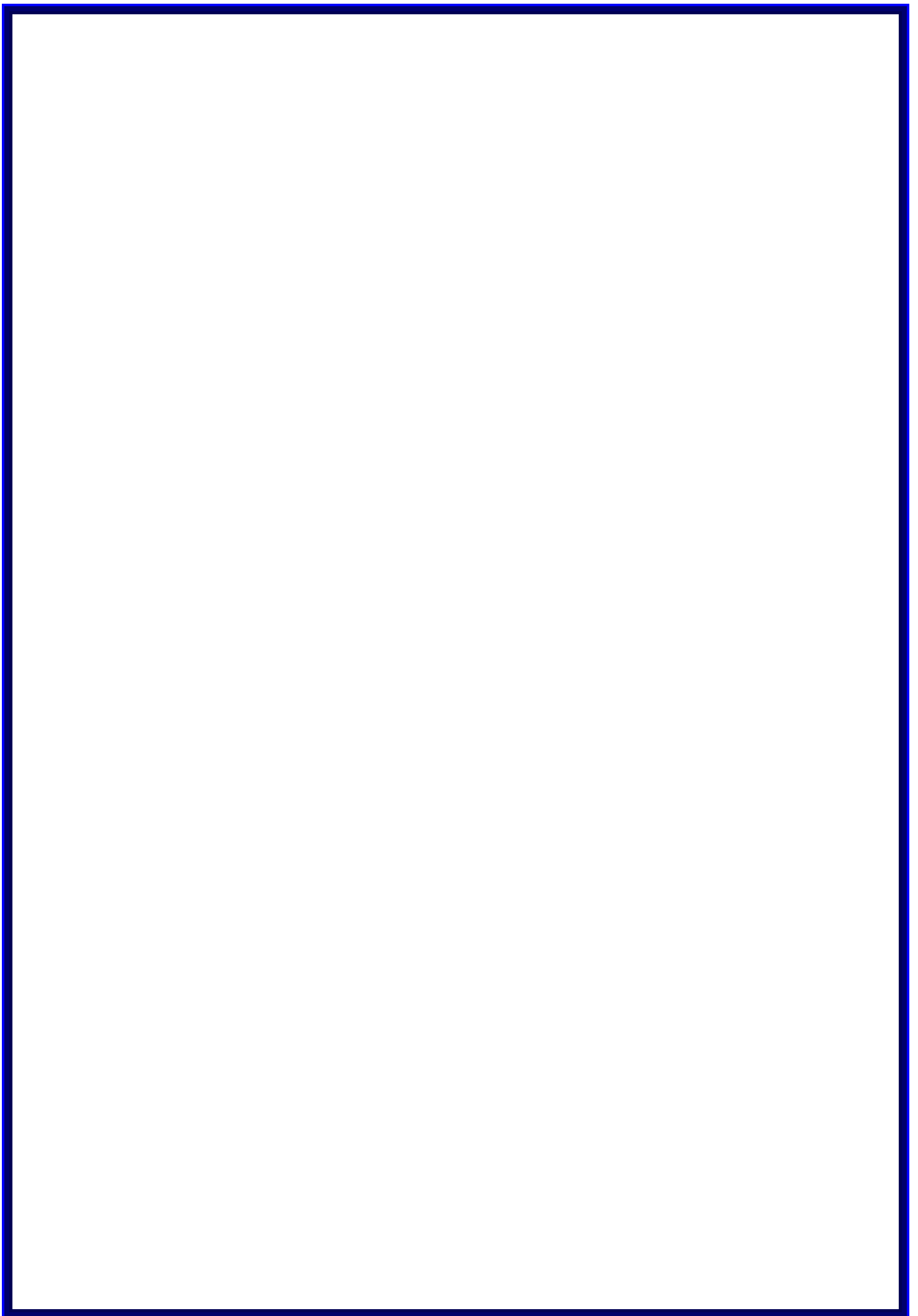


Calderwood Lodge Primary School and Nursery Class



March 2015
Newsletter No. 6





Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the March edition of our school newsletter. It is hard to believe how far through the school year we are already!

Over the last few weeks the children have been teaching me all about Pesach, we have had two lovely seder meals together in school to celebrate the learning.

I hope you enjoy reading our newsletter over the Spring break and look forward to the children returning for the final term of the session in April.

Kind Regards,

Marion Johnson
Head Teacher

Late Coming

From time to time, road works, heavy traffic and general family life can cause pupils to be late however I have noticed an increasing number of pupils arriving late for the start of the school day on a regular basis. Pupils arriving late can miss out on learning and at times disrupt the learning of other pupils. Our attendance and late coming will be monitored again at the end of the session and I hope to see an improvement in our statistics.



Miss Johnson

Parents Evening

Thank you to all of the parents who spoke at parents' evening regarding the revised format. This system appears to have improved the quality of the dialogue between teachers and parents and visiting the classrooms enriched the experience. I will be collating the formal evaluations and will include a summary of this in the next newsletter.

Miss Johnson

Primary 6 Visit to Mearns Primary

Two weeks ago six members of our Primary 6 class attended Mearns Primary School to give a presentation on B'nei Mitzvah and B'not Mitzvah. The pupils spoke about their older siblings experiences and also about how they are feeling as they begin preparations for their own Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Josh, Gabby, Susie, Amy, Anna and Lilah spoke expertly about Judaism, demonstrating various Brachot and sharing their knowledge and experiences with the pupils in a very grown up manner. In total they presented to approximately 120 children, and did so with confidence. They even had time for a question and answer session at the end, inviting the children to our school to experience Kabbalat Shabbat. As always the pupils were a wonderful example in representing Calderwood Lodge primary school.

Mr Robson

World Book Week Celebrations

The whole of Calderwood Lodge Primary School and Nursery celebrated World Book Week from the 2nd – 6th March this year. We had such great fun as World Book Day coincided with Purim and we all dressed up as characters from our favourite stories!

More than 100 countries around the world celebrate World Book Day. This is the 18th time it has been held.

Throughout the school we celebrated our love of books with activities such as going on a Book Hunt around the school, paired reading with different classes, designing book tokens and even doing a 'Speed Read'!

Primary 7 hosted a Book Café for the rest of the school to go and read, discuss books and chat about why they enjoy reading. This was the most popular activity of the week!

On Friday we held a whole school and nursery assembly and watched the classes perform a poem, song or presentation. Each class had put such a lot of effort in, it was fantastic!

Finally we heard the winners of our Shelfie competition! Congratulations to Calum Woolfson (Nursery), Melanie Grossman (P2) and Avraham Jacobs (P4) for their winning entries!

We can't wait for World Book Week 2017!

Miss Geoghegan, Miss Jagger and Miss Abercrombie





Teddy Bears' Picnic

The Nursery had a fun packed time on Friday 13th March to mark Red Nose Day. Freddie and his mum very kindly organised the most amazing Teddy Bear's picnic. All the children were invited to bring along their favourite teddy to Nursery and join in many party games, sing along to bear songs, read one of our favourite stories "We're going on a bear hunt" and of course enjoy a fantastic picnic. The Nursery raised £104.75 for the Red Nose Day Appeal. Freddie added an additional £115.25 which he raised all by himself bringing the grand total to £220. A huge thank you to Freddie and his mum for organising such a fantastic event for a very worthy cause.



"We played musical chairs and we had food. It was a treat because it was for the Teddy Bear's picnic. It was something special" - Samantha

"I liked the picnic. I loved the biscuits." - Luca

"I liked the crisps. We don't normally have picnics in Nursery." - Marnie

"I liked bringing my elephant to Nursery." - Aman

Miss Ross

Brushathon

The Nursery class participated in a Brushathon on Monday 9th March as part of the "Something to smile about" week organised by Debbie Wilson. The aim of this Brushathon was to break the record of how many children were brushing their teeth at the same time across the authority. Parents and younger siblings were invited to join us for this event. There was much excitement in the Nursery on the lead up to this event with the role play area set up as a Dental station and many activities organised throughout the Nursery to teach the children about good oral hygiene. Children also had the chance to complete a four week diary for teeth brushing at home.



"You use a pea sized bit of toothpaste." - Yocheved

"You brush your teeth in circles." - Jasper

"If you eat lots of sweets your teeth will fall out." - Phoebe

"You brush for two minutes and if you eat sweets it's not healthy for you." - Daniel

"At night time and morning you need to brush your teeth." - Maya
Karen Phin

Messibat Siddur

On the evening of Wednesday 18th March, Primary 3 arrived at school at 6.30pm for our Messibat Siddur. The teachers helped us to put on blue sashes and made sure we looked smart. We lined up on the stairs by the hall and then we went on the stage and the night began! We had been rehearsing since December so we knew our words and our songs off by heart. We had learned brachot and songs with Shosh so we could perform them on the stage and receive our brand new green siddurim. We felt nervous at the start but by the end of the night we were really proud of ourselves and excited to use our siddur. There were a lot of parents, brothers, sisters, grandparents and other people from the Jewish community in the audience to support us on our special night.

We would like to say a big thank you to Shosh and Miss Geoghagen for making our night so memorable and successful.

Primary 3



Security

Our new gates have now been installed with a video entry system. Thank you to East Renfrewshire Council and the Community Security Trust for their support in this development. As well as improving the appearance of the school the gates give us an additional layer of security. I would like to thank our dedicated parents who give their time to the parent rota at the start and end of the school day. Their commitment – even in the pouring rain is very much appreciated!

Miss Johnson

Primary 6 Bikeability

Primary 6 pupils will undertake their Bikeability training after the Spring Break. A letter has been issued with all of the relevant information. Pupils are reminded that they must wear a cycle helmet for the on-road sessions.



Miss Dunn

Lost Property

Once again we have a large collection of lost property under the stairs. We put this out on parents' evening but were not able to return many items to their owners. Please ensure you put your child's name on the label of their belongings, this will help us to return lost items to the pupils quickly. Any unclaimed items of clothing will be donated to charity at the end of April.

Miss Johnson

School Lunches

The local authority has introduced a new lunch ordering system for pupils. A copy of the menu is available on our school website and East Renfrewshire Council's website. Please look at this with your child so they know what the options are each day. Following feedback the local authority will be making further changes to the menus in April. I will keep you updated on the changes as they are implemented



Miss Johnson

Primary 3 and Primary 7 Sponsored Walk

Nothing was going to deter the pupils from completing the planned run of 7 circuits of Newlands Park opposite the school, on the wet and windy morning of 11th March, so who were we to let the rain rain on their parade! Some of the pupils ran more than the 7 circuits but all put in their best efforts the youngsters thoroughly enjoyed being escorted by their older classmates. Thanks to the parents who came out in such wet weather to cheer on the pupils, and also to class teachers Mr Fry, Miss Jagger and staff members Mrs Yedd and Mrs Mair who all made sure no-one lost their way!

Some Primary 6 pupils who wanted to make their own donations to the memorial fundraising organised a bake sale at home. Many thanks for your contributions, girls!

Sponsorship money is still coming into the school and fitting tributes to Noya will be made at a Memorial Assembly on Thursday 26th March, when the Roizman family will be present.

Mrs Borowski and Shosh

Joint Faith Campus Consultation

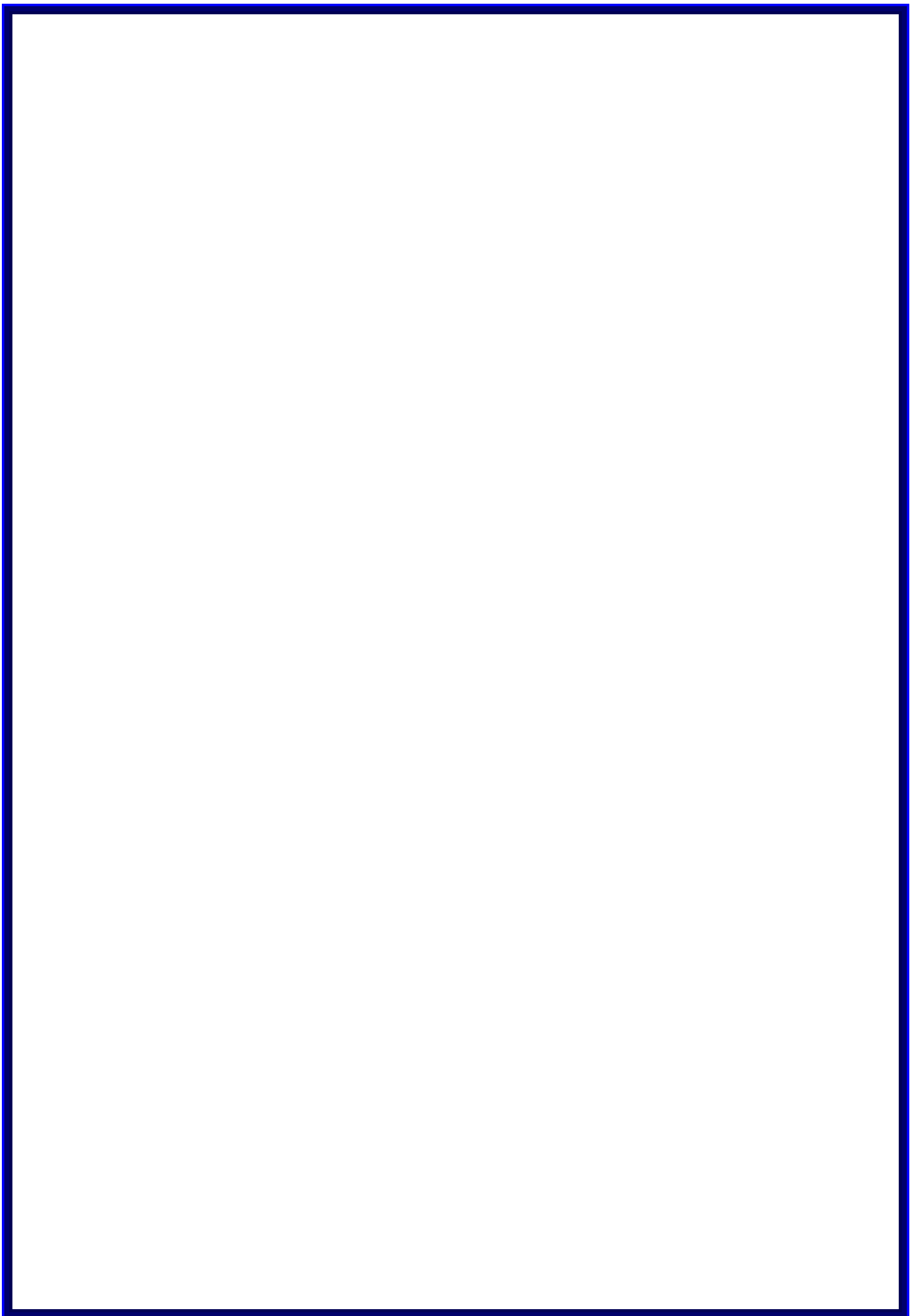


We have had two successful design consultation days for the joint faith campus. Thank you to all of the parent council members, pupils and staff who contributed to the workshops.

Miss Johnson

Important Dates for your Diary

Friday 27 th March	School closes for Spring break - 2:30pm
Monday 13 th April	School re-opens for pupils
Monday 20 th to Friday 24 th April	Health Week
Tuesday 28 th April	Parent Council Meeting, Mearns Castle High at 7pm
Friday 1 st May	Language jotters home
Monday 4 th May	Holiday
Tuesday 5 th and Wednesday 6 th May	Wee G Bus is at Calderwood Lodge
Wednesday 6 th May	P6 and P7 Pupil Council Reps to meet Mrs Shaw
Monday 25 th May	Holiday
Tuesday 26 th May	In-service day – school closed to pupils
Wednesday 27 th May	Primary 7 cluster sports event
Thursday 28 th and Friday 29 th May	Primary 7 transition visits to Mearns Castle High School
Friday 29 th May	Kodesh and Ivrit Jotters Home
Friday 5 th June	Pupil Reports issued to parents
	Sports Day
	Nursery Graduation
	School and nursery close at 1:00 for Summer break



***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!*