



Paradykes Post



17.11.23

Dear Families,

Well, it's been another busy fortnight in school!

What's been going on?!

Last week, P5 - P7 all took part in First Aid Training - thank you so much to Lyndsay Robertson, one of our wonderful mums. They have since been teaching each other about burns, bleeds and breaks.

We also had two High School pupils with us on work experience. It was so lovely to welcome back Conor and Evie - they did a great job of supporting children and their learning, and it was a delight to see what super young people they have turned out to be.

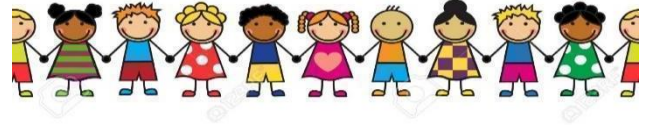
This week, P5 - P7 have all taken part in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Escape Room, led by Donna Hanley, Midlothian's STEM coordinator. They had great fun taking part in all of the activities. Donna has also been working with some of our other classes to develop their STEM skills.

P7 visited Lasswade High School to take part in learning led by the Modern Languages Department. The children were praised for their immaculate behaviour - we are so proud of them! P5 and P6 had their Movie Night on Tuesday. They walked down the red carpet and had their photos taken before going to the 'cinema' of their choice. Thank you so much to the Parent Council for helping to supervise and for handing out refreshments. We couldn't do it without you!



Parent Consultations

Thank you so much to everyone who came along to their child's Parent Consultation. It is always so nice to see everyone and to catch up! We had a great turnout, thank you.



Staffing News

Miss Pache, who covers P3 on a Friday as well as other classes for Non Class Contact Time, will be leaving us from this week. We would like to thank Miss Pache for all she has done for the school, particularly P3b, over the course of the last 11 weeks. Ms Saddler will be covering her role for the next two weeks, and then Mrs Addie will take on the role for the remainder of the session. We wish Miss Pache all the best for her future.

Building Updates

As you know, we had a major leak in the dining room earlier in the week. Fortunately, this dried up quickly and engineers have since been investigating and working on the roof. Fingers crossed it won't happen again!

P7 Benmore Information Evening

We will be holding an information session for P7 parents/carers about our residential trip to Benmore on Tuesday 5th December at 6:30pm in the main hall. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. If you can't make it, please don't worry - we will make sure you receive a copy of the presentation. Thank you.

World Diabetes Day

Thank you to all the families who supported us in raising awareness of Type 1 Diabetes by wearing blue on Tuesday 14th of November. We watched this video in assembly to help us understand a little about what life with diabetes is like.

<https://youtu.be/pOHpnnF3mlw?feature=shared>

Thank you to Kayla in P5/6 and her mum Kerry for encouraging us to take part in raising awareness! If you would like to support them with their personal fundraising for the Junior Diabetes Research Foundation, the link to their Just Giving page can be found here

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/kerry1693978914756?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=kerry1693978914756&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=f6008950d1e64b50b841839db643a303

Smart Watches

Smart watches are becoming increasingly popular in school. However, please can I ask for your support in discouraging your child from wearing one to school. We totally understand the appeal, and the value, of such watches, but they can also be used to record voices, to make calls etc. and are proving to be a distraction in the classroom. Thank you so much.



Achievement Assembly

Please continue to share your child's achievements with us. We love seeing their proud faces in

assembly!! Here is the link to the last video!

<https://youtu.be/F3dUWloNpo8?feature=shared>

Christmas Enterprise/Christmas Craft

We would love to invite you in to school on Friday 1st December at 9am to work with your child in producing a masterpiece, either to sell at our Christmas Fair or just for fun! A letter will be coming out nearer the time with more information. The day will also be a dress down/up day with donations for the Christmas Fair tombola being accepted instead of a monetary donation.



Nursery Stay & Play

The nursery will also be holding a stay and play on the 1st of December too. More information to follow in their newsletter.



Christmas Fair

Thank you so much to our Parent Council who are doing a wonderful job of organising our up and coming school Christmas Fair. Please see the attached flyer for more information.



Christmas Jumper Swap

Please have a rake around at the back of your children's wardrobes for Christmas jumpers that may be too small for them now! Our Parent Council are organising a Christmas Jumper Swap! Christmas Jumpers can be handed in to school up until Fri 24th

Nov, in advance of the Christmas Jumper Swap on Sat 25th. Thank you!

Raising Awareness for Cancer

Heather in the office has been taking part in the Stand Up to Cancer Challenge, doing 100 squats a day in order to raise money for Cancer Research. To celebrate the end of her challenge, we would like to raise awareness of cancer by wearing pink on Thursday 30th November.

Christmas Party Dates

And finally! Our Christmas Party Dates!

P1 - Thursday 21st December - morning

P2 - Tuesday 19th December - afternoon

P3 - Tuesday 19th December - morning

P4 - Thursday 14th December - afternoon

P5 - Wednesday 20th December - afternoon

P6 - Thursday 21st December - afternoon

P7 - Monday 18th December - afternoon

I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,

Helen Reed

Headteacher



School dates for your diary

- 30.11.23 Parent Council Meeting - 7pm - via Zoom
- 01.12.23 Christmas Enterprise Day
- 01.12.23 Nursery Stay and Play
- 06.12.23 Christmas Lunch
- 08.12.23 Christmas Fair
- 13.12.23 Nativity Performances - 9:15am and 2:15 pm
- 15.12.23 Family Movie Afternoon
- 22.12.23 End of Term
- 08.01.24 Inservice Day 4 for staff
- 09.01.24 All resume
- 22-26.01.24 P7 Residential Trip
- 06.02.24 Parent Council Meeting - 7pm - via Zoom
- 09.02.24 Mid term Break
- 19.02.24 All resume
- 15.03.23 Profiles out
- 28.03.24 End of Term
- 16.04.24 All resume
- 06.05.24 May Day holiday
- 20.05.24 Inservice Day 5 for staff
- 28.05.24 Sports Day
- 04.06.24 Parent Consultations 4:30 - 8pm
- 06.06.24 Parent Consultations 3:30 - 5pm
- 07.06.24 Summer Fair
- 12.06.24 - 14.06.24 P7 transition visits to High School
- 20.06.24 P7 Leavers' Show (afternoon)
- 28.06.24 End of Term