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Dear Families,

Here we are again at the end of another busy week! We held our Scot's Recitation; lots of Scottish music was heard around the school and the preparations for P7 Camp next week are almost complete.

Equipped for Learning Device update!

Exciting news! Our new iPads and chromebooks are arriving in school next week!

The digital team will be in school the following week to start distributing devices to the children. Children will not be bringing home devices just yet but we will spend time in school getting to grips with the technology!

We will look to hold parent workshops in the near future. In the meantime, the authority are running a webinar called 'All about your child's iPad/chromebook' on 9th February. We will send out the details when we know more.

Lunches

Next week the dinner hall will reopen again! Primary 1s to P4s will all eat in the hall, with hot lunches from P5 - P7 also eating in the hall. Cold lunches for P5 - P7 will be delivered to classrooms and will eat alongside those having a packed lunch from home. Ordering will go back to being through ParentPay.

Travel Plan

Thank you to those who provided feedback on the School Travel Plan. Your feedback has been collated and returned to Midlothian council.

Scot's Recitation

Well, the Scot's Recitation afternoon was a wonderful celebration of our Scot's language! Staff had the tricky job of scoring the thirteen finalists! The standard was so high!! All children who learned and practised their poems must be commended for their efforts!!

Our finalists were:

P1a Noah - Scottish Rain poem

P1b Olivia - The Wee Rid Motor

P1/2 Odhran - Up in the Morning Early

P2 Blake - Crocodile

P2/3 Sophie - Up in the Morning Early

P3 Leo - Fireworks aff the Castle

P4 Amy C - A Dug, A Dug

P4/5 Gordon - Fitba Crazy!

P5 Jackson - Listen tae the Teacher

P6 Alex - Address Tae a Haggis

P6 from P6/7 Maisie - Address Tae a Haggis

P7 from P6/7 Reuban - Tam 'o' Shanter

P7 Isla - Tam 'o' Shanter

We are delighted to announce that

3rd place winner was Maisie in P6/7

2nd place winner was Alex in P6

and the winner of the Marion Jess Trophy for dramatic verse goes to Isla in P7! Congratulations Isla and congratulations to all who took part!!

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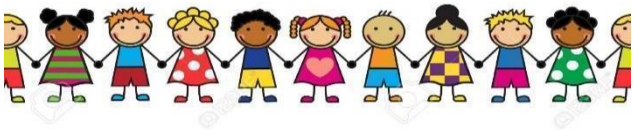
Parent Council - Festive Hamper Raffle!

The Festive Hampers Raffle, organised by the Parent Council raised a whopping £1600! What an amazing total!! Thank you for all of your donations - we can't thank you enough! We do hope all the winners enjoyed their festive treats!! Thank you to the parent team for organising this fantastic fundraiser!!



Profile 1

Profile 1 will be given out to children on Friday 4th February to bring home. There is an opportunity for you to respond and comment on your child's profile and also share any information you think may be relevant. Please return to school by Friday 11th February.

Benmore

Our P7s are extremely excited to be going to Benmore next week. I would like to thank Miss Stewart, Miss Mackenzie, Mr Stirling and Mr McHale for accompanying the P7s - without them, the residential would not be possible. We all hope they have an amazing time!

New Start and Finish Times

After the February break, if Covid levels remain stable, we hope to reduce the number of start and finish times. More information to follow!

February Break

Just a quick reminder that the school breaks up on Friday 11th February and children will return to school on Monday 21st February!

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Helen Reed (Head Teacher)

School dates for your diary

31.01.22	P7 Residential Week (Fingers crossed!!)
04.02.22	Profile 1 out
11.02.22	Break up for February week
21.02.22	Staff and children back to school
03.03.22	World Book Day
03.03.22	**Parent Council Meeting**
05.04.22	Parent Consultations
07.04.22	Parent Consultations
08.04.22	Break up for Easter holidays
25.04.22	Staff and children back to school
02.05.22	May Day Holiday
10.05.22	**Parent Council Meeting**
23.05.22	In-service day
03.06.22	**Platinum Jubilee - School Closed**
08.06.22	**Parent Council AGM**
17.06.22	Profile 2 out
30.06.22	Break up for Summer!

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