



18th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

We are a few weeks into term one and there are lots of things happening we'd like to share with you.

PUPIL COUNCIL

We have Pupil Council leaders from P7 who have helped to establish our new Pupil Council with members from every class. We held interviews and it was amazing to have so many children who wanted to be part of the council. From 60 children who came along to interview we appointed two children from each class. They received their certificates at assembly and everyone else who took part also gained a Head Teacher Award for being effective contributors and confident individuals.



PUPIL VOICE GROUPS

To give our children a voice in what happens in our school, we have pupil groups where there are actions planned and implemented by the pupils to make their school the best it can be. All the children in the school were given a chance to put their ideas forward at an assembly and from these suggestions the Pupil Council decided on 5 groups. They created 2 different groups this year to capture new ideas, then everyone chose which group they would like to be part of. Actions plans will be written up with the adult leaders on Friday to decide how each group will move forward. We will share with our school community what we have achieved as part of our Sharing Assembly at the end of term.

ECO-GROUP KIDS COMMUNITY CREATIVITY GROUP STEM SPORTS COMMITTEE

SHARING ASSEMBLY

We are going to have a sharing assembly at the end of term so that everyone can come along and see what we have been learning about and achieving. Save the date on the 11th of October. All the dates and times are in the Dates for the Diary - which can be found on the website and at the end of this update. It would be great if you could come along.

PARENT MEETINGS

There are parent consultation appointments to be made before the October holidays on the 1st and 2nd of October. These appointments can be made online as usual and will take place in the hall. Look out for the appointment details which will be sent out soon.

TOOTH BRUSHING

Alana Kemp continues to do the toothbrushing in Firth with the P1-4 class and nursery. If you would like more information on anything to do with toothbrushing and oral health, then get in touch.

PERFORMANCES

This school year we will be putting on a nativity performance at Christmas in the Kirk led by the younger children in Nursery and P1/2. All the other classes will contribute with singing and instruments to the event held during the day. All details still need to be confirmed but this is the basic plan. We will send out times and dates when we have them confirmed.

P3-7 will put on a concert at Easter with two performances, one during the day and an evening performance. Times and dates will be discussed with the Parent Council and will go into the Dates for the Diary after that.



CHRISTMAS CARDS



We will be doing Christmas Cards again this year, where you can do a design with your child and send it into school to be sent off to an online company. From there you will be able to buy a range of items with your child's design for Christmas. This raises funds for the school and allows everyone the opportunity to select the design and items they would like in particular. The resources will be sent home with children soon. All support is greatly appreciated.

PARENT COUNCIL

We have asked the Parent Council to help us with financing some school improvements to the school building. We would like to create a parent room and cloak room for the nursery by putting up a partition and door. We would also like to put in an outside door to the P1/2 classroom so they have access to the secure play area where they will be able to do more free flow outdoor learning. The third change we would like to make is a partition and door in the upstairs Learning Support Bay, to make it more private, secure and easier to heat. All of these changes have been approved by the building inspector, but we now need to raise money to cover the costs.

The Parent Council will be meeting on Monday the 23rd to set in place their plans for the year ahead. It would be super to see some new faces and have lots of people coming along to contribute.

STAFFING

Our new staff this year have settled in well and we are delighted to have them. We have had a few absences so far but have been really lucky to have had supply teachers to cover the classes. We will have a new teacher in P5/6 next term as Mrs Swanney will be going on maternity leave. This post should be advertised quite soon, then we will go through the recruitment process.

If you have any questions, then please get in touch.

Kind Regards

Emma Jane Rendall

SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August

- 19th In-service day for staff
- 20th First day of school for children
- 28th Janitor First Aid Training Day
- 29th Janitor First Aid Training Day

September

- 6th Science Festival Week
- 9th Fairtrade Fortnight begins
- 17th Reading Schools visit with Vivienne French
- 23rd Parent Council Meeting
- 23rd Maths Week Scotland begins
- 26th P6 Outdoor Education
- 27th P6 Outdoor Education
- 30th P6 Outdoor Education

October

- 1st Parent Consultation appointments
- 2nd Parent Consultation appointments
- 11th Sharing Assembly
- 11th Last day of school
- 28th In-service day for staff
- 29th In-service day for staff
- 30th Children back

November

- 18th Book Week Scotland begins

December

- 2nd Advent activities begin
- 11th Nativity in Kirk N-P2 (tbc)
- 20th Class Christmas Parties
- 20th Last day of term

January

- 6th First day back for children and staff

