Ratho Primary School

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Head Teacher Newsletter: 27th June 2024

Dear School Community,

The session is at an end! It has been a very busy, exciting and successful session for Ratho Primary School and huge thanks and appreciation go to the pupils and the staff for all their efforts in making it such a great year!

Since the last Newsletter we have successfully completed all our end of session excursions, completed all our transitioning of pupils to next session's 2024/25 classes and teachers, had our 'Meet the Teacher' afternoons for the pupils and welcomed all our new P1 children, parents and carers to the school. We have issued all the end of session reports and today celebrated the Nursery 'graduates' and the P7 Leavers… Both were lovely ceremonies and we are very proud of the children and wish them well on the next stage of their education journeys in P1 and S1 in August!

At the end of such a busy session, I hope all our families can enjoy the summer holidays and the pupils can take some well-deserved time to relax, rest and play.

Please see below for some final announcements and information we have been asked to share with families.

We look forward to welcoming all pupils back for next session on Wednesday 14th August 2024! Very best wishes to all in the School Community for a great summer break.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Gibb, Head Teacher.

Ratho School Voice – Our Parent Council

Massive thanks to the Ratho School Voice for their support of the school this session. At their AGM they detailed their fundraising, activities and spending on the school this session… We couldn't achieve all our success without their support!

At the AGM some current office-bearers are stepping down: Many thanks to the following for all their time and efforts for the good of the school and our children!

- Emily McMorris – Co-Chair (stepping down in October)
- Nadee Millaniyage – Treasurer

The RSV are taking on the task of sourcing a more equitable/affordable solution to provision of School Uniform… We do not have a change of supplier yet but the RSV and the school will provide updates as we find a better deal for families for the future.

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Class Organisation for 2024/25

The class structure and organisation for next session, as announced on 14th June, has been very well received by pupils and almost all parents. Our approach to consult all children, staff and parents/carers has proven to be successful and the feedback received has been largely positive.

At the RSV AGM meeting we had a couple of notes of concern from P1 parents/carers that they'd missed the parent survey and also that the P2 classroom will be in the main building next session. The RSV requested a statement was provided for current P1 parents, however it is pertinent to assure all parents and carers that all teachers (probationer excepted) are fully professionally qualified and as a school we have a collective wealth of experience and excellent practice. We always work with the best interests of the children at heart, are open and transparent with parents/carers and, of course, are best placed to make the decisions about class organisation and structure that are required year-on-year.

We can assure that P2 furniture has been moved and there is no issue with the classroom location being in the main building next session, rather that there are many positives to be gained from its location next session. The same goes for all classrooms that they are all stripped and reorganised for the next class and teacher… Even teachers who remain in the same rooms have stripped and readied the classrooms for next session!

It is worth noting that the class structure and organisation at Ratho is always likely to change; we are the only school in the village and tend to have more children at some cohorts than can all fit in one class. It will change again in 2025/26 and it is possible that the structure then will be P1, P1/2, P2, P3, P3/4, P4, P5, P6, P6/7, P7. As always, the newsletter is used to communicate key information and we encourage all parents/carers to read when issued. That said, in efforts to continuously improve next session, we will explore different ways to present newsletter information to parents/carers.

We thank parents/carers for their support, and we look forward to another successful session in 2024/25.

What's On For Families over summer:

Please see various attached information flyers for Ratho Library, Ratho Community Centre, Tennis, etc.

Also, see this list of suggestions for days out if you're looking for something to do for the children over summer. This was not created by Ratho PS, but seems fairly accurate and so I thought worth sharing!

= costs
= free (ie. no admittance fee)
= sunny days

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☔ = rainy days
🐶 = dog friendly
♿ = accessible

FREE 🌻🐶 Aberdour Beach, Fife FREE
FREE 🌻☔ Aberfoyle (David Marshall lodge, Lodge forest Visitor Centre) FREE
FREE Adventure playground, Linn Park, Glasgow FREE
💶☔ Adventure Planet softplay, Cumbernauld, £7.95 - £9.95
💶☔♿ Aerial Adventures soft play, Livingston. £2 - £8
💶☔ Airthrill, East Kilbride £ 12.95
💶🌻☔♿ Almond Valley, Livingston, £10 - £12
FREE 🌻🐶 Almondell & Calderwood country park, Broxburn FREE
💶🌻☔♿ Amazonia @ M&Ds, Motherwell, £5.20 - £6.80
FREE 💶🌻 Ardardan Estate, Cardross, FREE (some events cost)
FREE 💶🌻🐶 Arran (£- ferry)
FREE 🌻🐶 Ayr Beach, FREE
💶🌻 Auchingarrich wildlife centre, Comrie £12- £14, under 3s free
FREE 🌻🐶 Balloch Country Park - loch side walks / tree trails/ picnicking / sandy play park FREE
FREE 🌻 Baltic Street Adventure Playground, Dalmarnock. FREE. (Can register kids online)
FREE 🌻 Barons Haugh Nature Reserve, Motherwell, FREE
FREE 🌻🐶 Barshaw Park, Paisley - duck pond / model railway / small animals / play park FREE
💶🌻☔ Bearsden Ski Club £120 for 6 week block
💶🌻☔🐶 Beech Tree Inn, Drumgoyne by Killearn – Bar/restaurant with small animals
FREE 🌻🐶 Beecraigs Country Park, Linlithgow FREE
FREE 🌻🐶 Bellahouston Park, Glasgow FREE
💶🌻🐶♿ Blair Drummond, Stirlingshire £15.50 - £22 (kennels for dogs at entrance)
💶🌻☔ Bo'ness & Kinneil Railway, Bo'ness £9 - £16
FREE 💶🌻☔ Boswell's Estate, Auchinleck - play area, gorge walks, castle ruins, coffee shop
FREE 🌻☔🐶♿ Botanic Gardens & Kibble Palace, Glasgow FREE
💶🌻 Briarlands Farm, Stirling £7.50 - £9.50, under 2s FREE
💶☔ Broadwood Stadium Gym Play, Cumbernauld £
FREE 🌻 Burngreen park Kilsyth, play area, putting green, trampolines , from 90p
FREE 🌻🐶 Burntisland, Fife. Beach and funfair FREE (attractions £2/3 each)
FREE 🌻☔♿ Burrell Collection, Glasgow FREE
💶☔ Cafe Ceramico, East Kilbride from £13
💶🌻 Cairnie Farm & Maze, Cupar, Fife - Mar-Oct, from £7.50, under 3s FREE (extra for fruit picking)
FREE 💶🌻🐶 Calderglen Country Park, East Kilbride (zoo entry £4 adults, £2 children)
💶☔ Camera Obscura, Edinburgh £16.95 - £21.95

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FREE Carmichael Estate, Biggr. farm shop and tea room £ / FREE entry

FREE Castle Semple Country Park, Lochwinnoch, walking trails and coffee shop FREE

FREE Chatelherault Country Park, adventure park and walking trail. Market on some Sundays

Cineworld & Odeon Kids Club from £2.50

City Sightseeing Tour, Glasgow (Hop on Hop off) from £15

FREE Clark's Little Ark, Sanquhar, D&G. Farm animals and park FREE

FREE Coats Observatory, Paisley FREE

Cocoabean Chocolate Factory, Braehead Soar £10 - £22.50

FREE Colzium Estate, Kilsyth - visitor centre, cafe, play area etc. FREE

Conifox Nursery & Adventure Play park, Kirkliston £4.50 - £13.95

Craft Daft on a Raft, Kirkintilloch from £12.50

Craigend Nursery - indoor sandpit, Cumbernauld £4

Craigie's Farm Shop, Edinburgh. Play area and pick your own fruit. From £5

FREE Craigtoun Country Park, St. Andrews. Free entry £10 wristband for attractions.

FREE Crawick Multiverse, Sanquhar, D&G, from £4

Cream o' Galloway, Gatehouse of Fleet - adventure playground, nature reserve,ice cream making workshop. FREE entry, £25 for 3 people at workshop

Culzean Castle, Maybole £12 - £20

FREE Cuningar Loop, Woodland park. Dalmarnock FREE

Dalgarven Mill, Museum of Ayrshire Country Life & Costume, Kilwinning £5 - £7.50

FREE Dalkeith Country Park, free entry to park. Adventure park from £4. Go ape from £21

Dalscone Farm Park, Dumfries. Indoor and outdoor playpark and farm. From £11.50

FREE Dams to Darnley County Park, Glasgow. Events posted online throughout year. FREE

David Livingston Centre, Blantyre. Entry to playpark is free. Museum £3- £7.50

FREE Dean Castle Country Park, Kilmarnock. Playpark and café. FREE

Deep Sea World, North Queensferry, £12 - £18

FREE Dhoon Beach, Kirkcudbright FREE

Dino Park, Dumfries £5- £10. Soft play extra under 1s FREE

Doune Castle, Perthshire £8 - £10, under 6s FREE

Drumlanrig Castle, gardens and adventure park £6-8. Tours of castle on selected dates

FREE Drumpellier Country Park, Coatbridge. Playpark, peddle boats, walks FREE

Dumbarton Castle, £ £4.50- £7.50

Dumfries house, Cumnock. Adventure playground, walled garden FREE. Tours from £7.50

Duncarron Medieval Village, Carron Valley £ payable events

Dundonald Castle, Kilmarnock £6- £9, under 5s FREE

Dynamic Earth, Edinburgh £12 - £19.50

East Links Family Park, Dunbar £8 - £18, under 2s FREE

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East Yonderton (fruit) Pay per weight

Edenmill Farm Shop, Blanefield. Soft play £7, alpacha trek £13.50, petting zoo £7.95

Edinburgh Castle £11.40 - £19.50

Edinburgh Zoo £17 - £26.50

Eglinton country park, Irvine. Adventure playground, STEM trail, ruins FREE

EICA Ratho - Clip 'n Climb from £7.50 and soft play from £1.50

Falkirk Wheel £9.50 – £17.50 (other activities separate charge)

Finlaystone Mansion House, Port Glasgow £4-£6 under 3 free

Flanders Moss national nature reserve, nr Kippen, Stirlingshire FREE

Flip Out Trampoline Park, Rutherglen £9.45 - £14.45

5 Sisters Zoo, West Calder, £13.95 - £18.95, under 3s FREE

Garscube Playrooms, Glasgow £15 annual membership plus £4 per visit

Glasgow Climbing Centre from £26

Glasgow Green, adventure park FREE

Glasgow Museum Resource Centre, FREE pre booked tours.

Glasgow Ski & Snowboard Centre, Bellahouston 6 week course £90 - £96

Gooey Events Limited, Livingston events from £30

Gourock Outdoor Pool £3.70 - £4.50

Greenbank garden, Clarkston £6.50 - £9

Gruffalo trail - ardkinglas estate, Argyll £2.50 - £5 (under 3's free)

Heads of Ayr farm park, Ayr - animals & play park indoor/ outdoor £15.50 (under 1 free)

Hollywood Bowl, Springfield Quay & Bargeddie. Kids eat,drink and play from £7.50

Holmwood House, Cathcart £8.50

Hunterian Museum & Art Gallery @ Glasgow Uni FREE

Inveraray Jail, from £9.50 - £15.50

James Hamilton Heritage Park, East Kilbride, FREE (£ activities)

Jolly tots & Cookies play cafe, Uddingston £1 - £4.50 (under 1 free)

Jump-N-Joy Trampoline Park, Tullibody. From £12- £15

Jupiter Artland, Edinburgh £7.50 - £11.50 (under 3 free)

Jupiter Urban Wildlife Centre, Grangemouth FREE

Jurassic Parrr Adventure Golf, World of Golf, Clydebank £3.50 - £8.50

Jurassic Jungle soft play, Possilpark £6.75 - £8.50 (under 1 £1)

Kelburn Castle. forest trail, indoor/outdoor play, alpacahs, tree climbing. All activities charged separately.

Kelpies & Helix Park, Falkirk FREE (tours from £6.50)

Kelvingrove Museum, Glasgow FREE

Kelvingrove Park FREE

Kilmardinny Loch (in bearsden for a Gruffalo Hunt) FREE

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FREE Kings park, Stirling - adventure playground FREE

FREE Lake of Menteith / Inchmahome Priory, nr Stirling £6 - £10 (under 7 free)

Landmark Adventure Park, Aviemore, £14 - £31 (under 3 free)

FREE Largs FREE

Linlithgow Canal Centre, Cruises from £40

Linlithgow Palace £4 - £8, under 7s FREE

FREE Linn Caves and waterfalls, Baldernock FREE

FREE Linn Park Adventure centre, Glasgow indoor + outdoor play centre for children with ASN and their families (booking advisable) FREE

Little World of Play, Cowdenbeath £12.95

FREE Loch Katrine, Trossachs FREE (boat ride chargeable)

Loch Leven RSPB, Kinross FREE

Loch Lomond Faerie Trail, Luss £6.50 (under 2s FREE)

FREE Loch Lomond shores - outdoor play park nearby FREE

Lochwinnoch RSPB FREE

Lollipop Land soft play, East Kilbride £5.95 - £8.95

FREE Low Park Museum, Hamilton FREE

FREE Lunderston Bay, Gourock, FREE

Mabie Farm Park, Dumfries (Mar-Oct) £10 under 2s FREE

FREE Make Do & Grow, Govan. Free drop in arts and crafts and workshops

M&D's, Motherwell - funfair All day wristband £21.95. Other packages available

Mariner Leisure Centre, Falkirk £3 - £5.20 (Under 3's go free)

Milk Barn, Falkirk - ice cream parlour on farm, £

FREE Millport - hire a bike / play on beach £ / FREE

Movement Park, Whiteinch £6.50

FREE Mugdock Park, nr Milngavie - muddy walks/ ranger activities / garden centre FREE

FREE Muiravonside Country Park, nr Falkirk, FREE (some events cost)

FREE Muirshiel Country Park, Lochwinnoch, FREE (some events cost)

FREE Museum of Childhood, Edinburgh FREE

National Museum of Flight, North Berwick, from £8.50 - £13.50, under 5s FREE

National Museum of Rural Life, East Kilbride, £7 - £10, under 5s FREE

FREE National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh, FREE

New Cumnock outdoor pool, £2.50 - £3.50

FREE New Lanark -play area/walks FREE Museum entry £6 - £12

Newark Castle, Port Glasgow, from £4.50 - £7.50 (under 7s FREE)

Newmilns Snow & sports complex, east ayrshire, Activities from £9

FREE Overtoun Park, Burnside, FREE

Palace of Holyroodhouse, Edinburgh, from £10 - £22, under 5s FREE

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People's Palace & Winter garden, Glasgow FREE

Pirate Pete's, Ayr £2.50 - £6

Plean Country Park, Stirling FREE

Police Museum, Glasgow merchant city, FREE

Polkemmet Country Park, Bathgate FREE

Pollok Country Park, Glasgow (inc. dinosaur trail & fairy garden) FREE

Potter Around, Kirknewton (nr Edinburgh) £ no prices on website

Purves Puppets, Biggar £10 - £12

Rainforest Adventure, Motherwell £4.95 - £9.95

Ravenscraig Activity Centre, Greenock. Learn to climb, soft play from £13.50

Riverside Museum & Tall Ship, Glasgow FREE

Robert Burns Birthplace, Alloway £7 - £12

Roller Stop, Kinning Park from £8

Rothesay Castle, From £4.50 - £7.50, under 7s FREE

Rouken Glen Park, Giffnock FREE

Rouken Glen Pottery, Giffnock. Pieces from £5

Science Centre, Glasgow £11.50 - £14.75

Scotkart, Cambuslang & Clydebank from £43.70

Scottish Deer Centre, Cupar. Website advertising 'pay as you please'

Scottish Football Museum, Hampden Park, £3- £5, under 5s FREE

Scottish maritime museum, Dumbarton & Irvine, £4- £9 (up to 3 kids FREE with paying adults) Scottish Mask & Puppet Centre, Glasgow west. Performances from £6.95 - £7.95

Scottish Owl Centre, Bathgate, £7.50 - £9.50, under 3s & carers FREE

Scottish Parliament building, Edinburgh, FREE (booking recommended)

Sealife centre & Aquarium, Loch Lomond, £15 - £18

Sharmanka Kinetic Theatre, Trongate Glasgow, from £9 - £15

Southerness Beach FREE

St. Andrew's Botanic Gardens, £5 - £6

St Mungo's Museum, Glasgow FREE

Stirling Castle £10.50 -£17.50 (under 7's FREE)

Strathaven Park, FREE

Strathclyde Country Park, FREE

Summerlee, Coatbridge FREE

Tantallon Castle, North Berwick £4.50 - £7.50, under 7s FREE

Tentsmuir, Fife - Nature Reserve, Beach, Forest, FREE

The Alpaca Trekking Centre, Thornhill, Stirling from £22

The Children's Wood, Glasgow West, from £1

The Craft Pottery, Glasgow City from £5

The Ecology Centre, Burntisland, Fife £

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- The Experience, Hillington Bookable FREE events
- The Gallery of Modern Art, Glasgow FREE (some exhibitions £)
- The Tall Ship, Glasgow Riverside - museum / cafe / teeny under 5 soft play FREE
- Time Capsule, Coatbridge - fun swim pool £3.55 - £6.85 (under 3 FREE)
- Tir Na Nog, Balfron - holistic centre & shop/cafe £
- Tollcross Farm, Glasgow - small animals FREE
- Victoria park, Glasgow west - fossil trees & play park FREE
- Vikingar, Largs £5.50 - £8
- Wallace Monument, Stirling £7.10 - £11.30 (under 5s FREE)
- Waverley Excursions, Lancefield Quay - boat trip £varies each journey
- Whitelee Wind Farm, nr Eaglesham FREE
- Wild Adventure (soft play), Drumchapel, £2 - £9
- Wonderworld Softplay, Kinning Park £1 - £14.95
- World of Wings Birds of Prey Centre, Cumbernauld, £6 - £10 under 3s free

Dates for next session:

2024-2025 School Calendar

August 2024

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February 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)

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