Ratho Primary School

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Head Teacher Newsletter: 14th June 2024

Dear School Community,

A very busy end of session here at Ratho PS! Many thanks to all the staff for their good efforts and hard work in organising and running all excursions and events over the last few weeks and for the remaining 2 weeks ahead.

Health week was a big success, huge thanks to Miss Ogilvy for all her organisation across the week, Miss Feld for 'Wet Wednesday', Miss McGhee for helping with Sports Day organisation and of course all staff for pitching in so well!

Over the week we had input from the following friends and community partners:

- Tanya Curry Fitness
- Ratho United Football Club
- Edinburgh Leisure Tennis
- Balerno Tennis Club (https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/Eoinswantennis/Coaching/Camps)
- Oriam Tennis
- West Edinburgh Warriors Basketball Club
- Norton House Fitness
- Active Schools
- NHS School Nurse

…as well as our fabulous staff here as above!

A massive thank you to all our community partners in providing such great experiences for the children and a huge well done to all the children for their participation throughout the week!

Finally, we will announce the classes and teachers for Session 2024-25 to all children today in class. Pupils will receive a slip with the details and parents/carers should receive a confirmation email thereafter. New P1 pupils' parents/carers for next session will have an information session at 1pm tomorrow where we will share their child's class and teacher as well.

All P1-6 pupils will have a 'Meet the Teacher' lesson with their new teacher and class on Wednesday afternoon next week. End of session reports will be issued (enveloped) to pupils to take home on Friday 21st June next week.

Please see details for class organisation next session below. I wish all our families the very best for the final 2 weeks of term!

Yours sincerely,

Peter Gibb,
Head Teacher.

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Class Organisation and Staffing for session 2024-25

We have a new probationer teacher starting and are delighted to welcome Mr Stephen Mullen to Ratho P.S. We also have to say farewell and thank you to Miss Brady as she will be leaving us at the end of session; we wish her well for the future.

Class	Teacher	Pupil Support Assistant	Office:
Nursery	SEYO – Mrs MacNeil EYO – Mrs Little EYP – Mrs Maclean, Mrs Doga, Ms McBrierty, Miss Cook, Mrs Kamal (P1EYP)	EYA – Miss Robb & Mrs Barron EYD – Mrs Govan	Administrator: - Mrs Simpson - Mrs Longden (ELC) School Support Assistant: - Mrs Ellaway
P1	Mrs Brown	Miss Giles Mrs Harris Mrs McCleary Mrs C. Mitchell Mrs D. Mitchell Mrs Sime Miss Singleton Mrs Singleton Ms Wallace Mrs Williamson	**Senior Leadership Team:** Business Manager: - Miss Robertson Principal Teacher: - Miss Buckle Depute Head Teacher: - Mrs Smith Head Teacher: - Mr Gibb
P1 / 2	Mrs Walker		
P2	Mrs McColm		
P3a	Miss Buckle & Mrs Marshall		
P3b	Mr Mullen & Miss Buckle		
P4	Miss Ogilvy		
P5	Miss Feld		
P6	Mr Anderson		
P6/7	Mr Chimel		
P7	Miss McGhee		
SFL	Ms Shivas		
PSO	Mr Riley-Morrison		
Facilities Management: John, Gina, Karen, Mary and Sandra.			

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Class Organisation session 2024-25

We have consulted and discussed at length the composition of classes for next session. The decisions on the compositions have not been taken lightly and we have considered the needs of children, views of teachers, pupils and parents. Your child has been told of their class and teacher next session and all parents/carers will receive an email shortly confirming next session's arrangements. We are confident that the classes and compositions provide the best set-up for all children next session.

We have decided on an alternative at P3 and P4 from what was proposed. We have decided to have two P3 classes as a P3a & P3b for next session. In our opinion, it is better for these P3 children to be split as P3A and P3B now and composited in 2025/26 as P3/**4** and P**4**, rather than composited now.

A knock-on effect of this decision is that we will have the two upstairs classrooms in the Canalside View building as the P3 classes and the P2 class will be located in the main building classroom nearest to Canalside View. Effectively the P2 will cross the path rather than climb the stairs to join as a cohort.

Dates for remainder of session:

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
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			

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2024-2025 School Calendar

August 2024						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
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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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February 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)

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