

# Edinburgh Marathon Festival 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> May 2017

## MAY NEWSLETTER

With just over three weeks to go until the Edinburgh Marathon Festival (EMF), we wanted to update you on how things are going.

### THE RUNNERS

There are an amazing **94 pupils** signed up to run and every year group from Nursery through to P7 is represented. With four Junior Races this year, as well as our fantastic parents and teachers running in the 5 adult races, Broughton Primary School has over 100 runners taking part. How brilliant is Team BPS?!

We'll certainly be well represented across the whole race weekend and living up to our 'Super Active Schools' status awarded to us by the EMF organisers following our fantastic success in 2016. As we head into the 2017 event, we're pretty sure we'll be the biggest school group taking part.

### TRAINING

The children have been training hard and for the past few weeks, we have held Sunday morning fun runs at Pilrig Park. We've had 30+ children run together every week (with a few parents too!) and have had lots of fun. Thanks to everyone who has come along to make these such great sessions. Team BPS is **definitely** race-fit and we can't wait to pull on our trainers and school t-shirts on race day.

Our story has been picked up by our lovely local free paper the Spurtle too. They'll post the story closer to Race Day. Keep an eye on <http://www.broughtonspurtle.org.uk/news> to be sure not to miss it. Don't worry if you do, as we'll post a link to the story on the Facebook Broughton Parent page and Twitter.

We've also been posting video clips and photos from our training sessions on Twitter  @bpsrunners. So if you tweet, please follow us!

### FUNDRAISING

You don't have to be a runner to help with the fundraising. We've raised £967.00 (with gift aid) so far, but we've still got some way to go to reach our target of £2500. All money raised will go towards buying new resources for every class to revamp 'Golden Time', an important part of the school week. We'll also continue to support our 'culture fund' which all classes receive. So if your child has been on a school trip in the last few months, then it's likely that the culture fund helped make this possible. It's been so popular with everyone that we want to continue the fund. Please help by sharing our fundraising page with family, friends, workmates and ask them to share it too!

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/BPSrunners>

We know some of you prefer using sponsorship forms and raising money the good old fashioned way too. Contact us at [bpsrunners@gmail.com](mailto:bpsrunners@gmail.com) and we can arrange collection.

## **GOOD LUCK BPS RUNNERS**

We have been lucky enough to receive some good luck messages. We'll be compiling a short video and hope to share this at assembly the week before race day. There are some surprises in there which we hope will make everyone feel proud and motivated.

## **RACE DAY**

Finally, don't worry if you're not running. You can still be part of the EMF weekend by coming along to support your classmates in their races. We'll all be in Broughton Primary School t-shirts, making us easy to spot and cheer us on.

A special thank you to Mr Horan from P5b. He is representing the teachers and will be running in the 10k race at 9am on Saturday 27th. Please come and support him too.

**Date: Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2017**

**Venue: Holyrood Park, Edinburgh**

**Times: There are FOUR junior races this year.**

**11.45am Junior 5K (11 years and over)**

**1.00pm Kids' Kilometre (3-6 years)**

**1.45pm Junior 1.5K (6-8 years)**

**2.30pm Junior 2K (9-12 years)**

**I hope you all join us in saying a huge thank you to all the runners. They are all giving up their spare time to train and take part in the races and raise funds for our school.**

# **Go Team BPS!**