



## School Newsletter March/ April 2016

### Staffing Update

Unfortunately, we have had to say farewell to Mrs Caroline Alubaid, who has been working at Stockbridge Primary as one of our Nursery Teachers since January 2014. She has decided to take a career break due to Family commitments. She has been a Valued member of our school community and we would like to wish her well in the future. Mrs Jillian Fraser, who had been working part time as a Teacher in our Nursery, has agreed to work full time until the summer holiday, to provide continuity for children, parents and staff.

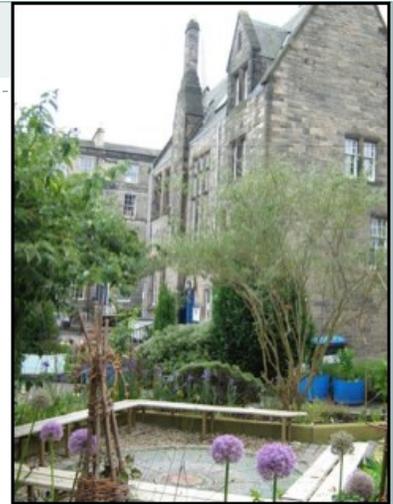
As Mrs Fraser will be full time in the Nursery she will no longer be able to teach Drama on a Tuesday in the main school. However I am delighted to say I have managed to find a replacement Drama teacher for the Summer Term. We welcome Ms Morna Burdon, who currently works in Theatre and as a Drama Specialist in other Edinburgh schools.

### Mpeni Update—Food4Food February

A huge thank you to everyone who gave up a treat in February and donated the money to Food4FoodFebruary instead. Together we raised £400 which has been sent to James Mitengo at Mpeni Primary School to buy food for those most in need in the current famine crisis. The children and community send their 'thanks' to us.

### Teacher's Houses

The new semi detached home for 2 teachers is complete . This means that 5 of the 9 teachers now have a home in Mpeni. I think you will agree it looks absolutely fantastic!



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## World Book Day

Thank you to everyone who took the trouble to dress up as their favourite character from a book to help celebrate World Book Day. It was a great effort from children and staff, we had everything from Asterix the Gaul to James Bond and Things One and Two!



## Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who bought a book from the Travelling Book Fair which took an astounding £1489!

We get 60% commission on this and can claim a further 33% due to raising over £500. This means we have over £1100 to spend on books for the school, which is fantastic!

## Swan Savers

On 9th March our Swan Savers had a visit from Alex Neil, the Social Justice Secretary who is keen to promote links between schools and Credit Unions. He had heard about our very successful savings scheme which we have had with the Capital Credit Union for the past 3 years.



## Community Group Update

**Healthy Heroes—Sport Relief** Our Healthy Heroes Community Group took charge of Sport Relief this year and asked everyone to sign up to running a mile around the school. All pupils took part and raised more than £900 for this great cause.

**Composters** The Healthy Heroes also got help and advice from Keith Munro (dad of Noah P4 and Spike P1) in how to manage our compost bins better. We have got really good at composting our left over fruit and veg at lunch and break, but were not so good at dealing with it. We were able to spread some of the lovely compost on our garden.

**Eco Warriors—Earth Hour** Our Eco group tried to get everyone to join the world for Earth Hour on Saturday 19th March by Passing the Panda in Assembly and they made glass jar lanterns to hold a candle for Earth Hour. We asked everyone to join in and bring evidence of what they did.

**Daffodil Competition** We have also been busy since November planting and caring for Daffodil bulbs. Despite being attacked by squirrels in Mr Clarke's garden they are now looking very spring like. We once again entered our daffodils in the Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society Spring Show at the Botanics. We were awarded a Bronze Certificate for our efforts, which is great. Well done Eco Warriors!

**Global Giants—Charity Work** The Global Giants have been researching different charities and deciding which one they would like to support and how they will go about this.

**Rights Respecting Stars**—The Rights Respecting Stars used the well known Fairy Tale of Cinderella to think about Children's Rights. They did some role play to think about the rights Cinderella was denied and then made 'wanted' posters. The older children found out facts about child labour.

## Autism Awareness Week

As part of Schools Autism Awareness Week we asked everyone to come to school dressed in a Onesie or their Pyjamas for Onesie Wednesday on 16th March. We also had an awareness raising assembly so that we can all try and understand a little bit more about it. One of our children asked to stand up and tell everyone how Autism makes him feel. Officially statistics are that Autism affects one in every 100 children, however the actual figures are thought to be higher than this. If you would like to find out more you could follow this link



<http://www.autism.org.uk>

## Catherine Wheels Theatre Company

On 16th March Primary 1-3 were treated to a wonderful live production of Babro Lindgren's much loved 'The Story of the Little Gentleman' a playful celebration of friendship and acceptance. The Catherine Wheels production was both thought provoking and moving.



## Holi Assembly

At our Assembly on the 18th March we were entertained by some of our P4 Parents, who re-told the Hindu story of Holi. Sunil Sharma in conjunction with the Forestry Commission worked with P4 pupils to build a set from sticks and cloth. Eriko Kono created shadow puppets and with the help of a few other parents acted out the story.



## PARENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (PSA)

Thank you to our fantastic PSA committee, who put on an Easter Bake Sale and Egg Decorating Competition on the last day of term to add to our funds. They managed to raise £164.52 and there were some very imaginative Eggs on display from an Eggbot robot to Darth Vader!

Well done to Harriet in P1 who correctly named the giant bunny 'Flopsy' and got to take it home with her!



## Summer Fair

Despite the current weather the PSA are beginning planning for our annual Summer Fair and need your help and support. You could offer to help plan, prepare equipment the night before, set up stalls on the day, take a shift running a stall or contribute to the Home baking. Whatever you can do to make the fair a success will be greatly appreciated.

Every member of the school community is a member of the PSA. Please come along to the next Committee Meeting on 20th April at 6pm at Stockbridge Library to find out more about what they do and how you can help. Thank you

## THANK YOU

A huge thank you to Craig Smith, dad of Elizabeth P2 and Isaac Nursery, for arranging a charity gift from Standard Life of some furniture to replace some of our old, worn out tables and chairs. What a difference they make.

Thanks also to Lisa Conlin (CEC) and the Young Offenders who I organised to come in over Easter and remove the dangerous concrete slabs from around the trees and lay matting and bark for free, as part of their community service. The children had highlighted this area for improvement following our Eco Audit this year. It looks great and it is so nice to have a different textured surface in the playground.



**REMINDER—  
LUNCH SLIPS MUST BE IN BY THURSDAY.  
THEY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS.  
YOU WILL HAVE TO SEND YOUR CHILD WITH A PACKED LUNCH IF YOU  
FORGET TO PLACE YOUR ORDER IN TIME**

## APRIL

13 P7 Generation Science

15 P6 & P7 Skiing for 5 weeks at Hillend

**18 MONDAY HOLIDAY**

19 Dr Bike Clinic

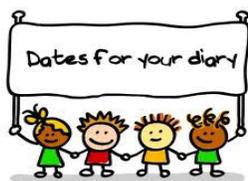
18-29 Big Pedal—Ride your bike to school Fortnight

20 P2 Generation Science

20 Parent School Association—Stockbridge Library 6-8

25 Leanne Martinez PGDE Student in P6 for 5 weeks

27 Parent Council 6-7.30



## MAY

**2 MONDAY HOLIDAY**

4 Community Groups

**5 IN SERVICE—LOCAL ELECTIONS**

12 P7 perform at Ronde - time TBC

18 P7 Smoke Free Workshop

18 Joint Choir Event—Stockbridge & Victoria PS

19 P7 Active Sports Event @ BHS

20 Community Groups

**23 MONDAY HOLIDAY**

24 House Afternoon

27 P1/2 Assembly Parents welcome @ 9.15

31 P6 & P7 Inter-scholastics Event

31 am P6 & P7 Eco Jewellery Workshop

## JUNE

1 New P1s Alphabet/ Number Fun Day

3 P1-P3 Sports Day @ BHS

6 P4-P7 Sports Day @ BHS

8 P7 @ The Risk Factory

8 Parent School Association—Stockbridge Library 6-8

10 P1 Assembly Parents welcome @ 9.15

11 Summer Fair

13, 14 & 15 One Day Creative N-P7 Drama & Dance Workshops

16 Diversity Day

21,22,23 P7 CEC High School 3 Day Visit

22 Meet the Teacher P1 am, P2-P6 pm

23 Nursery Leavers Show

27 P7 Show to school

28 P7 Show to Parents 6-8

29 End of Term Service @ Stockbridge Parish Church 1.45

29 P7 Disco 6-8

30 P7 Leavers Assembly 11.15 **ALL FINISH 12.00**

## AUGUST 2016

**15 STAFF RESUME**

**17 PUPILS RESUME**

31 M & M Productions The Jungle Book

## Diversity Day 16th June 2016

What do the children say about Diversity Day?

**“It was the best day of school ever!!!”, “ Can we have Diversity Day every day?” “ I learnt so many new things!”**

What do staff say about Diversity Day?

**“it’s one of my favourite days of the year!”, “ It was so lovely working with children from different classes.”**

**“There was a wonderful atmosphere all around the school.”**

Diversity Day is an opportunity for the Stockbridge Primary School community to learn more about the amazing and diverse cultures represented within our school. We have almost 30 languages spoken across the school and pupils and parents from a huge range of countries. We want to celebrate this unique aspect of our school community. We need you to offer your time to make this our 4th Diversity Day the best yet.

Do you have a morning, afternoon or a whole day to share an aspect of your culture with our children? We want to celebrate the art, drama, music, dance, sport , food or culture of as many countries as possible. Could you deliver a workshop to Stockbridge children?

We need you to sign up now so that we can plan and organise for the day.

We need as much help as we can get. If you are not able to deliver a workshop perhaps you could support class teachers or other parents with delivering their workshop.

If you can help in any way please let Mrs Burton know as soon as possible.

Thank You!

