



Article 29: Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.



THORNLIEBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL



MARCH 16 NEWSLETTER

Nurturing Growth in our School Community

Excellent Education
Happy and Healthy
Respectful and Responsible
Caring and Considerate Community
Everyone is Equal
Inclusive and Integrated
Motivated
Supportive and Safe



Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome our March newsletter. It is hard to believe with the rain outside that we are stopping today for Spring Break. I hope you all had a lovely Easter Weekend. It has been a very busy but successful term with World Book Day, Fairtrade Fortnight, our P7 Residential Trip and Parental Appointments to name but a few! Thank you to all who have attended and supported the numerous events that have taken place. I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable Spring Break.

Kind regards

Siobhan McColgan
Head Teacher

World Book Day

World Book Day 2016 was a resounding success. Children, dressed as their favourite book characters, enjoyed stories and activities on the day. Thank you to the parents who came and read to the various classes. The standard of competition entries was excellent. Well done to the following children:

First Prize

Ibrahim Munir
Hamish McDougall
Zara Nazir
Chloe Smith
Leo Devine
Kaarthi Paramanathan
Lawizah Shahbaz

Runner up

Maisie Conlon
Lauren Glennie
Katie Watt
Carmella Lang
Alesha Borthwick
Sarah Khan
Sami Baig

Thank you to the parents who ran the Book Fayre and to all the families who supported it by coming along and buying books. We have managed to raise a whopping £573.88 commission which will be spent on buying books for class libraries.



Fairtrade

I would like to say a massive thank you to Mrs Menzies and the Fairtrade Committee for organising fantastic events during Fairtrade Fortnight. These included running a Fairtrade Tuck Shop, leading an excellent Fairtrade Assembly, organising a Pyjama Day to mark the theme Fairtrade Breakfast, taking part in a fruit swap and organising the 90kg Rice Challenge. Through the hard work and dedication, we have managed to sell all bags of rice and help to send a child in Malawi to school for a year.



Congratulations to Callum and Eilidh Doherty's parents who won the Fairtrade Hamper. I hope you enjoyed all the treats inside.

I would like to extend a massive well done to Kinga Wroniszewska who was picked as a winner from over 1000 entries in the East Renfrewshire Council Fairtrade Tea Towel competition. Well done Kinga!

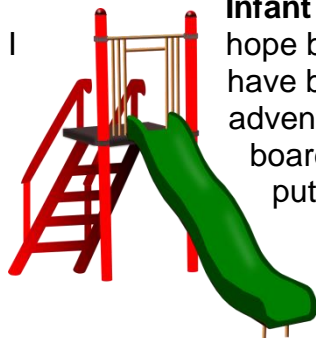
Dental Health

Since our last newsletter, a number of parents have visited their local dentist to request Fluoride Varnish. If you have not yet done so, I would encourage you to discuss this with your local dentist. P5 and P6 will be starting a tooth brushing project after Spring Break which will see them brushing their teeth daily in class. This should be in addition to the tooth brushing they do at home.



We have made some changes to the tuck that is being offered to children. They are now being provided with healthier options such as toast, scones, pancakes and fruit. With the new Parent Pay system which goes live today, you will be able to log on to your new account and see exactly what your child has bought from tuck and at lunch.

Infant Playground



I hope by now you have had a chance to see the improvements that have been made to the playground. The children are loving the new adventure playground! In addition to this we have put up a notice board in the main playground and the infant playground. We will put all up to date information for your reference in these.

Afterschool Clubs

Once again there have been lots of clubs, from chess to badminton. A number of these clubs have been run by parent and staff volunteers. Next term we also have a number of clubs running including a cooking club. I would like to say a huge thank you to all our volunteers.

Sports Relief

All the pupils in the nursery and school ran or walked a mile today for Sports Relief. Well done to Mrs McGarvey and the Sports Committee who organised this and helped out on the day. We managed to raise £142.95 for Sports Relief. Well done everyone.



P7 Residential Trip



Our P7 pupils have returned safe and well from their adventure to Dounans Outdoor Centre last week. The children were a credit to their families and should be very proud of themselves for all they achieved during their stay - Well Done!! I would also like to thank the staff for all their hard work throughout the week – it is very much appreciated. I am sure those of you who follow us on Twitter were entertained by the regular updates!

Parent Council

Thank you to the Parent Council and parents who helped out at our Spring Disco. The pupils had a great time and the Disco managed to raise nearly £200 which will go towards buying games for children to play with during wet intervals. The next disco will be on Friday 3 June.

ParentPay

The Woodfarm Cluster is piloting a new payment online system for parents called Parent Pay. The system goes live today. I would urge you to register and use this system as it will provide a number of benefits including:

- Paying for school meals, trips etc for all your children within the Woodfarm Cluster schools in one transaction.
- Displays all the payments you have made.
- Displays tuck and meal selections for primary school pupils
- It has save my card facilities so you don't need to re-enter details each time.
- If you don't want to pay online, you can make payments at local PayPoint stores.

Engaging with this new system will also help to support the school office.

More information can be found at www.parentpay.com

International School Award

Congratulations to Mrs Pollock and the Global Citizenship Committee who, through their hard work and commitment, have achieved the Intermediate Level of the International School Award. They have work hard this session to develop the schools understanding of the importance of International Education and to plan learning opportunities for the whole school to take part in. Well done!



Easter Service

Well done to Primary 5, Mrs Macrae and Mrs Vannet for organising and leading an excellent Easter Service. I am sure all who attended would agree that the acting and singing was wonderful.

Ace Awards

The focus of our March whole school assembly was to be Successful Learners. Well done to the following pupils who received the ACE award for November:

- Primary 1 – Saoirse Clark
- Primary 2 – Karly MacDonald
- Primary 3 – Caleb Martin
- Primary 4 – Olivia Hobbs
- Primary 5 – Sarah Cairns Arshad
- Primary 6 – Rasmus Koehn
- Primary 7 – Mathew Daly



E.U Referendum

Our school will be used as a polling station for the Referendum on Thursday 23 June 2016 and therefore the school and nursery will be closed to all pupils on that day.

Holidays & In-service Days

Spring Break	Mon 4 April to Fri 15 April 2016
May Weekend (1)	Mon 2 May 2016
Election	Thurs 5 May 2016
May Weekend (2)	Fri 27 & Mon 30 May 2016
In-service Day	Tue 31 May 2016
Summer Holiday	School closes Fri 24 June 2016 at 1.00pm