



## School Newsletter

May 2017

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The year is rushing by! Please make sure you make a note of all the end of term events that are happening so that you don't miss out!

Ms Calder-Kelly

### Sports Day

Primary 1-3 Sports Day will be at Accies Sports Grounds on the 2nd June (9.30am start) weather permitting. The children will work in their house teams and complete potted sports activities. (Primary 4 pupils from the P3/4 class will attend to support the P3's and help with the activities).

Primary 4-7 Sports Day will be at Broughton High School on the 9th June (9.30am start) and will involve competitive activities between houses. (Primary 3 pupils from the P3/4 class will attend to support their house).

Children will be expected to bring a bottle of water and snack. We would like children to wear their house colours if possible. Parents are welcome to join us at both events.

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## Mpeni Update from Mrs Burton

The fruit trees bought and planted by the learners at the school earlier in the year are growing well. During their Easter Holiday James Mitengo attended a 10 day workshop on how to look after the orphans and learners with special needs at the school. He had an opportunity to explain how the work we are doing together including our fundraising is having a positive impact on these children in particular, he reported that there was a very positive reaction to our partnership.

The money raised by the PSA through Ceilidh tickets was used to buy 40 x 50 Kg bags of maize flour, which was distributed to learners with special needs and orphans as well as the poorest families at the school. This was enough to provide food aid for 135 children. James and the school management team have asked us to pass on their gratitude for the help we are providing, which keeps children in school and learning. The harvest this year is looking like it will be much better than over the past two years and they are hopeful that hunger will not be such an issue.

We are awaiting pen pal letters for our P4 children who have been writing to some of the children for the past 2 years, they should arrive soon as they were posted in the middle of April.

I have been receiving lots of photos and videos of the children from Mpeni school playing games and playing with toys they have made, we will be using these in P3 to learn more about games and toys in Malawi as part of our Toys in Scotland and Malawi topic. We will be sending them some money for postage so that they can send some examples of the toys they have made.



## Eco Update

The Eco Warriors have continued to work with the RSPB this term on developing a bee friendly environment to support our work as the ambassador school for the bee. You may have noticed the vertical wall we have been developing in the MU-GA area planted with bee friendly plants. We have also written postcards to local businesses asking them to help create a bee highway from Inverleith Park to the school, by putting out hanging baskets or window boxes with bee friendly plants. The RSPB also helped us re-vamp our Bug Hotel, please help keep this area bug friendly by discouraging children from playing on the hotel or removing the things we have placed in it and to take care of the plants and give them some water if they look dry. As a result of this work the RSPB are recommending us for a Nature of Scotland Award, Youth and Education Category!

In other news... we once again won a Silver award in the Botanic Daffodil competition this year.

## Choir Performances

Mrs Metcalfe and the choir worked with the storyteller Mrs Mash to create a song and performance for the Tradfest festival.

I went to watch their performance at the Storytelling Centre on Sunday and was blown away with what they had created! Our choir will also be performing at Europe Day on Castle Street at 1.40pm on Tuesday the 10th May. Please pop along and support them if you can.



## Our Outdoor Library

This week we launched our Outdoor Library which has been generously funded by the PSA. Our P5 librarians have been kept very busy by lots of children borrowing books. We love reading at Stockbridge!



## Junior Road Safety Officers Parksmart Campaign by Rosie, Kirsten + Calum P6's JRSO's

The JRSO's have completed class surveys about active travel and counted cars parking in wrong places outside the school. The most shocking thing is that some parents have been sitting in their cars before school for a long time, sometimes with the engine running. Someone even stopped in the middle of the road to let the children jump out!

We hope you have noticed our big yellow banner on the railings outside school and we would encourage you to walk, scoot or cycle to school as often as you can. This has many health benefits for children and also helps to keep children safe with fewer cars around the school at the start and end of the day.

The JRSO's have launched a competition for all classes to draw or paint a picture of you or someone else walking, cycling or scooting to school safely. Pictures must be on A4 paper and have your child's name and class on the back of it. There is also an optional task of taking a photo of yourself walking, cycling or scooting to school safely. We will be using these to display on our JRSO notice board. All entries to be handed to your class teacher by FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> MAY. There are lots of prizes up for grabs. Good Luck!

## Online Learning Journals

Please remember to check and comment upon your child's Online Learning Journal. Staff regularly update these with comments on your child's progress and are currently writing end of year comments. We love it when you share wider achievements on their journal!

## Summer Fair

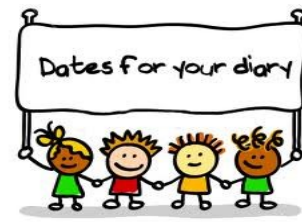
The Parent Staff Association (PSA) Annual Summer Fair will take place on Saturday 10 June 2017. This year the event is being led by a new team (Eliza, Phoebe, Rachael and Vicky mums Frances P1/2 and Albie P1/2 and Theo and Mathew in P1) with the support of some of the former fair planners.

The Summer Fair is a brilliant event, which is great fun for Stockbridge kids and families but is also the major annual fundraiser for the PSA. Funds raised go directly to providing resources and activities which benefit every child in the school.

To make The Fair happen we need a larger number of parent helpers - whether you've got experience to share from previous events or you're a newbie with fresh ideas. A successful fair needs face painters, BBQ-ers, bakers, bartenders, stall holders and simply many pairs of hands! Please get in touch with us to tell us what you're able to offer - [stockbridgepsa@gmail.com](mailto:stockbridgepsa@gmail.com). If you can get a mini team together even better!



# WE WANT YOU



### MAY

- 9 P1 Class Visit to Hopetoun House
- 10 Choir to perform at Europe Day
- 11 Tempest Class Photos—PLEASE WEAR FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM
- 11 Swan Savers Day
- 17 Generation Science P6
- 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
- 8 Swan Savers Day
- 9 P4-7 SPORTS DAY AT BROUGHTON HIGH SCHOOL
- 16 P1 Class Assembly 9.15am
- 19 P5 Class Assembly 9.15am
- 22 Swan Savers Day
- 22 P4 Titanic Event
- 27 P7 Leavers Show for Parents 6pm
- 28 End of year assembly at the church 1.45pm
- 29 p7 Leavers Disco
- 29 P5 Trip to Stirling Castle
- 30 P7 Leavers Assembly SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 12 FOR SUMMER HOLIDAY