



End of Term Newsletter

Welcome to the final newsletter for the session. It has been a more settled year with school life feeling more like normal and it has been lovely to open the school up to families and visitors on a more regular basis. Thank you to all members of our school community for their ongoing support over the past school session - we have very much appreciated it. I hope you all have a relaxing and safe summer holiday and that the sun shines for us all!

With best wishes,

Emma McGill

Headteacher

Hello and goodbye

Goodbye and good luck to our 66 P7 children who are leaving us at the end of this term to move on to your new secondary schools. You have been a fantastic group who have led by example and had a very successful final year at Scotstoun Primary. We will miss you and your families who have been a real part of the Scotstoun community. We wish you all the very best as you move on and hope you keep in touch to let us know how you are doing.

Hello to our new P1 children and their families and welcome to Scotstoun. 68 children are joining our school in August which we are very much looking forward to. They, and their families, have visited our school twice and have taken it all in their stride.

We have several staff leaving us this session and new members joining us. Mrs Rogers and Mr Stewart retire after more years that they care to remember in teaching. We wish them well in their retirement and thank them for their contribution to the school over the years.

Miss Madan, Mrs Welch and Miss Palmer will be leaving us in June and we thank them for their hard work and commitment this year. We look forward to hearing about their continued successes. We are welcoming three permanent new members of staff in August; Mrs Nolan, Mrs Miller and Miss McInnes as well as two probationer teachers; Miss Dobbie and Miss Duff. In addition, we have two vacancies for support for learning workers which we hope will be filled by August.

Meet the team

We are having two meet the team sessions in the last two weeks to allow our children and staff to get to know one another prior to the new session. Some of our new staff can't attend the session but will/have come in to school to say hello to the children. They will take place on Thursday 15th June and Tuesday 20th June. Everyone will take part in some activities designed to start the process of getting to know one another and to plan together for the first topic back in August which is a whole school focus - One Scotstoun, Many Cultures.

Garden Group

Thank you very much to the gardening group who have been taking care of the community garden area and organising garden muck ins. They have been successful in planting the willow structures, sunflowers and tidying up the beds. It's looking much better.

Sporting success

We have had a successful few weeks across a variety of sports. The girls' netball team reached the quarter finals of Glasgow final and played well losing out to the eventual winners, our P6 and P7 athletes brought home a haul of 18 medals across a range of events, our P4 tennis team reached the Glasgow final and came 5th. The P6 and P7 football team came third in the Glasgow School's final this week. Special mention to Calum and Nathan in P7 as the boys attended the Scottish Schools Badminton championships. Calum and Nathan won the boys' final, and Calum went on to win the singles. What an achievement for them both!



Our athletes showing off their medals at the recent PEPASS athletic festival!

Digital Schools Scotland

We are delighted to announce that following a verification visit we have been awarded the Digital Schools Award Scotland. This is an award to help schools assess progress and recognise excellence in the use of digital technology at nursery, primary, special education and secondary level while providing practical support and encouragement. The assessor spoke to staff and digital leaders of learning and were very impressed with the work which we had been doing and our vision for digital learning. Special thanks to our Digi Leaders from P4 - P7 and our Digital Leaders of Learning – Mrs MacKenzie and Mr Boyd.

Scotstoun Pupils are supporting Walk from Sunrise until Sunset on the Longest Day of the Year

Aly Walker is mum to Gaby (P2), Tom (P2) and Ben (P5) Walker and is also an anaesthetist at the children's hospital here in Glasgow. She is passionate about making the operating theatres a less clinical place for children and parents/carers to come. Aly is working hard to make theatres a more welcoming, calming and fun place to visit. She has spoken to many children, families and staff about their experiences and is working with designers and illustrators to create something special.

To raise funds for this project, Aly has challenged herself to walk from sunrise until sunset on the longest day of the year (Wednesday 21st June). She will leave Scotstoun at 4:31am and walk for over 17 and a half hours until 10:06pm.

Scotstoun Primary pupils will be supporting Aly on the day by completing a daily mile with her virtually. Aly is really excited and extremely grateful for their support saying that it will give her an incredible boost. Mrs McKinnon and the Pupil Council will be organising a 'guess how many steps Aly took' competition, and the pupil who guesses closest to her step count for the day will win a fabulous prize!

You can see Aly talking about the challenge and theatre project here:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ilo-rEUVFvI

If you would like to support the children's operating theatres the fundraising page is here:

www.justgiving.com/page/alywalkerlongestdaywalk

Well done, Scotstoun pupils! Your walking and support are going to make all the difference!

Planning for Improvement

At this time of year, we are developing our new school improvement plan. There will be several items on this year's plan - raising attainment in writing, developing our inquiry-based curriculum and looking at our approaches to diversity and equality. As a staff group, we developed our ideas in terms of what these may look like and will be working with the Parent Council and children to develop these further. We will share these outcomes with the wider parent forum at the start of the new school session.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
13.6.23	P7 Leavers' Disco
14.6.23	P1/2 – Open afternoon P3a & P3b - Open afternoon
15.6.23	Meet the Team 1 P2a & P2b – Open afternoon Parent Council meeting 6.00pm Musical Event 7pm
16.6.23	House treat
19.6.23	2pm P7 Leavers' assembly
20.6.23	Meet the Team 2
21.6.23	P7 – fun afternoon
23.6.23	12.45pm Guard of Honour (school playground) School closes @ 1pm
Monday 14 th August and Tuesday 15 th August	School staff return
Wednesday 16 th August	8.45am children return

