



Paradykes Post

19.01.24

Dear Families,

All the children have settled really well back into school life after all the fun and festivities. It was so lovely to see them again!



Staffing

We would like to welcome back Miss Brownsell from her maternity leave. It is lovely to have her back with us teaching in P2b.

Highland Fling

Our Highland Fling for P2, P3 and P4 is on Tuesday! We are all looking forward to a bit of disco and ceilidh dancing! Tickets will be given out on Monday - watch out for them in school bags. If you could complete the details on the front, we would be very grateful.

Beeslack Community High School

The new Beeslack Community High School will be relocated from its current site to land adjacent to Easter Bush from August 2026, or as soon as possible thereafter. The catchment area of Beeslack Community High School will be realigned to include the catchment areas of Loanhead and Paradykes Primary Schools, meaning that P7 pupils from Paradykes will automatically attend Beeslack. Prior to formal consultation, there are a series of informal drop-in sessions next week where you can

find out more information and ask questions. They are:

Tuesday - 5pm-7pm - Lasswade High School

Wednesday - 5pm - 7pm - Beeslack Community High School

Thursday - 5pm - 7pm - Penicuik High School

Severe Weather

Due to the severe weather warnings this week, we went to our severe weather plan, whereby all children from P3 - P7 took their chromebooks home daily so that Google Classroom could be used for teaching and learning. This will remain the plan for any future severe weather warning. P1 and P2 will have learning grids available with a range of learning experiences and activities. If there are children in P1 and P2 who would require a device to complete work, please let the school office know. Thank you.



Slapped Cheek

We have had a couple of cases of slapped cheek in school. If your child develops a rash, please let us know after visiting the pharmacist or doctor.

P7 Residential to Benmore

Our P7s are off to Benmore on Monday! To say they are a little excited is an understatement!! A huge thank you to Miss Stewart, Miss Mackenzie,

Mrs Borthwick and Mr McHale who are accompanying them. We couldn't run these trips without their support and are so grateful that they are prepared to leave their own families behind. We hope you all have a blast!!



Active Midlothian Spotlight Award

We are so proud to say that our very own Miss Kirsty Mackenzie was the recipient of the Active Schools' Volunteer Spotlight Award!! Miss Mackenzie ensures that we have a wide range of sports on offer, organising and taking teams to a range of events across the year. I would also like to thank the teachers and staff in school who also give up their time to run clubs, activities, drive minibuses etc. etc. We are very lucky to have them as a school community!

P6 and P7 Athletics

Miss Mackenzie took a team of P6s and P7s to Gporebridge Leisure Centre this week for the Athletics Championships. I am delighted to say that we came third!! As well as performing brilliantly, the children also behaved impeccably and were a credit to us! We are very proud!!



I hope you have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday!

Kind regards,

Helen Reed

Headteacher

School dates for your diary

- 22-26.01.24 P7 Residential Trip
- 06.02.24 Parent Council Meeting - 7pm - via Zoom
- 09.02.24 Mid term Break
- 19.02.24 All resume
- 15.03.23 Profiles out
- 28.03.24 End of Term
- 16.04.24 All resume
- 06.05.24 May Day holiday
- 20.05.24 Inservice Day 5 for staff
- 28.05.24 Sports Day
- 04.06.24 Parent Consultations 4:30 - 8pm
- 06.06.24 Parent Consultations 3:30 - 5pm
- 07.06.24 Summer Fair
- 12.06.24 - 14.06.24 P7 transition visits to High School
- 20.06.24 P7 Leavers' Show (afternoon)
- 28.06.24 End of Term