

St John's RC Primary School

Newsletter for Friday 10th March 2017



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Dear Parents,



Lent is a time where the pupils and staff are focussing on social justice in the world and this Lent we are supporting SCIAF, through the "Wee Box appeal", and each class will be raising funds through the events sent home in a separate flyer, by Mrs Kelly, This week is the Fairtrade Tuck Shop and next week on Friday 17th March is "Green Day" (St Patrick's Day)

At the front entrance, at the main entrance to the school, we have our Lenten display and Generosity Tree. Pupils can bring in 20p to purchase a leaf for the tree. This shows what it means to be part of a Catholic School Community during the Easter Season.

Classes will also attend Lenten masses at either St John's or St Mary Magdalene's – please let the office know if you are able to support with the walk up/down to mass. P5 and P6 have already chosen dates in the last week of term. We will let you know nearer the time

Staffing

Ms Acosta leaves us on Friday 17th March. She has been a very dedicated member of our Staff team. Ms Acosta will be heading off travelling to Cuba and then spending time at home in Spain. We wish her the very best of luck and hope to see her back in Bonnie Scotland very soon.



World Book Day and related events

The whole school benefited from the P2 and P3 pupils sharing their creativity with the shoe boxes about their favourite book, at last week's assembly. Hoping to see many more entries which will be on display in a central area, until the Easter Holidays. We will be delighted to hear more from some of our other pupils this Friday. Thanks to Mrs Kelly for organising this activity and for her hard work.



Fairtrade Tuckshop

Mr Burgess had a very difficult job replenishing the stock this week. Thanks to all who are supporting this venture. The queues are growing.



Consultation Times

Bookings will close on ParentMail on Wednesday 15th March. Mrs Boyle will be very happy to help you if you cannot access this or have requested a manual appointment. Please contact the school directly.

I will send out a separate flyer with important points to remember. Most importantly to bring your children along to the meetings.

Dates are Wednesday 22nd March 4pm-7pm and Friday 24th March 1-3pm

Children's Parliament Showcase

6 P6 pupils had an exciting time at the City Chambers this week as part of the Children's Parliament Project.

The event hosted by Cllr Cammy Day, Education, Children and Families Convener, Edinburgh City Council in the Main Council Chamber.

An outline below of what happened on the day

10:55am Welcome and briefing from Cathy McCulloch, Co-Director, Children's Parliament

11:00am Interactive workshop with adults and children.

11:30 am Children's Parliament Investigates Bullying short film.

11:40 am Councillor Cammy Day on behalf of Edinburgh City Council (Potential input from Director of Education)

11:55/12:00pm Close of Event. Cathy McCulloch, thanks and reflections.

Pupils involved are Nicholas Carr, Rehan Arif, Imran Zaffar, Mia Morrison and Toby Dunsford. The children are a real credit to themselves and St John's. Very Well Done!

Partnership Schools

The steering group will be available to share their work so far during the Consultation sessions.

Achievements.....



Bradley Mc Callum P1 won his first medal at Tai Boxing. Well done, Bradley!

Lucas Martin played as part of the Edinburgh Select Team on Tuesday this week, at Tory Glen. Lucas is hoping to pursue his footballing talents like his brother Patrick, who is now playing as a goalkeeper for Hibs Under 21s. Talented family.



Road Safety and Parking

As a school you know we always seek your support with regards to road safety and parking outside the school grounds and surrounding area. It is of paramount importance to us.

You will also know that a 20mph restriction is now in place in many parts of Edinburgh, but particularly in the Portobello area. Please, remember this around the surrounding streets of our school. Thank you

Parent Council News- Next meeting- Tuesday 28th March at 6.30pm – Please come along



Sacramental Preparation

There is a celebration of First Reconciliation for pupils and parents in P3 next Monday evening, March 13th at 7pm in the St. John's Church.

Please remember these children as they take the next step on their spiritual journey.

Sunday 19th March - P4 Mass at St John's - 9.30am

Sunday 19th March - P3 Mass at St Mary Magdalene's - 11.15am



Lost Property

All lost property is located just behind the door, the entrance for P4-6. Parents/Carers can come into the school office and request to look through this at any time. It would greatly assist the school team in identifying clothing if it was labelled – a quick scribble of name and class with a permanent marker is all it takes. Please support us with this.



March Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all who celebrate their birthdays in March.



Cross Country

Well done to runners across P6 & 7 who recently competed in this Edinburgh event at the Meadows – all returned full of energy! The finals are on Mon 20th March and we wish every success to all of our pupils who will represent St John's in the finals. Robyn, Natasha and Harry were all placed in the top 20. Very Well Done!!



Swimming Gala

A group of P7 pupils tried out for the swimming gala finals – the successful swimmers will compete at the Royal Commonwealth pool on March 29th – well done to them all for trying out and good luck to the finalist at the competition.



Portobello High School Demolition

Our P5 pupils had a very exciting morning on the building site. The Edinburgh Evening News has published an article, complete with photographs of the first group of 10 pupils in P5 and Mrs Kelly - all in hard hats and Hi Vis vests! Brilliant questions were asked by all 3 groups. Well done, boys and girls! I hope once the demolition is over and we start the build there will be other opportunities for the pupils to get involved. We will have a new contractor on site from the end of April who will be responsible for building the new school and I have already asked them to start thinking of ways they might involve the pupils throughout the next year or so.

The Architect, Clara, and the Landscape designers for the playground, will also be in contact with the " Play in a Pod " steering group of parents and staff (and the pupils) to confirm their plans and take on board their views. So much to look forward to....



An early reminder to save the dates: The Easter Holiday will commence on Fri 31st March. We all return on Tuesday 18th April at 8.50am

Ms Barbara A Service

Headteacher

