



SUNNYSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

February/ March 2019

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been a very exciting few weeks here at Sunnyside, with lots of fantastic experiences taking place for our young people.

Scottish Opera

Our Scottish Opera was a huge success and we are extremely proud of our Hanoverians, Jacobites and Spaniards for their delightful performance. We are also aware that not all families could attend the live performance, therefore we will be offering P6 and P7 parents the opportunity to watch a 30 minute recording of the performance on Friday 22nd March at 3.15pm.



Fergus the Storyteller



Fergus from Macastory has been visiting classes from Nursery to P5. Sharing some wonderful stories, creating links to current learning, and developing a variety literacy skills. Fergus was extremely impressed with the knowledge our learners had around folklore and their use of questioning to aid understanding.

Community Day

On Saturday 23rd February, Miss Stewart held a community clean up day, to prepare the school grounds for work with Butterfly Conservation Scotland. We are looking forward to seeing how our revamped wildlife area



develops and becomes a fantastic learning resource once again. Thank all those involved for their hard work and continued support.

Bikeability

Primary 6 and Primary 7 have been engaged in Bikeability training over the past few weeks and this will continue into March. We have been working in Partnership with Recyke-A-Bike, to develop our children's physical abilities but also their knowledge of road safety. This is a great opportunity to develop skills for life, learning and work in a real life context.

Learning Journals

Each term, pupils will receive observations for 4 curricular areas:

- Health and Wellbeing
- Literacy
- Numeracy
- another curricular area – such as Expressive Arts, Technology, Science, Social Studies, Religious and Moral Education.

These observations can be made at any point during a term, and not all children will receive observations at the same time.

Should you require support in accessing the Learning Journals, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Food, Families, Futures Project

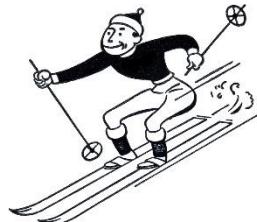
We have started our after school Supper Club with great success. Families have been involved preparing a meal for all and a variety of learning opportunities with our community partners, such as:

- Drama.
- Family Sports.
- Family Literacy and Numeracy Games.
- ICT skills development.

We would like to thank all our families and partners for their support with this ongoing project and look forward to starting our Holiday Lunch Club in Easter. You will be receiving expression of interest forms soon.

Skiing

P7 have been taking part in skiing this term,



developing their balance and co-ordination skills, and applying them in a new way. We are grateful to our families for supporting us in this activity.

MOMO challenge

Over the past couple of weeks, you may have heard of a sinister online “challenge” called Momo. We have since found out that this has been a hoax, however this has highlighted the importance of adults being aware of what children are accessing and engaging with online.

We recently held parent workshops on internet safety, where advice was given on how to support your child and restrict their access to inappropriate sites and apps.

Advice on how to restrict access on YouTube can be found on this website: <https://goo.gl/73ztfg>

Many devices also have parental controls and settings, we would advise all parents to make use of these features. Further guidance can be found on these websites:

<https://apple.co/1qAhX9n> - Apple Devices

<https://bit.ly/1Jywdma> - Android Devices

Head Lice

It can be extremely upsetting and frustrating for those children and families when head lice are found. Unfortunately this is a common occurrence in all schools however this session we seem to have been particularly badly affected.

I have written out to parents/ carers in the past asking for vigilance and where head lice are found that they be treated immediately. I have also asked that children’s hair be routinely checked i.e. every couple of days to ensure that the head lice do not get a chance to breed.

I have consulted with the School Nurse for further advice however, I am limited in the action that I can take regarding this problem. Where I am informed that a child has head lice which have

obviously not been treated, I will contact the parents/ carers directly to highlight the issue and to ensure that treatment takes place.

By working together, I am sure that we can make a difference to reduce the number of incidences. Once finalised, we will publish our remits in full.

I hope that you have enjoyed keeping up-to-date with what is going on at Sunnyside Primary School through our Twitter link @sunnyside_ps and through our website <http://sunnyside.clacks.sch.uk>

As always, should you have any comments, queries or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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