



Chatelherault Primary Newsletter March 2023



Aiming high and working together we can achieve our potential in a happy, supportive and inclusive school.



World Book Day

The children enjoyed celebrating World Book Day at the beginning of March. A huge thank you to the parents and grandparents who were our Reading Volunteers by taking time to come into school and read stories to the children. The whole school took part in a 'Story Train' with classes visiting other teachers to listen to stories being read. The children loved speaking to their classmates about their favourite book. It was lovely to see so many children bringing in a quote from their favourite book or character.

Showcases of Learning

It has been wonderful to see so many parents attending the class showcases of learning. The children have really loved the opportunities to share their learning and welcome visitors into their classroom. If your child's class have not yet had their showcase please check the dates below.

Community Cafe

We welcomed our first visitor into our Community Café which takes place on Wednesdays in our school. Two girls from Room 14 had a lovely morning enjoying refreshments and playing a very competitive game of Scrabble. We look forward to welcoming other members of the local community into the café over the coming weeks.



Parents' Evening

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone into our school on Thursday 23rd of March for Parents' Evening. Everyone should have received an appointment time to come and visit your child's class teacher which will provide an update on your child's progress this session. In addition, you will have an opportunity to look at your child's work in their jotters. As we approach the final term, staff in the school begin to plan ahead to identify what our priorities should be for next session so we will be looking to gather the views and opinions of parents in order to plan ahead.

World Down Syndrome Day

This year World Down Syndrome Day is on Tuesday, 21st March 2023. March is picked to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day. The third month was explicitly picked to signify the uniqueness of the triplication of the 21st chromosome. This is what causes Down syndrome. The theme this year is 'With Us Not For Us' and focusses on a human rights approach for people with disabilities where people are free to make their own choices and have a voice in how they are supported.

On Tuesday 21st March, to raise awareness of Down Syndrome, we are asking the children and adults in Chatelherault Primary School to wear some socks that will get you noticed. They might be mismatched socks or your craziest and most colourful socks, whatever takes your fancy!

The idea is to start a conversation, so when people ask you about your socks you can tell them, "I'm wearing them to raise awareness of Down Syndrome".

We look forward to seeing everyone's socks and will be tweeting pictures for everyone to see.

Autism Awareness Week

Autism Acceptance Week takes place this year between Monday 27th March and Sunday 2nd April. The theme for 2023 is colour. Room 10 and Room 11 will be co-ordinating a selection of activities for the children to get involved in during this week to raise awareness about autism and investigate neurodiversity.

Spring

Although it may not seem it, with this week's flurry of snow and colder weather, Springtime is just around the corner and with that, the countdown to our Springtime celebrations. We will be hosting our annual Daffodil Tea which will take place on Friday 24th March with performances at 9.30am (doors open at 9.15am) and 11.15am (doors open at 11.00am). As always, guests will be treated to entertainment from each class, many of our supported classes will showcase their in-class springtime activities on screen. In addition, a cuppa and of course some of Mr O'Neill's pancakes will be available for refreshments. Tickets will cost £1 which includes a tea/coffee and cake/pancake. This is a very popular event, and we are therefore initially limiting tickets to 2 per family with ticket sales closing at 3pm on Fri 17th April. Any unsold tickets will then be available on a first come basis after 20th March when they will be added as a new item on ParentPay.

As you will be aware our visits within the local community are always very much appreciated by our neighbours in Silvertonhill. The children love spreading a little bit of cheer at Springtime; therefore, each class will be arranging a community walk that will take place 27th- 31st March. We would like to ask for donations of daffodils on Monday 27th March and the children will deliver these to residents in the local community. Over the last few years, the messages we have received from residents have shown how valuable these contributions are, and how much the gesture is appreciated.

Spring Raffle

We will be running a Spring themed raffle over the upcoming weeks. Tickets for the raffle will be available to purchase at the Daffodil Tea 9:15am & 11:15am showings.

Dates for Your Diary

DATE	TIME	EVENT/ACTIVITY
Tues 21 st Mar		Girls Football and Hockey Festival
Tues 21 st mar		Down Syndrome Day
Thurs 23 rd Mar	3.15 pm - onward	Parent/Carer Night
Fri 24 th Mar	9.15 am / 11.00 am	Daffodil Tea – All parents and carers invited
Mon 27 th Mar	9.30 am	Rm 4 Showcase of Learning – Parents invited
Wed 29 th Mar		Cross Country Final
Thu 30 th Mar	5.30 – 6.30pm P1-3 7.00 – 8.00pm P4-P7	Parent Council Event: Spring Disco
Fri 31 st Mar		Talent Show final
Fri 31 st Mar	2.30pm	School Closes for Spring Break
Mon 17 th Apr	9.00am	School Starts back
Tues 25 th Apr		Girls Football
Fri 28 th Apr		Jotters home to parents
Fri 28 th Apr	9.30 am	Rm 18 Showcase of Learning – Parents invited
Mon 1 st , Tues 2 nd May		Bank Holiday, Inservice Day – School Closed
Mon 8 th May		King's Coronation – School Closed
Tues 16 th May		Girls Football
Fri 19 th May		Jotters home to Parents
Tue 23 rd May	2.00 pm	Rm 3 Showcase of Learning – Parents invited
Wed 24 th May	9.30am	Rm 8 Showcase of Learning – Parents invited
Tues 6 th Jun		Sports Day 1 – Weather Dependent
Thurs 8 th Jun		Sports Day – Rearranged to this day if it cannot go ahead due to weather on Tues 6 th Jun
Mon 19 th Jun	9.30 am 11.00 am 2.00 pm	Celebrations of Achievement
Wed 21 st Jun	11.00 am 2.00 pm	P7 Leavers Assembly P7 Supported Classes Leavers Assembly
Tues 27 th Jun	1.00 pm	School closes for Summer Break