taking the time to participate and many thanks for your continued support of the school.

- **P5-P6 Spring Show.**

The P5-6 Spring Show, 'Aladdin Trouble' was a roaring success… Again, well done all! The film of the performance is being shown to all the P5s & P6s today and tomorrow.

A private link to view the performance online is here: Enjoy the show!
https://youtu.be/xI-uRF3-MFc

- **Tempest Whole Class Photographs**

Tempest Photography to whole class 'Vista' photos of each class/stage 2 weeks ago. These photos are now ready to order via the links below. Families can order online and Tempest offer a free "deliver to school" option that is open for approximately 14 days from today, alternatively, home delivery is available at a cost of £5 postage and packing.

If you need assistance or have any questions regarding placing an order, please call 01736 751555 (option 3) or click on the "contact" button on our website home page (htempest.co.uk) where the Tempest team will be happy to help.

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- **P7 Football Team**

Many thanks to Mr Stewart for getting the P7 football team established, they had their first match last weekend. Well done to all the players in the squad!

- **Nursery New Building**

It is apparent that there is further delay to the likely handing over of the new building to the Council. It is unlikely that we will have children using the new building this session and are now planning for children beginning there in line with the new school year in August.

- **Little Library Sign Competition**

The Little Library outside in the main playground is stocked up and ready for children to take the books. We need to re-do the signs on the Little Library so we'd like pupils to enter a Little Library Sign Competition!

They need to make a poster to encourage children to take, give, swap, borrow or just have a book! The books are there to take for free! We'll make the winners into permanent hard plastic signs that will go on the Little Library and the wall above it. Pupils should give entries to Mr Gibb by end of April. They can do this at home over the Easter Holidays if they want! Many thanks.

- **Glee**

The Glee choir are rehearsing with gusto ahead of their first heat in this year's competition! Communications have been sent to all their families about transport and tickets for the show.

- **RSV Easter Bonnet or Crazy Hair Day / Dress Down Day**

We will have an Easter Bonnet / Crazy Hair Day as well as Dress Down Day for the last day of term tomorrow. Pupils can donate cash to their class teachers or payments can be made via Parentpay. There are Prizes for the best efforts provided by the RSV! Please see the flyer attached.

- **Dates for the Diary**

Term ends for Easter/Spring Holiday at 3.15pm tomorrow, Thursday 28th March.
All pupils return on Tuesday 16th April.

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.