



# March Newsletter

## Staffing

Mrs Jardine has been on secondment working with the Active Schools Team for the last 11 months. This is now coming to an end and she will return to us next term. This means we will lose the services of Miss Patterson. I am sure you will join us in thanking Miss Patterson for all her efforts and dedication to P7 and wish her well for her future career.

We will have Interviews next week for an acting Depute HT will take place to cover Miss Dickson's maternity post which begins at the end of April. We will update you with further information when we have appointed the successful candidate.

## **The Georgetown Sway** — February Edition

It has been a busy month and this edition gives a full picture of the range of the activities happening across the school.

[Click here for our sway](#)

## World Book Day

Our Junior Librarians are hosting a Book Swap Event on World Book Day—Thursday 7th March.

Children can bring one book that they have read and are happy to give away to someone else.



## Glycerol in Slushies Drinks

[Glycerol in slush ice drinks | Food Standards Scotland](#)

We have been asked to pass on information from Food Standards Scotland (FSS) They have issued new voluntary industry guidance on glycerol in slush-ice drinks, advising that they should not be sold to children four years of age and under.

Manufacturers are being advised to tell retailers that they should not offer free refill promotions to under-10s, to prevent young children being exposed to excessive amounts of glycerol.

The updated guidance follows an FSA risk assessment which found that children below this age may suffer from headaches and sickness caused by exposure to glycerol.

FSS and the FSA are aware of two cases in Scotland, in 2021 and 2022, where children were hospitalised because of glycerol intoxication.

At very high levels of exposure – typically when several of these products are drunk by a child in a short space of time – glycerol intoxication could cause shock, hypoglycaemia and loss of consciousness.

Please find guidance attached in the link above.

## Reading Books

A big thank you to the Parent Council who have replenished our reading books throughout the school.

We ask that reading books are kept in your child's bag as they will use them in school also. Books and yellow diaries should be returned each day.

*There may be a monetary charge for any books that are not returned to school.*

## Parental Questionnaire

Thank you to those who took the time to fill out our parental questionnaire and for the many positive messages we received.

We will share the results and main themes from the survey in a separate email after discussion with the Parent Council.

### Parent Council

**The next Parent Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th March at 6.30pm.**

**We will be discussing plans for the schools big birthday celebrations in September. All welcome to attend.**

**Please send any ideas for this via the form below.**

[Schools 50th Anniversary Celebrations](#)



## School Photographer

The school photographer is due to visit us on Monday 18th March (excluding nursery)

Please submit your photograph preferences via the below form.



### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

## Mission Meander

A young enterprise group from St Joseph's Collage are competing in the 'Young Enterprise Programme' which aims to promote and equip senior pupils with entrepreneurial and business management skills.

They have set up 'Mission Meander' which aims to promote active wellbeing and local businesses. From March 1st there will be QR codes around local businesses and landmarks such as local parks. These can be scanned which adds points to an account set up on their website. Prizes are up for grabs for the most points earned.

For more information and to set up an account [click here](#)



## Crossing Patrol

Crossings are still being covered most days by temporary staff from the Community Assets Team but this cannot always be guaranteed due to their other commitments.

We will try to ensure some level of service from our own staff but again, this may not always be possible. If this is the case, we will inform you as soon as possible via Xpressions for you to make arrangements re your child getting to and from school safely.

**Reminder the spring holiday dates are - Monday 25 March to Friday 5 April 2024**

**Any enquiries please contact**

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