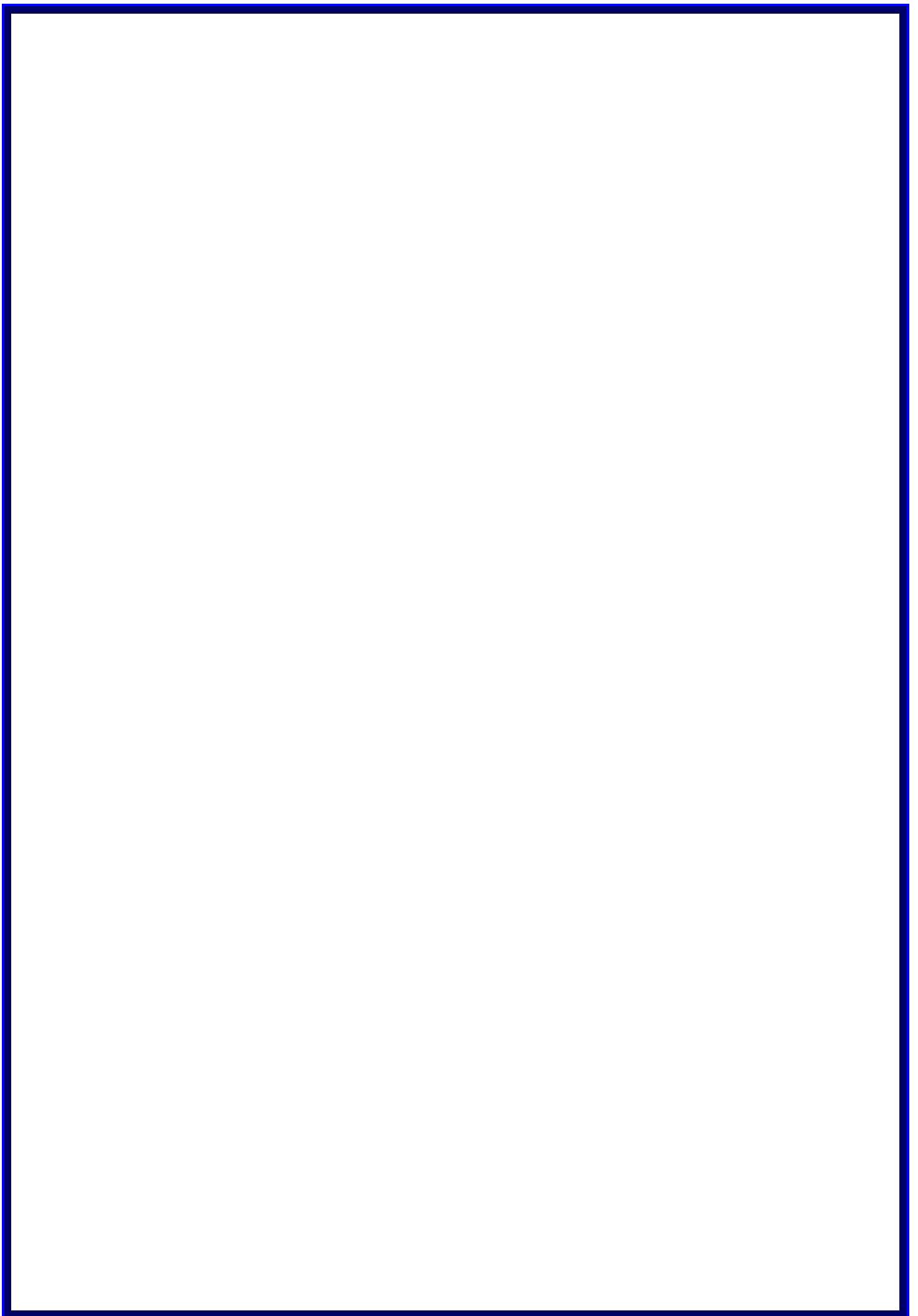


# Calderwood Lodge Primary School and Nursery Class



**February 2015  
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Dear Parent/Carer,

On the 5 February the Education Committee approved plans to relocate Calderwood Lodge Primary and Nursery class to the new Joint Faith Campus on Waterfoot Road. It will be an exciting few years as we plan our move to a new school building while ensuring our strong and unique Jewish heritage continues to shine.

Over the last month both myself and Mr Robson have made visits to Jewish schools and learning centres in Manchester and London. We have brought back many ideas and resources to strengthen and enhance our Ivrit and Kodesh curriculums. We look forward to sharing these with you in the coming months.

I hope you enjoy the February edition of our school and nursery newsletter.

Kind Regards,

Marion Johnson  
Head Teacher

## **Parents' Evening**

Our second Parents' Evening takes place on Thursday 12 March. Appointment times for the school will be issued by the office staff next week.

The nursery staff will have appointment lists available for parents to choose an appointment.



*Miss Johnson*

## **Security at Calderwood Lodge**

A few parents have contacted me and the Parent Council regarding security at the school in light of the tragic events in Paris, Belgium and Copenhagen. Since August I have worked with Police Scotland, the CST and East Renfrewshire Council to review security at Calderwood on an ongoing basis. A number of steps have been taken to ensure the pupils are safe while they are in our care. Police Scotland will hold a security briefing for parents in Calderwood Lodge on Thursday 5 March at 6:30. The Parent Council will issue a letter regarding this.

*Miss Johnson*

## **Class Blogs**

To further our communication with parents, each class now has a learning blog which can be viewed via the school website. This will give our pupils the opportunity to evaluate and talk about their learning, and will give you as parents and carers the opportunity to keep up with learning taking place in school on a regular basis. Teachers and pupils will be updating these regularly, with the onus on pupils taking charge of this as a means of communication.



As well as engaging the pupils in dialogue about their own learning, the use of the class blogs is also enhancing their ICT skills in a world where social media and blogs are ever more popular. To access the class blogs simply go to the school website and choose the class blogs page. Here you will see a list of links for each class blog. We hope you enjoy keeping up with the teaching and learning at each stage in the school, and as always feedback on content or other features you would like to see would be most welcome.

*Mr Robson*

## Chinese New Year

All of our children have been learning about Chinese New Year this week. We have been learning about the culture and how many people in China would celebrate Chinese New Year through the foods they may eat, clothes they may wear and about the parades with the dragons they may attend. Some children designed and made some amazing dragons from junk materials. We also had a Chinese themed snack where we had noodles and rice and even challenged our fine motor skills with the use of chop sticks! We listened to Chinese music and learnt that it was the year of the sheep. Our home corner turned into a Chinese restaurant with a lot of fantastic cooking going on using woks and lots of fresh vegetables. We had a very busy but fun week!

*Miss Ross*



## **School Website**

We are currently updating our school website to ensure it meets the needs of our school community. If you have any suggestions or comments please send them in to us using the comments slip attached to this newsletter.



*Mr Robson*

## **Dogs in School**

Following some concerns from parents I would like to remind you that dogs are not permitted on school grounds with the exception of guide dogs.

*Miss Johnson*

## **Jewellery on PE Days**



For pupil safety we ask that all jewellery is left at home on PE days. Earrings must be removed for PE therefore we ask that pupils get their ears pierced at the start of the summer holiday to allow the 6 week healing time. If any pupil has their ears pierced during term time parents must cover the earrings with plasters or tape on their PE days, school staff are not allowed to do this.

*Miss Johnson*

## **Menu Changes**

Thank you to all of the parents who contacted me with feedback on the new lunch menus. The addition of baked potatoes and sandwiches to the menu has been popular with the children. There has also been some positive feedback from the children on the new menu options with the burritos and lasagne being a top choice.



*Miss Johnson*



## Primary 2 Guide Dog Visit

After a relaxing February weekend, Primary 2 returned to school and were greeted by 2 visitors from the Guide Dogs Association. We met Caroline and her guide dog Dale. Caroline came to talk to the class about how guide dogs can help people who don't have their full sense of sight. The class were really excited about the visit as they have been learning all about their 5 senses.

Caroline spoke to the class about how Dale helps her to get around every day. She showed us how Dale can guide her around obstacles to make sure she keeps safe at all times. The class were all amazed at how well Dale led Caroline around the



plastic cones that she set out. It was like an obstacle course! Caroline also showed us her cane and let some of the children have a go of using the cane to guide them around the school. We went all the way up to Miss Johnson's office and down to the school hall. It was tricky because we couldn't see and there were lots of stairs to deal with too, but we managed! It made us realise just how difficult it is for blind people and how

important it is to give them lots of space and time if they are passing by.

Caroline showed us lots of beautiful photos of Dale when he was a puppy and explained to us how he became a guide dog. Dale was so well behaved and cared so much for Caroline that he even decided to follow her as we walked around the school!

Finally Hannah groomed Dale to keep his coat nice and shiny. Caroline told us that guide dogs take great pride in their presentation, so we wanted to make sure he looked fantastic for his next school visit. Dale looked like he was loving the attention, and it was well deserved! We learned so much about guide dogs and the difficulties that blind people have.

*Miss Geoghegan*

### Primary 3 Social Studies

As part of our "Where We Live" topic, Primary 3 wanted to find out a bit more about the houses in our local area and also how towns and areas are planned. Firstly we had a visit from Miss Beedie, a Town Planner at Glasgow City Council. She came in to talk to us about what her job entails and to take a look at the fictional towns we had planned in class – she was really impressed and thought some of us should come and work for her! We asked Miss Beedie a lot of questions. Bismah learned that the area of Newlands used to be a farm and Abigail discovered that property developers are not allowed to build in areas where foxes and badgers already live.

Our next visitor was Ms McGonigle, she is an Estate Agent in the West End of Glasgow. We all wrote a schedule for our own house and got to measure the corridor with a tape measure and a laser pointer, just like Estate Agents do when they are preparing to sell a house. Leo found out that Ms McGonigle had sold Calvin Harris's flat and that she helped some lottery winners buy a house! It was a fantastic afternoon!

We also took a walk in our local area and decided to visit Newlands Park to see how local people use the land around the school. We made our own maps of the park and sketched the school whilst we were out. We took a note of the different types

of houses we could see and what they were made out of. We think red sandstone, semi-detached houses are the most popular around school!

*Miss Jagger*





## **Care Inspectorate Report**

The report of the recent inspection of our nursery class, which was completed by the Care Inspectorate has now been finalised. Parents can read the report online at <http://www.scswis.com/> A hard copy is also available in the nursery and in the school reception area.

*Miss Johnson*

## **Nursery Uniform**

The nursery has been buzzing with the excitement of our new uniform. On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February the nursery children got to showcase their uniforms for the first time. Both the parents and children have given positive reviews of the new bright and comfortable uniform.

*"I think the colour is just so  
so bright and happy!"  
Harry*

*"The jumper is great. It has a  
pocket on it and a hood for  
my head. "  
Lori*

*Miss Dunn*



## Generation Science

Our visit from the Generation Science group was really great fun. We learned all about oil, where it comes from and how we get it. When we were learning about how it was made, we were shown how what the process would be like over millions of years. We were shown this with stone and fish and fossils. We discussed oil rigs and what they are used for. We even built one of our own! They are huge in real life, so ours was not quite life-size. We worked in teams to do this and we were all given individual roles, such as *Floorman* or *Nuts and Bolts specialist*. We were able to see what the world used to look like by studying a great big floor map of the world. Before the continents all separated, it was a supercontinent called Pangaea. It was a great visit where we learned a lot and were able to do experiments and work together.

Mrs Santi



### **Primary 7 Provost Debate**

On Friday 13th February, Primary 7 visited the debating chamber at Eastwood. They used their talking and listening as well as debating skills to good effect in discussing the issue of '*Should homework be banned?*' The children were introduced to Provost Carmichael and Councillor McAlpine, who led the morning's proceedings. In the end, those '*for*' the motion were victorious by 12 votes to 5. The children enjoyed the debating experience and the Provost commented on how well the children had prepared themselves for the event. Well done P7!!!

*Mr Fry*



### **Student Teachers**

As you know we offer placements to students completing teacher training qualifications at a variety of universities. This term we welcome Aneela Irshad and Eilidh McIver to Calderwood Lodge. I am sure they will learn a great deal during their placements with us.

*Miss Johnson*

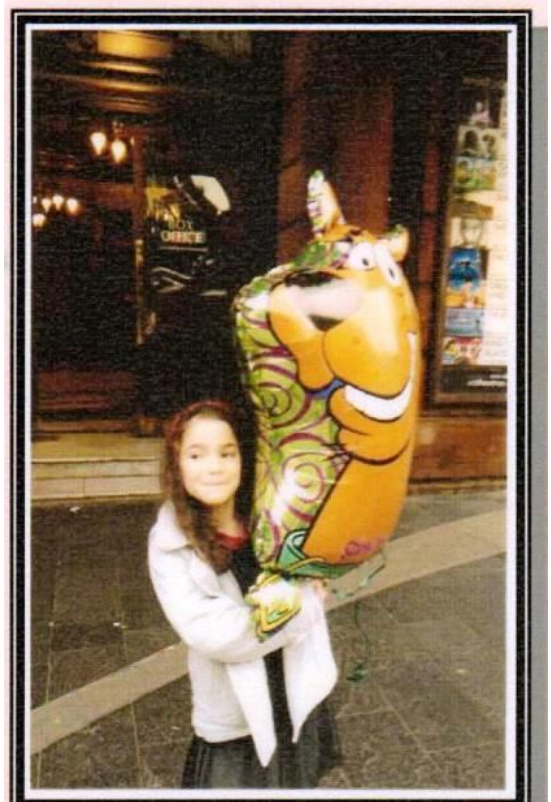


## **Remembering Noya at Tu B'Shevat**

Earlier in the month Primary 7 pupils marked the festival of Tu B'Shevat (New Year for Trees) by launching an appeal to raise funds for a memorial for Noya Roizman who sadly died last year. Noya was a former Nursery and Primary 2 pupil. The family returned to Israel last summer and Noya's brother Ely was a classmate of the present Primary 7 pupils who came up with the plan for a sponsored walk along with her classmates, now in Primary 3.

The pupils thought Tu'B'Shevat an appropriate time to launch the appeal because of Noya's love for her lemon tree in Israel. She was remembered with much love by Ivrit teacher, Shosh Greenberg who visited the Roizman family during the winter holiday.

Primary 3 pupils ended the assembly by helping to re-pot an etrog (citron) sapling. The pupils were all shown a still-perfect bright yellow etrog fruit that was part of the lulav shaking ceremony during the festival of Succot, in the Autumn. The pupils were reminded of its qualities and the symbolic significance of the heart; qualities that Noya so beautifully encompassed.



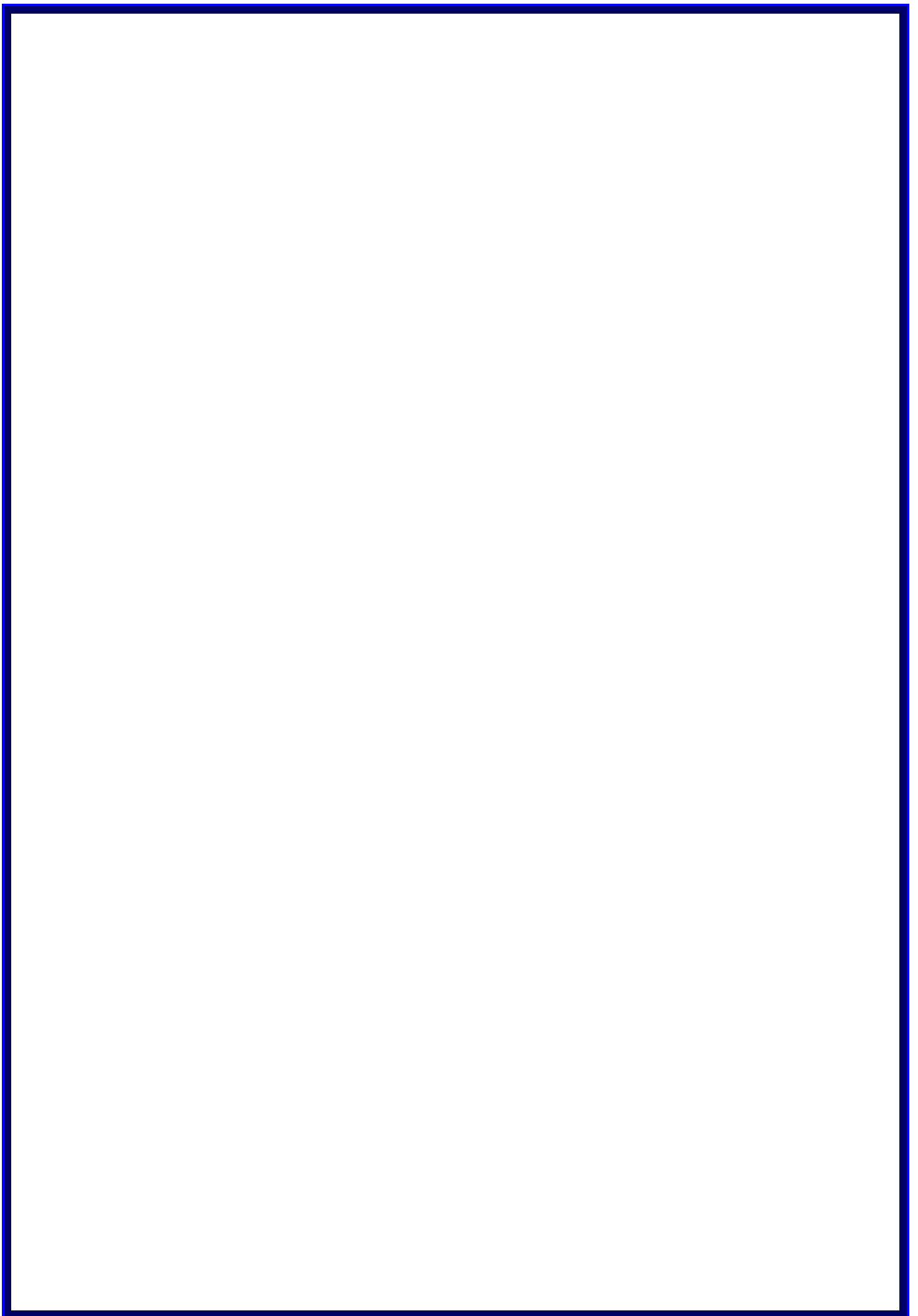
The date for the proposed walk/run will be fixed soon.

*Mrs Borowski*

## Important Dates for your Diary

Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Maths jotters home
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Design Consultation meetings for the new school (Parent Council Reps, pupils and staff groups)
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Focus Group 3 5:30
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Police Scotland Parent Security Briefing at 6:30 in Calderwood Lodge
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Primary 3 Messibat Siddur
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Design Consultation meetings for the new school (Parent Council Reps, pupils and staff groups)
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Social Studies and Science jotters home
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	School closes for Spring break
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	School re-opens for pupils
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Parent Council Meeting, Mearns Castle High at 7pm
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Language jotters home
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Holiday
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Wee G Bus is at Calderwood Lodge
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	P6 and P7 Pupil Council Reps to meet Mrs Shaw
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Holiday
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	In-service day – school closed to pupils
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Primary 7 cluster sports event
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Kodesh and Ivrit Jotters Home
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Primary 7 transition visits to Mearns Castle High School
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Pupil Reports issued to parents





***We value your views  
Please let us know if you are particularly pleased about something or  
have any suggestions:***

**Parent's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return to the school office.  
Thank you!*