

ROSLIN NEWS



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It has been a very busy term as you will see in the newsletter. We are able to access a wider range of opportunities as COVID restrictions lift, but continue to work to balance this with focus on core curriculum.

P5 have started skiing lessons along at Hillend, P7 have been on a school trip to the National Museum of Flight and we had our first assemblies! A lunchtime basketball, dance and debate club are now up and running too.

SCHOOL TIMES

As next term begins we will be tightening up the time the children end school, they will not be out until 3.15pm. Can I respectfully ask that families stay away from the classroom windows before this time as otherwise it can be unsettling for some of our children.

VISION AND VALUES

Everything we do as a school should be underpinned by our vision and values. It was agreed with the Parent Council that this would be a good time to revisit these and so plan to do so next term. We will begin by asking the staff and children their thoughts and then using their suggestions to get some input from families. Ideally we would like values that everyone knows and define Roslin Primary.

COVID UPDATE

The restrictions we have had to continue in school now seem out of step with those in the wider community, however as we write this newsletter they remain in place. These mitigations have enabled us to manage the spread of COVID and supported us to keep all of the classes in school. We continue to be grateful to all those who have been vigilant about testing and wearing masks.

When we return after the break things will look different again with the removal of testing. We will continue to keep you up to date on changes.

RED NOSE DAY AND UKRAINE APPEAL

Thanks to everyone for supporting Red Nose day, we raised £233 from your donations and will send this on to them.

Huge congratulations to Ruan in P7 who organised fundraising for the Ukraine Crisis and has raised over £1000 so far. Ruan is organising a 'Guess the Motanka Doll's Birthday' competition in school every day next week, entries are £1 each.



FOSTERING

There is currently a shortage of foster carers in Scotland. There are drop in sessions organised for anyone who would like to know more.

https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/info/1401/fostering_adoption_and_looked-after_children/86/fostering/4

P6 DATA PROJECT

The project was featured in the Scotsman newspaper this week and continues to be a feature of the learning in P6. Edinburgh University are heavily involved and some of the findings on CO₂, made by the Roslin team, are being looked at by the University. We are very grateful to them for their support, which is allowing team teaching in the class two days a week to support the learning.



STAFF NEWS

It was a tough day last week when we said goodbye to Louise Rennie, one of our amazing Learning Assistant team. She will be very much missed by everyone and we wish her all the best in her new role with Surestart. This month we are looking again for another Learning Assistant for the school and one for the nursery. One of the positions is currently advertised on My Job Scotland, the other should be soon.

JUNIOR TOUR GUIDES

Early in March the P7s presented at Rosslyn chapel to parents. They were astonishingly good and should be very proud of their performances. We are looking forward to some new collaborations with the Chapel next term.



LIBRARY UPDATE

The Library space continues to be developed. This month two of our parents supported some P7s to paint the space. We hope to have an official launch next term as we are close to being finished now. This will give others a chance to see how professional the results are.



COST OF THE SCHOOL DAY

As we continue to consider the cost of the school day for our families, a brilliant suggestion came from the Parent Council this month. From now on, when we ask for money for trips there will continue to be a statement about asking for support if needed, but we are also going to suggest that some people may like to 'Pay it Forward' for another family. If you feel this is something you can help with then you can pay double.

We are also considering creating a small food bank in school for families who are struggling, and are in the process of considering how to organise it.

EQUIPPED FOR LEARNING

This month the children received their 1-1 devices. These are Chromebooks for P3-7 and iPads for P1 and P2. We worked together as staff to consider how these should be used in the classroom and focused on the balance of screen time with other learning. While the children are all making great use of the devices and learning a range of new skills, we know it is important to make sure this is just a small part of the learning.



ROAD SAFETY

Congratulations to Romi and Rachel from P7 for winning a competition organised by the Junior Road Safety officers. They have designed two new 'Twenty's Plenty' signs which you will soon see in the area.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 8th April Magic Gareth in school with P5-7
- 9th -24th April - Easter Holiday
- 28th April National Youth Choir of Scotland workshop with P3s
- 2nd May - Bank Holiday
- Week beginning 3rd May - Nursery Consultation meetings
- 4th-9th May Health Week in school - details to follow
- 23rd May - INSET Day - school closed for staff training
- 3rd June - Jubilee Holiday
- 30th June - End of Term

