

Toronto Primary School - June Update 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe we only have a few weeks left of this school session. As you know we have a busy time ahead with lots of exciting things planned right up to and including the last week of school!

Parent Council Meeting

Our next Parent Council Meeting is on Thursday 8th June at 6.30pm in Toronto Primary. We would encourage all parents to come along and find out how they can help support our school community.

M&M Productions Oliver Twist

Our P1-7 pupils enjoyed our recent pantomime performance of *Oliver Twist* in our school hall. Thank you to all parents/carers who paid £1 towards the cost of the show. Please can anyone who has still to make their payment do so before Friday 16th June. It is only with the support of our parents/carers that we can continue to offer this valuable experience for our pupils.

Speed Working

As you will be aware, our P7 pupils are hosting a 'Speed Working' careers event in our school hall on Wednesday 14th June. Our P7 pupils have invited a number of parents/carers and local businesses to speak about their career journey. We would like to remind anyone taking part to come to school from 1.45pm in preparation for a 2pm start. We would like to take this opportunity again to thank everyone who has given up their time to make this a worthwhile and memorable experience for our pupils.

School Show

We are all working hard to prepare for our school show, '*Toronto's Rockin' Radio*', which we will present to parents/carers on Thursday 15th June. Our show is packed full of wonderful songs and dances with more than a few laughs along the way! We would like to remind parents/carers that our shows will start promptly to allow us to fit in our fun packed performances! Doors will open at 8.50am for our morning performance and 1pm for our afternoon performance. We invite you take you a trip down memory lane before the show begins with a walk round our displays in our front entrance. If you haven't bought your tickets yet for our AM or PM performances and would still like to come along, please send letters with payment in an envelope to our school office asap. Our parent council will also be selling tea and coffee - please contact the chair of our parent council, Fiona Mitchell, if you are able to help with teas and coffees at any of the performances.

School Show DVDs

We are delighted to let you know that DVDs of our school show will be on sale at a cost of £5 each. Payment can be made via iPayimpact and no other information slip is required, e.g. if you make a payment of £10 in the DVD account we will order 2 DVDs for you. For parents/carers who are unable to pay online, order slips will be available and payment can be made to our school office. DVDs can be ordered from Tuesday 13th June.

Sports Day

We have just been informed that our school field should be ready for use very soon. As a result of this very good news, we aim to hold a Sports Day for P1-7 pupils on Tuesday 20th June (weather permitting). All parents/carers are welcome to attend! We had not been expecting our field to be ready this session so this exciting last minute news is very welcome as we know Sports Day is always a fun filled event for staff, parents/carers and pupils. Unfortunately, due to the late timing of our field being ready, if our sports day is unable to go ahead due to weather conditions on the 20th June we may be unable to reschedule another day where parents can attend. In this case we would hold a fun sports event for pupils in our hall. We all have our fingers crossed and look forward to an exciting day! More information will follow shortly.

P1 Induction

Children who will be starting Primary One in August have been enjoying their induction visits to school. They have been getting to know their teachers and enjoying some fun classroom activities. Thank you to all pre-school parents/carers who attended our recent information session in school. We are looking forward to seeing you all again on Wed 7th and Wed 14th June at 1:30pm. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact our school office. We look forward to welcoming all our new primary one pupils and their families to school after the holidays!

Party Animal Encounters

As a special end of term treat we have organised for our pupils to get the opportunity to get up and close with some of the amazing animals from Party Animal Encounters. On Thursday 29th June, pupils will learn about some animals as well as interact with them and learn about conservation. We are all looking forward to this fantastic opportunity!

Advice regarding use of Live.ly and Musical.ly streaming apps

Following on from a number of incidents involving children from across the UK, we would like to raise awareness of the above apps and share the following information with parents/carers:

1. The terms and conditions state all users must be **at least 13 years of age**.
2. Users may be exposed to adult content such as swearing and graphic content.
3. Live streaming is not fully private even when privacy settings are set to on.
4. Users are able to search for other users close to their location.

For further information about potential risks to children please visit the following pages:

<https://thecybersafetylady.com.au/2016/03/musical-ly-not-for-kids/>

<https://protectyoungeyes.com/content/live-ly/>

School Uniform

Just a reminder that school uniforms are now available to order online from Border Embroideries. Just scroll down for our school logo and follow the steps from there.

<http://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/>

If you have any queries about ordering school uniform please contact our school office where someone will be happy to help you.

P5 Lowport Outdoor Challenges

This term, Mrs Steel's Primary 5 pupils have enjoyed a four week block of outdoor learning experiences delivered by a member of staff from Lowport Centre. Pupils have engaged in two sessions of outdoor/active maths activities and two sessions of outdoor/active literacy activities. Mrs Steel and her pupils agree that this has been a very valuable and worthwhile experience for all.

School Excursions

A number of our classes have enjoyed educational excursions this term. P1 enjoyed their visit to Dynamic Earth, P5 had an amazing experience at Sky Academy and our Nursey pupils had a fabulous day at Blair Drummond Safari Park. P4 pupils enjoyed their swimming sessions at Inveralmond Community High School and not forgetting our P7s who had a fabulous fun filled week at Belmont Camp with Mrs Simpson and Miss Wallace. P2 and P3/2 are excited about their trip to Beecraigs Country Park in a couple of weeks. Our P3 and P4/3 classes are looking forward to their trip to the Five Sisters Zoo and our P6/5 and P6 classes are looking forward to their trip to Hopetoun House.

Lowport

It won't be long until our P5 pupils head off to Lowport Centre for their residential experience. Further information and medical forms will be issued shortly.

After School Clubs

As you will be aware, we have offered a range of after school clubs for our pupils this term.

On Mondays we have offered a Multi-Sports club for P4-7 pupils run by coaches from Active Schools and Mrs Colville has also been running a Board Games club for P3 and P4 pupils.

On Tuesdays we have offered a gardening club for P3 and P4 pupils run by Ms Elder and Ms Muir. Mr Graham has been running a Basketball club for P5-7 pupils and Mrs Sampson, Miss Wallace, Miss Galloway and Miss Hughes have been running arts and crafts clubs for P1-3 pupils. **(A reminder that the P1 Arts and Crafts club with Miss Hughes and Miss Galloway has now finished).**

On Wednesdays we have been running a Multi-Sports club for P1-3 pupils run by coaches from Active Schools. We have had an excellent response to our after school clubs and hope to offer more after school opportunities next session.

Before School Clubs

We are also currently offering a Multi-Sports club for P1-3 pupils on Tuesday mornings from 8am-8.45am and a Dance Fitness club for P4-7 pupils on a Friday morning from 8am-8.45am. Pupils who attend these clubs also get their breakfast before the school day begins. If you would like your child to attend one of these clubs please let our school office know and their name can be added to our register (numbers permitting).

Lunchtime Club

Some of our P5-7 pupils have enjoyed attending Mr Sludden's chess club during Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes this term.

Breakfast Club

Just a reminder that all P1-P7 pupils are welcome to attend our Breakfast Club on any morning from 8am-8.30am. Breakfast choices include toast, cereal, yoghurt, fruit, milk and fruit juice.

There is no charge for your child to attend Breakfast Club - please make the most of this wonderful free resource offered by West Lothian Council.

P7 Leavers' Events

As you know, as part of their enterprise activities, Mr Graham and our P7 pupils worked extremely hard to organise our recent fun day for P1-7 pupils. We are delighted to inform you that they raised nearly £330 on the day. We would like to thank all our parents/carers for supporting our event. All monies raised will be added to the fund that our P7s have raised throughout the year to pay for their P7 leavers' events.

Leavers' Assembly

On Thursday 22nd June at 2pm our P7 pupils will present their leavers' assembly to their parents/carers. To let us to know how many guests to expect, an invite will be sent out to P7 parents/carers very shortly.

Dine and Disco

On Thursday 22nd June at 6pm P7 pupils have organised a Dine and Disco event which will be held in school. P7 pupils have tasted some of the delights cooked up by our very own lovely dinner ladies and have decided which foods they would like for their meal that evening. P7 pupils will also have their very own fun day in school. With the money they have raised throughout the year, they have organised for inflatables to be brought into school on Monday 26th June (date to be confirmed). They are looking forward to bouncing, sliding and jumping about as they celebrate their last week in primary school.

Sexual Health and Relationships

We follow West Lothian's progression framework to plan age and stage appropriate Sexual Health and Relationship lessons for our pupils. These lessons will be delivered to pupils starting week beginning 12th June. If you would like to discuss lesson content/view resources please contact our school office.

Staff

Miss Hughes

It is time to wish Miss Hughes a fond farewell as her maternity leave is about to begin. Miss Hughes' last day in school this session will be Friday 9th June. Ms Muir is looking forward to working with Miss Hughes' class until the end of this school term. We wish Miss Hughes all the best as she prepares for her new little bundle of joy - our staff and pupils hope to meet him very soon!

Kind Regards,
Mrs Collins