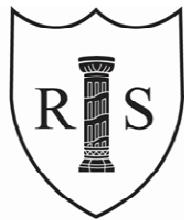


ROSLIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

Term 2 - March 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had another busy successful term at Roslin. We have just launched our "Oor Wullie bucket Trail" challenge. The 5 bucket trail partners of the ARCHIE Foundation, Edinburgh Children's Hospital Charity, Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity, Wild in art and DC Thomson Media are delighted that we are participating in it. It is designed to be an opportunity to get children enthusiastic about arts and crafts, as well as engaging them in important topics of conversation like Scot's language, Health and Wellbeing and raising money to help support others. Each class has been designing their own Oor Wullie on paper. There will be a winner from each class and then the overall winner's design will be used for our very own sculpture which the project has given us. All the sculptures will be part of a city trail. We will give you more information once we know ourselves. Already we have raised £351. £280 from our infant Nativity collection and £71 from P6 pupils making and selling ribbons.

Recently I attended a P7 Junior Tour Guide event in Stirling. I went along with Mr Burt and Eilidh McLean, Eva Young and Eva Longwe. It was a celebration of Junior Tour Guides from across Scotland.

Some pupils sitting next to me had travelled from Orkney! It was a lovely celebration of all the effective work that the Junior Tour Guides do. I know how much the P7s enjoy it and learn real life skills



Eilidh, Eva and Eva

for the future. It is such a positive partnership we have with Rosslyn Chapel.

Some of our pupils entered the Penicuik Rotary Photography Competition. All of our entries were outstanding and congratulations to all who entered. Antoni Wolfski was the winner and Effie Bootland came second. Please admire all the beautiful photographs on display at the entrance to our school.

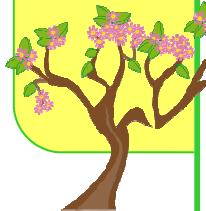
P6 performed a wonderful showcase to parents around their Scottish theme. The talent was outstanding and the children enjoyed doing it to an audience. A lot of hard work went into getting the performance to such a high standard.

Three P5s Lauchie Welsh, Fearne Bain and Aidan Low are part of our ASG Learning Council. The schools involved are P5s from Bilston,

Mauricewood, Glencorse and S3s from Beeslack. They all visit each other's schools and learn from one another. We hosted the visit on 28th March. The children have gained in confidence having been part of this group and have reported back at assemblies. Our visit was a tremendous success where Roslin received excellent feedback from all the visitors.

Have a lovely Easter with your families and I look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 23rd April.

Mrs Jo Wilson, Head Teacher



Nursery

The Nursery have been learning about people who help us in the local community



which led on to a visit from two local police officers. The children got to hear about how the police help to keep us safe and the equipment they use daily.

The children enjoyed seeing how the handcuffs work and even got to go in the cell of the police van.

Following on from the pirate topic, we led on to discussions about volcanoes. This then allowed us to do an experiment to make our own volcano. The children were very engaged and were able to share their knowledge of what they had learnt with their peers.



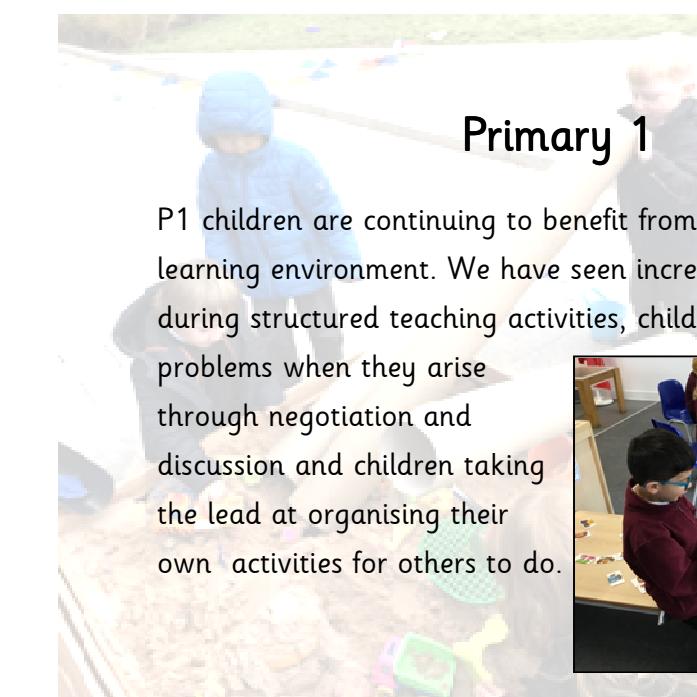
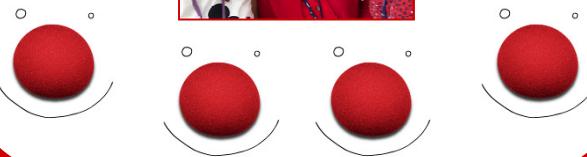
RED NOSE DAY



Olivia, Morvern, Arran, Gracie and Toby

A team of Primary 6's and 7's, organised by Arran, worked hard to provide a successful Bake sale to raise money for Red Nose Day. They raised £50 in total. All pupils had the opportunity to wear red or dress down for the day and £175 was raised and sent.

The staff dressed up too!!



Primary 1

P1 children are continuing to benefit from their play based learning environment. We have seen increased engagement during structured teaching activities, children sorting out problems when they arise through negotiation and discussion and children taking the lead at organising their own activities for others to do.



Curriculum Morning

Roslin's curriculum morning saw pupils and families engaging in Pie Corbett writing workshops. We reinvented story maps, performed actions and retold a traditional story. These strategies not only build children's confidence in writing but help families to support their child in their writing at home. It was a fantastic turnout and we thank all for coming.



Primary 3 celebrated Burns Day

with a Scottish Celebration. We sang songs and recited poetry. Rose even brought in her bagpipes to show the class and we made our own shortbread.



Four Primary 6 pupils spent all their spare time at home making ribbons to sell to pupils and staff to raise funds for Sick Kids. They raised £71 which has been sent and will be added to our running total for the Oor Wullie Project. Well done Isla, Lauren, Gracie and Abi.



First Minister's Reading Challenge

This term we have been delighted to award certificates to the 28 pupils who shared their First Ministers Reading Challenge Passports with us. We have been very impressed by all the reading that has been going on and by some of the lovely entries in the Reading Passports. Reading Passports will be gathered in again next term so keep up the good work.



P5 Rugby

This term Primary 5 had the opportunity to participate in some rugby sessions with Midlothian Active Schools. We really enjoyed learning about the rules of rugby and playing lots of fun games to help us practise the skills required. Some pupils also then attended the P5 Rugby Festival at Penicuik RFC on 22nd March, and were able to put their skills into practice competing against children from other schools in Midlothian.



World Book Day 2019



**In celebration of World Book Day
Primary 1 spent an afternoon creating
their own Cat in the Hat pictures. They
had to use different stencils to help them
draw the different parts for their picture.
They then had to use their cutting skills to
cut round the
outlines before
adding specific
details to each
section.**



Dr Bike and Bikeability

Starting on Thursday 4 April, we will be running the Scottish Cycle Training Scheme, Bikeability 2 for our P6 pupils. This will take place every Thursday during the school day, for 4 weeks. This will provide training on skills needed to stay safe while riding on public roads. The children participating also had their bikes checked by Dr Bike.

Edinburgh College Partnership

There is some real hands on learning going on in Primary 7 with Edinburgh College visiting us on a weekly basis for cooking lessons. As

part of our joint collaboration we are also looking at hygiene, food science and our diets.

This pilot has bee a tremendous success and Edinburgh College are keen to continue and further develop this partnership.



Lots of Socks Day

In recognition of Down's Syndrome Awareness Day on Thursday 21 March, all children were invited to wear odd socks for a small donation.

£83 was raised and passed on to Down's Syndrome Association.

Thank you to all who took part.

Nursery Community Garden

We have received the Tesco Grant of £2000 and we are now in a position to start developing our nursery community garden and outdoor space.

Planning is underway and we are working with parents to create a space within the school grounds that will not only be educational but will also be good for wildlife and the environment.

Some of the things we are considering are; raised planters to grow our own vegetables, a designated wildlife area with adjacent seating, an outdoor snack area and native hedging planted around the perimeter of the garden.

We are also hoping to involve a number of local communities such as the Midlothian Community Service Payback Scheme, Roslin Mens Shed, The Rotary Club & The Midlothian Ranger Service.

We would like to thank everyone who has come forward to help us with this project.

Romans

Primary 3

P3 have had a wonderful term full of exciting adventures. We visited the national Museum of Scotland to investigate the

Romans and even meet a Centurion!

We also got the chance to dress up in Roman clothes.





On Thursday 21st February, **Primary 4** went to Roslin Chapel to be given a tour by our P7 Tour Guides. The guides were dressed up and were spread around the chapel. We were put into groups and then moved around the tour guides and they told us about the history of the Chapel. The green men played a game with us where we had to make human tunnels. We also had a choice of 2 activities; a drawing one and a written one. We had a great time and the P7s were fabulous guides.

Romi and Lily

 **Road Safety** We have had a few instances where children are running across the car park to parked cars. For safety reasons we urge that your child is with you at all times whilst crossing the car park or road to the park gate. Equally can parents/carers be aware of their speed when entering and leaving the school/nursery car park.



We have reached our One Year Anniversary of using ParentPay. The simple online system has proved a success with parents and staff. We are currently one of the best schools in Midlothian with a fantastic 90% of parents using it. If you haven't already done so and would like to give it a go, please contact the school office for an activation code.

Primary 2

On Tuesday 5th March the Primary 2 pupils celebrated Shrove Tuesday with pancakes in the classroom. They greatly enjoyed flipping their own pancakes and choosing their own toppings. They all thought Mrs Lawson's suggestion of cheese with the pancakes was very strange!





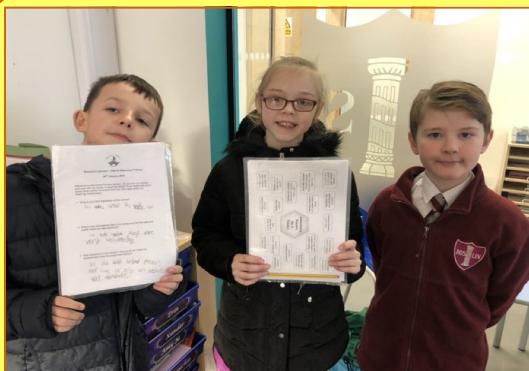
Primary 6 enjoyed delivering their Scots Showcase. Children shared what they had learned about Robert Burns, including poetry, musical performances and a dramatic retelling of Tam O'Shanter. Their performances were outstanding!



STEM
SCOTTISH TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION BOARD
STEM

Primary 7 are attending Edinburgh College on 4th April for a day of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths challenges which will include bridge building and saving an egg!

As part of our Developing Young Workforce programme, Primary 7 are running both a Chess Club and a Dance Club for younger children during lunchtimes. P4 pupils are also running an art club for P2's at social time on a Friday.



Primary 5 ASG Representatives

These are our Primary 5 ASG Reps. Each term they meet up with other Primary 5 Reps from our ASG (Associated Schools Group—Roslin, Mauricewood, Bilston, Glencorse and Beeslack) to discuss Learning and Teaching and find out what is going on at other schools. They have been enjoying sharing all of the brilliant things we do here at Roslin with the rest of the group.

They also enjoy the opportunity to look around other schools.....and to enjoy the juice and biscuits on offer!

The children reported on their experiences:

"It is a great opportunity in school and for life in general and I hope to have more opportunities like this in the future. I like the fact that you can see other schools when you visit for meetings, and I have really enjoyed meeting new people." Aidan

"It was great fun and the tour guides from the other schools were very kind." Fearn

"I enjoyed seeing the other schools, what the classes were doing and what they had on their walls to help with their learning." Lauchie





Left:
Eva,
Antoni (winner),
Elisa and Holly



Right:
Alasdair, Olivia,
Effie (2nd place)
and Ceitidh

We were delighted to have 8 entries for the Young Photographer competition this year. Effie Bootland came second and Antoni Wolski WON the junior section and was put forward to the next stage in the competition. The President of the Rotary, Rhona Somerville , presented certificates and prizes to all entrants at our Assembly.

Penicuik Rotary Young Photographer Competition

Any Spare Wool?

Wool is used for many things in school and we are always short!
Do you have any spare wool that you can donate?



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feel good shopping

Thanks to parents signing up to "Easy Fundraising". Our latest cheque for the period 1st Oct to 31 Dec was for £27.41. Small amount but every penny counts!

Take a look at their website for more information:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Or

Download the new

easyfundraising app
from the App Store

Hope

Like leaves we fall, with pride and passion
Like leaves we fall
37 million dead
Out on No-Man's land

We start with beauty and peace
And end with damage and grief.

By Isabella Newton



World War I Poetry

Primary 7 wrote some very emotional and moving poetry for Remembrance. This has now been shared within Midlothian as part of the WWI 100 year anniversary events.



P7 Classroom Display

MIDLOTHIAN COUNCIL
EDUCATION, COMMUNITIES AND ECONOMY
SCHOOL SESSION DATES 2018/2019 and 2019/2020

2018 / 2019

TERM 2	All Break—Term Ends	Friday	5 April	2019
TERM 3	All Return	Tuesday	23 April	2019
May Day	School Closed	Monday	6 May	2019
	All Return	Tuesday	7 May	2019
Victoria Day	School Closed to Pupils	Monday	20 May	2019
	Pupils Return	Tuesday	21 May	2019
	All Break—Term Ends	Friday	28 June	2019

2019 / 2020

Term 1	Staff Return	Thursday	15 August	2019
	Pupils Return	Monday	19 August	2019
Mid Term	Autumn Holiday	Monday	16 September	2019
	All Break	Friday	11 October	2019
	Staff Return	Monday	21 October	2019
	Pupils Return	Tuesday	22 October	2019
	All Break—Term Ends	Friday	20 December	2019
TERM 2	Staff Return	Monday	6 January	2020
	Pupils Return	Tuesday	7 January	2020
Mid Term	All Break	Friday	7 February	2020
	All Return	Monday	17 February	2020
	All Break—Term Ends	Friday	3 April	2020

Dates for the Diary:

- Thursday 4th April—Parent Consultations
- Friday 5th April—Easter Service at Roslin Kirk at 9.10am
- Friday 5th April—All break for Easter Holidays
- Tuesday 23rd April—School re-opens
- Wednesday 24th April—P7 Risk Factory
- Wednesday 24th April—6pm P7 Parents Camp Meeting in P7 Classroom
- Wednesday 24th April—6pm P6 Parents Health Meeting in P6 Classroom
- Thursday 25th April—P6 Bikeability Starts
- Mon 29th Apr to Fri 3 May—Health Week
- Fri 3rd May—P1-P7 Walk in the Glen
- Tue 14th May—Nursery Coffee Drop In, 9.00am and 2.45pm
- Fri 24th May—Sports Day
- w/c 27th May—P7 Benmore Camp
- Wed 12th June—Nursery Sports Day
- 12th/13th/14th—P7 Transition to Beeslack HS
- Thur 13th Jun—Meet the Teacher and P1 Induction
- Thur 20th June—Final House Assembly led by House Captains (all pupils to wear house colours)
- Tue 25th June—P7 Leavers Show, 2pm
- Wed 26th June—Nursery Moving On Celebration, 10.30am
- Thur 27th June—Nursery Trip to East Links
- Friday 28th June—No Nursery sessions (due to full day on Thursday 27th)
- Friday 28th June—Pupils and staff break for summer