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4 September 2025



Young Leaders of Learning

This year primary 6 pupils were invited to apply to participate in the Young Leaders of Learning programme. This programme was developed by Education Scotland to give children and young people a bigger say in their education and their schools. The programme strongly supports the work we have been doing around the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child as part of our Rights Respecting Schools journey.

The Young Leaders of Learning programme strives to ensure that children and young people are actively involved in on-going self-evaluation activities leading to improvement. This will involve:

- Taking part in reciprocal visits to another local school to identify what is working well, areas for improvement and effective practice.
- Promoting ways that children and young people can be involved in school improvement activities in their own school.

This year, our Young Leaders of Learning are:

Abbey Crilley	Ashmeet Kaur
Rae Fraser	Grace Gardner
Olivia Malik	Molly McKellar

Showtime!

On Tuesday 2 September we welcomed M&M Theatrical Productions back to Heriot Primary. They performed their production of Alice in Wonderland to P.1 - 7. The children, and staff, all thoroughly enjoyed this. We look forward to their next visit in January when they will be performing Beauty and the Beast.

Health

I would like to remind you of the NHS' guidance that children should not return to school or nursery until 48 hours after a bout of sickness or diarrhoea

(<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/diarrhoea-and-vomiting/>).

I would also like to draw your attention to the following advice from the NHS about checking your child's hair regularly for Head Lice. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

And also information about threadworms <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/>

Celebrating Success

Don't forget to remind your child to share any successes outside of school with us. We like to take their photo and then share their happy news with the rest of the school by showing their photo on the TV in the main foyer area. If children have a medal, trophy and/or certificate they may want to bring this in for their photo.

Heriot Parent Staff Group

The dates for our meetings this session are below. We usually meet on the first Monday of the month, within the school, from 6 - 7pm. We really need, and want, some more parents to join us to support the work of the school. We hope to see you at our next meeting.

6 October 2025
3 November 2025
2 February 2026

2 March 2026
11 May 2026



School Improvements

Over the summer break there were a lot of improvement works taking place within the school and ELC. The kitchen within the school was fully refurbished and new appliances installed to allow us to return to a cooking kitchen. This work is almost complete and we should be using this new facility very soon. We had a lot of work done to our heating system to ensure the school will be warm enough over the winter months. Further work to the system will be carried out next summer. Our GP room has now been fully painted and we have new flooring ordered. Once the flooring is installed, we will be able to use this room again. Finally, a small extension was built onto our ELC to provide a new changing area and disabled toilet. The playroom was also painted and a new storage cupboard created. We have purchased a number of new resources including new cloakroom benches, a secure outdoor storage unit, a cosy hideout along with a number of smaller items to enhance the ELC environment. We will continue to make improvements to ensure our learning environment is warm, welcoming and works for all of our children.

Free Money & Debt Advice - Advice Works

If you have benefits issues, are struggling with debt or are having difficulty managing your budget, Advice Works can provide advice. They offer free, confidential and independent advice on money and debt issues including budgeting, negotiating with creditors, and mortgage and rent arrears - as well as checking you are getting all the benefits you are entitled to. They can be contacted via telephone on 0300 300 1238.

Staff Car Park

Please remember that the school car park is for staff use only. For safety reasons children should not be in the car park at any time, even with a parent. Our car park is very small for the number of staff we have therefore we cannot accommodate extra cars even just for drop offs/collections.



Dates

Friday 26 September - Holiday
Monday 29 September - Holiday
Thursday 9 October - Parents' Evening
Monday 13 to Friday 17 October - Holiday week
Monday 20 October - Inservice day