

###  **Strathesk Primary School**

 **Newsletter - February 2019**

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### **URGENT MESSAGE – Sleep Information evening Wed 27 Feb cancelled**

**Scots Night 2019!**

Thanks to everybody who attended Scots Night this year. It was a great evening, with staff, pupils and parents all enjoying the ceilidh dancing. We were also lucky to hear some fantastic poetry recitals from our talented pupils.

**Staffing**

We are delighted to welcome several new members of staff to the Strathesk family!

Heather Carr – Primary 5 Teacher

Michelle Gillies – Learning Assistant

Chloe Mitchell - Learning Assistant

Julie Perrett – Dining Hall Supervisor/Learning Assistant

Julie McKenzie - Learning Assistant

We’re also looking forward to welcoming back Miss Sloan from maternity leave.



**Oliver!**

Watch this space for exciting news about our Primary 6 classes’ production of Oliver! The children have already been working hard on rehearsals for the musical, which tied in nicely with their project on the Victorians. Plans are afoot for an evening performance for parents, after the Easter holidays.

**Infectious Grooves**

We were delighted to welcome the Infectious Grooves team back to Strathesk recently. The percussion specialists delivered an assembly to the whole school and there were workshops our P3 and P4 classes classes, who tried their hand at cajon drumming and other percussion.

**Parent Consultations**

Parent consultations will take place on Thursday 14th and Friday 15th March. Your child should have already brought home an appointment time, but if it doesn’t suit, please contact the school office to rearrange.

**School Uniform/PE Kit**

Please could you make sure that your child comes to school in uniform every day. The school offers second hand sweatshirts for a donation to school funds. Contact the office for details. Furthermore, please check that your child has the correct PE kit for gym lessons in school, including a change of trainers/gym schoes. Thanks for your support!

**Sportshall Athletics**

Our Primary 7 Athletics team made a quick start to 2019, winning their heat, an extremely impressive achievement. The pupils trained hard for this event and their hard work paid dividends, as they will now go on to represent Midlothian in the inter-regional stage of the competition. Good luck in the next round, team!

**Rotary Quiz Winners 2019**

Every year the Rotary Club hosts a primary school quiz and this year, for the first time ever, our team finished in first place! Well done to Caitlin Montoya, Evie Montgomery, Archie Smith and Anisah Mesbahi (all P7) for bringing home the winner’s shield! They are also heading through to the next round, with their sights set on a place in the national final!

**Black Arrow Rocket Art Competition**

The Strathesk run of victories in January was completed with an overall first place for Ruby Reid (P3) and an honourable mention for Keira Brown (P7), in the art competition that was held to mark the arrival in Penicuik of the Black Arrow rocket, which was the first and only successful orbital launch to be carried out by the United Kingdom. It is currently being housed across the road at Bishop’s Move and the winners got to see it up close!



**Sleep Week**

As part of our Health and Wellbeing programme, all classes are going to take part in ‘Sleep Week’, which begins on Monday 4th March. Pupils will be keeping sleep diaries and learning all about why it is important to get a good night’s sleep and how they can help themselves do this. **Please note – Sleep Information evening planned for Wednesday 27th February has been postponed due to low uptake.**

**World Book Day**

As World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March, we thought we’d tie it in with Sleep Week, so children are invited to dress up as their favourite character from their favourite bedtime story. Alternatively, they can come in their pyjamas and bring their favourite story with them!

**Dogs**

We’d like to politely remind everybody that dogs are not permitted in the school playground at any time.

**Diary Dates**

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| **Date** | **Event** |
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| **Wednesday 27th February** | Sleep Awareness Evening for parents (6pm-7pm) - **CANCELLED**Now on Friday 8 March 10am  |
| **Monday 4th March** | ‘Sleep Week’ |
| **Tuesday 5th March**  | Nursery, P1 & P7 Vista Photos |
| **Thursday 7th March**  | World Book Day |
| **Friday 8TH March** | 9.00-10.00 Shared Learning 10.00-10.30 Sleep Information session  |
| **Monday 11th March**  | Penicuik Learners at Cuiken PS |
| **Thursday 14th March 4-7pm****Friday 15th March 1-4pm** | Parent Consultations |
| **Friday 5th April** | Break for Easter – School finish at usual time  |
| **Tuesday 23rd April** | All resume |

