



Heriot News

9 June 2025



Sponsored walk

Despite the mixed weather we had on the day, our sponsored walk was a **HUGE** success. Lots of laps of the school were completed by staff and children and it was great that some nursery parents were able to join in too. We surprised the children with a giant inflatable assault course and bouncy castle which they loved. After their session walking, all classes had a session on both of the inflatables. There were lots of smiles, red sweaty faces and crazy dance moves. According to some it was the best day ever in school! Not only was it a fun day but we have already raised a lot of money. A lot of sponsor forms have already been returned and we cannot thank you enough for your (and your wider families and friends) generosity.

Tesco Stronger Starts vote

We are delighted to let you know that following the Tesco Stronger Starts vote in our local Tesco stores, our project came first and has been chosen to receive a grant award of £1,468.00! Thank you to everyone who voted for us. This money will be used to replace some of the reading books which have been lost/damaged over the last few years.

Uniform

When purchasing clothes for school next session we would ask that only items of uniform are purchased. We have always been proud of the standard of uniform worn within our school however we have noticed an increasing number of children not wearing appropriate clothing to school. I appreciate that badged items are more expensive and there is absolutely no requirement that these be worn. Plain polo shirts and jumpers are just as smart. Leggings, obviously branded clothing and brightly coloured trainers should not be worn. On gym days children should wear their uniform, not sports clothing, and can change when it is time for gym. A number of children are currently treating a gym day as a non-uniform day. Branded sports clothing and crop tops should not be worn. Younger pupils may choose to wear shorts under their uniform with a polo shirt to make it easier for them to change. Our thanks in advance for your support with this.

Health and Safety in Physical Education – Revised Code of Practice

Please note the following from Renfrewshire Council's revised code of practice for PE (April 2025) –

Pupils will be advised that they are responsible for wearing clothing and footwear suitable to the activity and shoelaces must be tied. Footwear with laces only halfway engaged and tongues flopping are clearly hazardous and must not be allowed.

Watches, rings, chains and belts with metal buckles and other body jewellery must all be removed before the physical education lesson. As these may cause injury to the wearer and others.

There is a growing trend for false/very long natural nails. During physical education, physical activity, this can constitute a hazard to both wearer and others. Nails for staff and children/young people need to be sufficiently short to prevent injury to self and others.

Children/Young people whose piercing cannot be removed or whose nails are not deemed to be a sufficient length will, where possible, be given a separate low risk activity to complete in activities where it is deemed a safety issue. It is preferred that parents are advised that any child having body jewellery piercing wait until the summer break to allow them time to heal. However, parents wishing children to wear body jewellery during physical education should write to the school expressing their request. Children will be expected to provide tape and cover any such items of jewellery during the activity. Pupils will be responsible for the safekeeping of jewellery.

Sports Day

Due to wet weather we were unable to go ahead with Sports Day last week. We're keeping our fingers crossed that we can go ahead tomorrow 11 June. At the moment the forecast is looking good. Nursery to P.3 races will start at 9.30am and P.4 - 7 at 1.30pm. We hope you are able to come and join us to cheer the children on.

Arrangements for next session

We are currently in the process of finalising our staffing allocation for next session and parents will be advised of their child's class and teacher as soon as we are able to. Children's progress and attainment in learning forms the basis of any decisions made regarding class allocation. Our staff have spent a considerable amount of time creating our classes for next session giving consideration, where appropriate, to factors other than attainment to best meet the needs of our children and I thank them for this. Parents are respectfully reminded that class formation is mainly based on individual pupils learning profiles and while we always try to ensure that children are placed with others they are friends with, we are unable to change classes for children to be with individual friends and such requests cannot be accommodated. In childhood friendship groupings regularly change and children are supported to form new friendships and extend their social circle.

Just a reminder that our playgrounds are not supervised until 8.45am. We ask that parents/carers do not enter the playground and drop off/collect their child at the gate of their choice. P.1 and P.2 parents can continue to enter the infant playground and ELCC parents to access the nursery.

Last day

A reminder that school closes on Friday 27 June at **1pm**.

Due to the early finish, most children will eat lunch at home on this day.

If your child requires a school lunch there will be a sandwich only option available.

Thanks

My sincere thanks to you all for your continued support of the school.

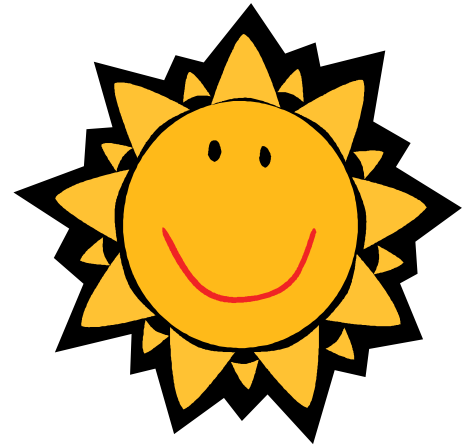
My thanks also to **all** our wonderful staff who work in the ELCC and school for their hard work and dedication to the job. Heriot wouldn't be the same without them.

Good Luck to our children heading off to Gleniffer and St. Andrews (we'll all miss you) and we'll look forward to seeing all the other children returning to us after the summer break.

We're also excited to welcome all our new P.1 pupils.

Have a lovely summer everyone, let's hope the sun shines!

See you all on Monday 18 August.



Hilary Paterson

Head teacher