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Newsletter

May 2018

Dear Parents / Carers,

A big thank you to everyone who came along to support our 'Sprummer Fayre' on Saturday. We could not have asked for a better day! It was great to see so many people from our school community and the local community spending time together and enjoying the sunshine. I would like to thank the Parent Council, parent helpers and staff for their hard work in making the fayre such a great success. We raised £2055 which will go towards the play equipment for our playground. Well done everyone!

This term many of our classes will be going on visits linked to their Social Studies topics. On Tuesday of this week Primary 6 will be visiting Deans Community High School as they begin their transition programme. This week classes from Primary 1 - Primary 6 will be visiting the new Nu Moves studio in Deans to take part in dance sessions. And later this month we will also welcome our new Primary 1 pupils into school for their afternoon visits.

As part of our in-service day last week all our staff were working alongside Mike Harvey from Lowport Outdoor Centre on outdoor learning activities. We hope that all classes will benefit from spending more time outside in our playground and in the local area.

As you know I will be going on maternity leave from the end of June. Mrs Frances Stewart, currently DHT at Eastertoun Primary in Armadale will be taking over from August. Mrs Stewart will be in school over the next few weeks meeting the pupils and staff.

Mrs Russell (HT Meldrum Primary School and Deans North Nursery)

LITERACY

In the upper school several new approaches have been introduced to develop our pupils' literacy skills. Pupils in Primary 4-7 have been writing every day this term. Sometimes we only write for 10 minutes but these extra opportunities to practise key skills or to develop self-expression have led to significant improvements in the standard of writing in class and a much more positive attitude to settling to written tasks. Pupils have been engaging in peer assessment of daily writing, learning to give appropriate feedback to each other, which is increasing the sense of ownership towards their writing tasks. Since the Easter holidays Primary 7 have been learning a new script and this has led to almost all children feeling more positive about their handwriting and having a beautiful mature style to take with them to High School. Primary 5 are now experimenting with the use of guided meditation to express themselves in their writing, improving their use of adjectives and descriptive phrases, as well as their sense of wellbeing.

In modern languages, Primary 5 have been improving their Spanish vocabulary with the daily use of simple vocabulary such as days of the week, months, body parts, numbers, greetings and classroom instructions. These skills will be put to the test with some volunteers leading small group Spanish activities for P7.

COMMUNICATION WITH SCHOOL

Please use your child's school diary to communicate with the class teacher. This could be a change to end of day arrangements, a query regarding homework or a quick note to let the teacher know your child isn't feeling well. Tell your child there is a note in their diary so he/she knows to show it to their teacher.

All **urgent** communication from the school will be sent by text via Groupcall.

All **non-urgent** communication will either be put in your child's diary or sent by email via Groupcall.

Please ensure you update the school office with changes to your emergency contact details and your email address.

EDINBURGH FRINGE ART COMPETITION

Congratulations to Natalie (P5) who is the regional winner for the Lothians. Natalie's drawing is on display in our school reception along with some of the other entries.

Well Done
Natalie!



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Uniform can be ordered online by using the following link:

www.border-embroideries.co.uk/schools/meldrum-primary-school.html

Orders placed online are delivered direct to your home within 14 days of placing your order. This includes during the summer holiday period.

Alternatively order forms can be collected from the school office. Orders placed through the school must be handed into the school office by **Friday 1st June**. All orders received after this date will not be processed until August.

Please note we only hold a small stock of polo-shirts and sweatshirts at school. Meldrum ties are available at the school office priced at £3 each.

RESIDENTIAL PAYMENTS

Dalguise - If your child is currently in Primary 6 and has paid their deposit for Dalguise, please ensure you are making regular payments to their online account. We have regular invoices we must pay to PGL and in order to pay these we need parents to be making regular payments to us.

The final balance must be paid in full by Friday 22nd June 2018.

HEADLICE

Please check your child's head regularly for headlice. This is an issue all schools have all year round. By checking regularly and treating when found you can help reduce the spread of headlice in our school. If you are unsure of how to treat headlice please visit your local pharmacy and speak to staff who will be able to advise you.



DIARY DATES

MAY

15 th	Primary 6 visit to DCHS.
17 th	Primary 1 - Primary 6 visits to Nu Moves Dance Studios.
21 st	School Holiday.
22 nd	All pupils resume.
24 th	Primary 6 visit to Dynamic Earth
25 th	Primary 1/2 Assembly at 9.15am - All parents welcome.
28 th	Primary 4 away to Lowport.
29 th	Parent Council Meeting 6pm.
30 th	Primary 2/3 visit to Jupiter Artland. Primary 4 home from Lowport.

JUNE

4 th	Primary 7 Transition Week at DCHS.
12 th	NSPCC in school.
14 th	Primary 4 visit to Botanic Gardens, Edinburgh.
19 th	Primary 4 visit to National Art Gallery, Edinburgh.
20 th	Sports Day (AM) - weather permitting.
27 th	Sports Day (if 20 th June is cancelled) - weather permitting.
28 th	Primary 7 Leavers Assembly (PM). Primary 7 Leavers Event (Evening).
29 th	Last day of term - school closes at 12.30pm