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Head Teacher Newsletter: 17th May 2024

Dear School Community,

Although I sent a Newsletter last week, there is so much happening I need to send another brief update this week! Please see all relevant information below.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Gibb, Head Teacher.

Final Monday Holiday of the session

School is closed for the Monday holiday on 20th May. Children return on Tuesday 21st May.

Ratho Catering – School Lunch provision affected

Unfortunately, due to extreme staff shortages, City of Edinburgh Council's Catering Department have made the decision to move to a packed lunch service only for the next 2 weeks.

Please see the letter from the Catering Operations Manager and the menu attached. Parents/carers should select the sandwich choice on ParentPay as if their child was going on a trip. Everyone will get all other items. Special diets will be catered to by the kitchen. If any parents have particular concerns about special diets a contact can be provided via the school office.

Ratho School Voice – Our Parent Council

Ratho Primary School Parent Council – The Ratho School Voice is raising £12,000 to buy smartboards for each of the ten classrooms at approx. £1,200 each!

To help raise funds they have registered to be walking the Kiltwalk in Edinburgh, on the 15th September 2024. Please see the attached letter and information flyer.

New P1 Dates for remainder of session:

Please see the attached flyer for details of the important dates for families and children of new P1s in August 2024.

Rights Knights Coffee Morning

The Rights Knights would like to say huge thank you to the parents and community who contributed or made it along to the Rights Knights coffee morning this week! It was a big success; thank you! It was great to see so many people coming along and we have managed to raise over £400 for Richmond's Hope Charity!



CHILDREN AND FAMILIES





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We are a Silver Award Rights Respecting School and this work is part of the group's learning and activities to promote understanding and living of Human Rights and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of a Child.

Other wider achievements/opportunities

As well as the Rights Knights good work above, there are lots of other opportunities for wider achievement happening here at Ratho Primary as well...

- The Glee Choir will perform in the Regional Finals at the Usher Hall next Friday 24th May! It's an amazing event and occasion and fantastic for Ratho PS to be represented on such a grand stage! Well done and thank you to Mrs Raeburn and Stacey (and Anna) O'Flaherty for all their time and effort in leading and supporting the children!
- The P7 Quiz team are competing in the Central Area Final of the Rotary Club Primary Quiz next week. They'll be up against Schools from Falkirk and Central area, West Lothian and Edinburgh for a place at the Grand Final at Stirling University... Good luck to Sam, Cooper, Caleb and Harry!
- The Junior Road Safety Officers presented at Assembly and have launched Walk to School Week. We are encouraging all children to walk, scoot or cycle to School wherever possible!
- The P4-P7 violinists will perform at this term's String Gathering (hybrid of concert and workshop) on Tuesday 11th June from 2-3pm.
- The P7 football team continue to play well each weekend – It's brilliant to give them this opportunity to play together as a team. Thank you to Mr Stewart for the good efforts in getting the team up and running!
- The Eco-Warriors have been doing their bit for our school environment with lots of planting and litter picking. You'll also see signs for protected areas around the school grounds!
- The P5s and P6s have been participating well at the Interscholastics competition at Meadowbank, swimming at Balerno High School and learning cycling proficiency and safety through the Bikeability programme. We also continue to have the Heart of Midlothian 'Hearts & Minds' programme for P4-P6 and the Youth Music Initiative lessons for P1, P2, P4, P5s

Read Write Inc. books:

We are missing MANY Read Write Inc. (RWI) reading books. We are having an amnesty, please return any RWI books either to the school office or have your child drop them in the box outside Miss Shivas' SFL room. Many thanks for looking these out and returning them.



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P7 Leavers Party

P7 Parents and carers should look out for a separate letter sent to them with details of the end of year P7 leavers party (parent organised after school event).

P.E. Days and School Uniform

A reminder that pupils are expected to wear school uniform every day. P.E. Days are NOT Dress Down Days. Pupils can either wear school uniform and change if they wish, or can wear shorts/joggers and a t-shirt (P.E. kit) with their school jumper on top which they then remove for P.E. If they have a school uniform t-shirt they can wear that all day if they wish!

Public Health Scotland:

Public Health Scotland have released a helpful poster showing illnesses in children and the length of time they should remain off school. It is important that parents/carers adhere to this guidance to help keep all of our children and staff safe and well.

See the poster attached or visit here for more information:

<https://publichealthscotland.scot/publications/health-protection-in-children-and-young-people-settings-including-education/>

Measles, Mumps and Rubella

Also in addition to the above, cases of measles are continuing to rise in the UK and Europe. Public Health Scotland (PHS) is working with health boards to monitor the number of cases in Scotland closely. Updates are published on the PHS website every Thursday.

Measles is one of the most highly infectious diseases and can lead to serious and potentially life-threatening complications. Fortunately, there's a free measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine available which is over 95% effective in protecting people against measles.

For more information visit www.nhsinform.scot/MMRagainstMeasles



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Dates for remainder of session:

Please look for your child's class/stage/group to see the relevant event for them. Please note that these may change or there may be additions. Excursion payments/permissions must be given via ParentPay as prompt as is possible please! Many thanks.

<u>MAY</u>			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Class/Stage</u>	<u>Event</u>
22	Wednesday	P7 Quiz team	Rotary Club Central Region Quiz Finalists
22	Wednesday	P2	Trip to Almond Valley
24	Friday	Glee Choir	Regional Final Heats at the Usher Hall! (6pm start)
27	Monday	P6	My World of Work Event at Balerno HS
28	Tuesday	Nursery	Nursery Trip to Craigie's Farm
29	Wednesday	P7	Trip to Risk Factory

<u>JUNE</u>			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Class/Stage</u>	<u>Event</u>
6	Thursday	Nursery / P5	Nursery Sports Day at 09.30
6	Thursday	New Nursery	Open visit for New Nursery August '24 pupils at 3.15pm
7	Friday	All Classes	Primary Sports Day at 09.30-12.00
10	Monday	P7	Learning Explorers – Trip to Herriott Watt Uni.
11	Tuesday	New Nursery	Open visit for New Nursery August '24 pupils at 3.15pm
12	Wednesday	P5 & P6	Trip to Polkemmet Country Park and Owl Sanctuary
13	Thursday	P3 & P4	Trip to Edinburgh Zoo
14	Friday	All Classes	Announce classes and teachers for 2024/25
14	Friday	Nursery	New P1 Parent Meeting at 13.00
17	Monday	P1	Trip to Hopeton Gardens
18-20	Tues-Thurs	P7	P7 Transition All day visits to High School
19	Wed	All classes	Meet the Teacher (new classes meet new teachers 13.30)
19	Wed	P6	Camp meeting for P7 at 16.30
21	Friday	All Classes	Reports home



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21	Friday	External Nursery	New P1 'play and stay' for external nursery pupils. 13.00
24	Monday	P7	Trip to Dalkeith Country Park
25	Tuesday	Winning House	Winning House Movie Party
27	Thursday	Nursery	Graduation at 10.00 & Teddy Bears Picnic at 11.00
27	Thursday	P7	P7 leavers ceremony at 13.30
28	Friday	All Classes	Awards Ceremony at Ratho Parish Church at 09.30
28	Friday	All Classes	School finishes for session at normal Friday times . Summer Holidays begin!

Pupils resume for new session 2024/25 on 14th August 2024

2024-2025 School Calendar

August 2024						
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September 2024						
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October 2024						
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November 2024						
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December 2024						
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January 2025						
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March 2025						
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April 2025						
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May 2025						
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June 2025						
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July 2025						
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 School Closed/Holidays  Teacher In-Service Day (closed for pupils)

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.

