

Monday, 18th February 2019

I hope everyone had a good holiday. We're all looking forward to the term ahead which will take us to Friday, 5th April. Please note some of the dates coming up in the weeks ahead, more information later. Our computer refresh takes place on the 28th of February. P6s will be going to Drummond High School on the 13th of March for a breakfast. P7s will present their show on the 3rd of April. Parent consultations will take place on the evening of Wednesday, 27th March and the afternoon of Friday, 29th March. This year we are moving to an online booking system. This has been trialled very successfully in other schools and allows parents/carers to select their own appointment times.

This week we welcome our new P4B class teacher, Ms Sophie McAndrew to our permanent staff and Ms Blanca Rodriguez as a new Pupil Support Assistant. We hope you enjoy being part of our team.

Building work continued over the holidays across the school and in the P4B classroom. P4B are working in room 2 whilst their classroom is refurbished.

Children thoroughly enjoyed loose parts play during our Global Play Day we held before the holiday week. Thanks to Miss Wilson for organising this. You can see photos on our Twitter account which is also accessible through the school website.

Thanks to everyone who came along to our drop in sessions on the Friday morning before the holiday and a special thanks to everyone who helped at the PSA's international café. The queues suggested this was a very popular event. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to come into school.

Our Pupil Council have launched their new 'Craze of the Week' playground initiative. They were keen to offer a range of different activities for the children to try during breaks. Each week there will be a new 'craze' organised in the playground by the Pupil Council members on their assigned days and times. There are 5 different 'crazes' on the rota, decided by the Pupil Council. They are: Fidget Toys; Hopscotch Games; Chalk Pictures; Hula Hoop Games; Quiet Reading.

We have applied to Leith Chooses to fund a project to improve our outdoor environments where we will grow colourful crops such as peas, sweetcorn and sunflowers. The funding would be used to purchase gardening and cooking equipment, materials and storage to make this possible. This project will involve our families and community members to help with planting food which we can then harvest, cook and learn about. The important voting stage of the process takes place on Saturday 23rd February. Come along to the Leith Community Centre, 42 New Kirkgate, Leith, EH6 6AD and vote in person between 12pm-3pm. Please vote for our project and spread the word to encourage friends, family, neighbours and work colleagues to vote too. Thank you for your help with this.

Stewart Crabb, Seconded Head Teacher

