



School Newsletter March 2017

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The Commonwealth Roadshow

Last week we were one of only 2 schools in Scotland that were visited by the Secretary General of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Akbar Khan and Linda Fabiani MP as part of the Commonwealth Roadshow. They gave a presentation to our P5-7 pupils on the role of the Commonwealth and the importance of diversity and inclusion. They were particularly impressed by our P7's knowledge of Scottish politics and our close relationship with Mpeni Primary. Our choir welcomed them to the school with a beautiful rendition of the 'Skye Boat Song'.

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Staffing

Sadly Miss McPhillips will be leaving us at Easter to take up a post at GyleMuir Primary School. She has been a valued staff member at Stockbridge for a number of years and will be missed. As a result Mrs Burton will be teaching Primary 3 until the end of the year. This will reduce our leadership time for the Summer Term term as I will be the only staff member out of class. Please bare with us!

Classes for 2017-2018

We have nearly 50 children enrolled in P1 for next year. Although it is lovely to see the school continue to grow the challenge is to provide classroom space within our current building. As you will be aware numbers can fluctuate (so plans may change) but my current plan is to create a temporary divide in the current P7 classroom to create 2 smaller classrooms which will enable us to grow to 10 classes. The classes will be - 2 classes of P1, a P2, P3, P3/4, P4, P4/5, P5, P6 and P7. Our Rising Rolls working party is meeting with council representatives next week to seek answers to the questions raised by parents through the parent council about the proposed school extension. I will of course keep parents up to date with any further news on both class organisation and potential building works as the term progresses.



Respect Yourself—Building Resilience at Stockbridge

This week we launched our new tool in our building resilience toolkit—'Respect Yourself'. The children will learn -

- There is no one quite like me.
- Everyone has different strengths.
- I treat myself with respect.

One of the stories we have been reading linked to this theme is 'Zero' by Kathryn Otoshi. You can watch this on—<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LrTKFtgoPbw>

P7 Elections

I hope that lots of you have taken the time to watch our fantastic P7 election broadcasts on our school website. The children worked really hard to develop their policies and presented these to the school on Monday. The school then grilled them on their manifesto promises before casting their ballots. The Scottish Biodiversity Party was the winning party but I was very impressed by all the contributions. Please take a look at the website to find out more!

Earth Hour

Please remember to take part in Earth Hour this Saturday. Our Eco Warriors are working hard to promote saving energy in the school. Remember you don't have to switch off at 8.30pm. You could turn off your lights for an hour earlier in the day. It would be great if you could tweet us a picture if you take part!

Big Dig 2017

I hope you have noticed how beautiful our sanctuary garden and bulb boxes are looking currently. A big thank you to all the parent helpers and children who came along to help us tidy, paint and plant. We are planning on hanging the painted pallets on the back MUGA wall and they will form part of our 'bee highway'.



An extra big thank you to Aletta and Eriko who run our after school art club. They have been working with the children to create the beautiful painted planters that are outside the entrances to the main building.

Red Nose Day

Amazing talent was showcased at our Stockbridge Has Talent show! We had dancing, juggling, bands and jokes. Our student judges from Broughton High School were blown away by the standard of the acts! Mrs Burton, Miss McPhillips, Miss Collier and I were splatted with plates of cream by the winners!

Primary 4 and 5 pupils also organised a spectacular cake stall. Thank you to the parents and children who helped bake and sell the yummy cakes. We have raised over £400 for Comic Relief—a brilliant effort!



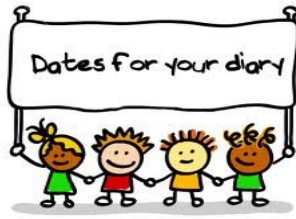
PSA Movie Night

We will be hosting our first Stockbridge Movie Night on Thursday 30th March at 6pm. Come along to watch 'The Secret Life of Pets' in your onesie, with your friends and raise money for the school. Remember to bring your teddy and a cushion.



Edinburgh Schools Cross Country

This week 10 of our P6 pupils participated in the Edinburgh Schools Cross Country Race. Despite the pouring rain and muddy conditions they all finished and we were proud of all of our runners. Ophelia placed 10th out of 220 runners in the P6 girls category. Well done Ophelia!



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REGULARLY FOR ANY CHANGES!

MARCH

- 29 Zoolab visit for P5
- 30 Catherine Wheels Show for P5, P6 & P7
- 30 P5 Reptile Room Exhibition for parents
- 30 P1 Fairyland Exhibition for parents
- 30 P1/2 Viking Exhibition for parents
- 31 P2 Class Assembly and Viking Exhibition 9.15am

31 **END OF TERM**

APRIL

18 **ALL RESUME**

- 19 P6 Visit to the Victorian School Room
- 19 P7 Fire Service Visit
- 21 Community group meeting
- 24 Cricket taster sessions all classes
- 24 P7 Visit to the National Museum of Scotland
- 24 P6 Generation Science Workshop
- 24 P2 Generation Science Workshop
- 26 P5 Generation Science Workshop
- 26 P7 Generation Science Workshop
- 26 P1/2 Generation Science Workshop
- 26 Parent Council Meeting 6pm
- 27 Swan Savers Day
- 28 Community Groups Meeting

MAY

1 **SCHOOL CLOSED FOR BANK HOLIDAY**

3 PSA Meeting 6pm

4 **SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSERVICE DAY**

9 P1 Class visit to Hopetoun House

11 Tempest Class Photos—PLEASE WEAR FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM

11 Swan Savers Day

18 P1 Teddy Bear Picnic

22 **SCHOOL CLOSED FOR BANK HOLIDAY**

24 PSA Meeting 6pm

25 House Afternoon

25 Swan Savers Day

26 P1/2 Class Assembly 9.15am

JUNE

2 P1-3 **SPORTS DAY AT ACCIES SPORTS GROUND**

7 Alphabet and Number Fun Day for P1 2017

7 PSA Meeting 6pm

7 PC Meeting 6pm

8 Swan Savers Day

9 P4-7 **SPORTS DAY AT BROUGHTON HIGH SCHOOL**

16 p1 Class Assembly 9.15am

22 Swan Savers Day

27 P7 Leavers Show for Parents 6pm

28 End of year assembly at the church

29 p7 Leavers Disco

30 P7 Leavers Assembly **SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 12 FOR SUMMER HOLIDAY**

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