



## March Newsletter

Welcome to our March newsletter.

It has been another busy month in Scotstoun Primary School and a busy end to Term 3! There has been lots going on in the school and I hope this newsletter gives you a flavour of that. I hope you and your families have a refreshing and relaxing Spring holiday when it comes and we look forward to the new Summer term and all the fun and learning that comes with it.

Best wishes,

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Headteacher

### Change of Date

The May in-service day was arranged to take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May to coincide with a possible General Election. However, the date has now passed for the election to be called on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May. As a result, it seems sensible to move the in-service day to **Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May** so that schools aren't closed to pupils on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>, open on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> and then closed for the holiday on Monday 6<sup>th</sup>. I hope this does not cause too much inconvenience.

### 500 Words Success

Spencer from Primary 7 won the silver award in the age 8-11 age group of the BBC 500 Words competition. His entry "The Scottish Gangsta" made judges and fellow pupils laugh. Spencer visited Buckingham Palace to hear the winners announced and also appeared on the One Show. For World Book Day, his classmates dressed as the characters from his story bringing it to life. We are so proud of Spencer and delighted for his success. Well done!



### Parents' meetings

The term's parents' meetings were well attended as usual with almost all parents and carers attending the sessions. If you did not manage to attend, a follow up phone call will be arranged for you to allow you to speak to your child's teacher about their progress.

### Bake sale

Thank you to everyone who donated home baking to our bake sale to raise money for Comic Relief. We raised a fantastic £276. Thanks as well to our Pupil Council and P7 helpers for organising and selling the cakes.

### Play together on pedals

This is a free 6 programme for all Primary 2 children aimed at getting everyone cycling or if children can cycle already, improve their skills and confidence. The organisers provide instructors and bikes



so that everyone can take part. This programme has seen children learn how to cycle in a really short period and they have been having great fun!!

### **Car free zone**

Please remember that the car free zone is still in operation during the hours of 8.15 – 9.00am and 2.30pm until 3.15pm. However, cars displaying a permit are allowed to drive through the area during these hours. Parents should not approach or stop cars. It is still an issue in some cases and has been more noticeable when we have had bad weather. We are looking to work further with our community link police on these ongoing issues. Please ensure that anyone else who is collecting your child knows about this zone and the times and restrictions in place.

### **Health and Safety**

Head Lice - it is important to regularly wet comb hair to remove head lice and nits. Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing.

You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits. There may be instructions on the pack, but usually you:

- wash hair with ordinary shampoo
- apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do)
- comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends

It usually takes about 10 minutes to comb short hair, and 20 to 30 minutes for long, frizzy or curly hair. Regularly checking and combing will prevent cases of headlice and nits and reduce spread in school.

### **Scotstoun stars**

The Scotstoun Stars took to the stage at Knightswood Secondary School last week to perform their hip-hop routine as part of the City of Dance heats run by the Active School's team. The Stars, made up from girls from P4-P7, performed so well impressing both the audience and their families. The girls, led by the P7s and coached by Jo our Active School's co-ordinator, practiced so hard at lunch time and break times to perfect their routine. We aren't sure if we have made it to the finals in June yet – fingers crossed!

### **Scots Verse**

We carried out our Scots Verse competition for P4 – P7 this term. The standard was so high and Mrs Rogers, who returned as a judge, and myself were extremely impressed by the performers' poise and polish as they performed. Well done to Abbie in P7a for her fantastic performance which gained her the title.



## **World Book Day**

Well done to everyone who participated in our World Book Day with our theme of dressing as a word. The creativity and imagination of the children and staff was amazing – in fact I think we had a few people dressed as creativity

## **In case you missed it**

- Primary 7 Pupil council representative attended the Glasgow Young Person’s Forum.
- Primaries 3/2, 4a, 4b and 5a visited Whiteinch Library.
- A number of classes went on trips linked to what they had been learning in class:
  - Primary 1 had a fantastic time at the Sea Life Centre as part of their Under the Sea topic.
  - As part of their Farm to Fork topic, Primary 2 visited a farm.
  - A visit to Stirling Castle helped Primary 3 learn more about the castles they have been looking at in school.
  - Primary 6 have been learning about the Scottish Wars of Independence and enjoyed a trip to Bannockburn.
- A team of girls represented the school very well at the recent North West Active Schools netball festival. Well done to Iona, Kate, Grace D, Madison, Vicky, Tessa, Sara and Aiza for reaching the next round.
- Primary 7 took part in a Wheels Trust workshop with a focus on Easter.

## **Easter events –**

- On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March, we are planning a giant House themed Easter Egg hunt. Children will work in their house teams with P7 leaders to find Easter Eggs hidden all over the school grounds.
- Children from P1-P3 can make an Easter Bonnet at home to wear to school on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March. They will take part in a parade around the school to allow everyone to see their creations.

## **Dates for your Diary**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
15.4.24	School re-opens
	Block 4 swimming for Primary 7
17.4.24	EID celebrations
02.05.24	Inservice Day
03.05.24	Class Newsletter issued
07.05.24	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
09.05.24	Primary 3a to library