



East Plean Primary School and Nursery

March 2025

Rich learning opportunities

Learners across nursery and school have had a positive start to 2025. Every day is busy with learners making very good progress across core literacy and numeracy skills as well as developing a range of skills, abilities and knowledge across their interdisciplinary learning. We have been delighted to welcome families to share learning through assembly performances.

East Plean have welcomed/ will welcome a number of visitors to school to enrich and deepen learning this term:

- We have welcomed MSP Evelyn Tweedie to Primary 7 as part of the learning context.
- Mr Smith will bring the Wars of Independence to life in Primary 4 next week.
- Thank you too our reading volunteers who will help us celebrate World Book Day this week.
- Ms Currie, our Educational Psychologist, trained our Peer Mediators in January.
- Mr Shearer has been putting each class through their paces in PE this term.
- Primary 1 have enjoyed Kodaly music sessions with Ms Wyroslawska.
- Scottish Parliament Outreach Service will visit Primary 7.
- Inspiring Communities have provided an after school club for Primary 5 learners this term.

Learners have been out and about too:

- Primary 6 and 7 Cross Country Team represented East Plean very well at the Stirling Cross Country Event.
- Primary 6 enjoyed an excursion to Stirling Castle for their CSI Castles context, making great use of their bus passes to get there and back!
- Primary 5 enhanced their financial learning with an excursion to Museum on the Mound, Edinburgh.

There are many more excursions to come both this term and next. Please keep an eye on newsletters and your child's schoolbag! #powerofPlean

Mrs Donnelly (Headteacher)

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome Miss Johnstone, who joins our staff team until June 2025, as a Support for Learning Assistant. Miss Johnstone will be working across Primary 4 and 5 classrooms.

Pupil Progress Meetings

Thank you to all our parents/ carers who managed along to our Pupil Progress Meetings last week. We were delighted to meet almost all parents/ carers, with a 93% turn out. We hope parents/ carers found the meetings positive and were pleased to hear the progress their child(ren) has made this session.

Thank you, too, to parents/ carers who completed our school improvement questionnaire. We had a lot of positive feedback and a number of points to consider for next year's improvement journey. We would encourage any parent/ carer who is keen to be involved in shaping and improving our school and nursery community to come along to Parent Council, you will be made most welcome.

We have sound!

A huge thank you to West Fraser who donated funds to our Parent Council which we have used to purchase and install a sound system. Our Primary 4 class have already made very good use of the sound system when they shared their learning with families. We look forward to making good use of the system for assemblies, sharing learning and for our performance in May!



Musical Performance

Primary 4-7 will be "Dancing through the Decades (musical performance) in May. The dates for the performances are Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th May. More information will follow!

Health and Wellbeing

NHS Advice: Headlice

Head lice are very common in young children and their families. They are not caused by dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact. They can be difficult to spot in your hair.

The only way to be sure someone has head lice is by finding live lice.

You can do this by combing their hair with a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb).

Treat head lice as soon as you spot them. You can treat head lice without seeing a GP.

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice, once they have been treated.

Headlice can be removed by wet combing. You can get a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies. When you've finished combing the hair, comb through all the hair again for a second time. Do wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is free of lice on day 17.

Some treatments need to be repeated after a week to kill any newly hatched lice.

Pharmacies provide free treatment for headlice.

Spotlight on... East Plean Primary 7 Quiz Team



5 members of Primary 7 volunteered to take part in Stirling Rotary's Primary 7 Quiz which took place on Tuesday 4th March in Stirling High School. The evening event was well attended with 14 schools from across Stirling taking part.

Our young people conducted themselves respectfully throughout the event, committing to the quiz with enthusiasm, energy and perseverance. We are extremely proud of our young people. Having confidence and commitment to represent your community is an important part of growing and learning in East Plean. Our team members were very successful on the evening not just with their score but in the manner in which they conducted themselves. Well done, East Plean!

Dates for the diary:

Thursday 6th March Primary 6 Museum on the Mound Excursion, Edinburgh

Friday 7th March 11am – Primary 3 parents/ carers Sharing Learning Assembly

Thursday 13th March P7 Museum on the Mound Excursion, Edinburgh

Tuesday 18th March P4 Excursion to Stirling Castle

Wednesday 19th March Eco Visit by Eco Schools Education and Learning Coordinator- presentation of commendation award

Thursday 20th March East Plean Young Leaders of Learning host a visit from Bannockburn Primary School Young Leaders of Learning

March 21st March East Plean supports Red Nose Day

Friday 21st March 11am – Primary 1 and 2 parents/ carers Sharing Learning Assembly

Tuesday 1st April- P1 and 2 excursion to Five Sisters Zoo

Wednesday 2nd April- Primary 7 Adventure Day

Thursday 3rd April- end of term celebration in church- P6 leading

Friday 4th April- end of term for school- 3.15pm finish

School closed from Monday 7th April- Monday 21st April.

School reopens for term 4 on Tuesday 22nd April

Nursery closed Monday 14th April- Monday 21st April

Nursery reopens on Tuesday 22nd April

Thursday 1st May Primary 3 excursion (details will follow)

Thursday 1st May Parent Council Parties (more information to follow)

Friday 2nd May School and Nursery closed- Staff Training Day

Monday 5th May School and nursery closed- May holiday

Community Café Dates:

Our Baristas look forward to welcoming you to school to enjoy a cuppa and chat on the Wednesday mornings listed:

Wednesday 19th March 9.30am-10.30am

Wednesday 2nd April 9.30am-10.30am



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