

Mrs Robertson's School Round-up 30 (19.04.24)

I hope you all had a restful break and that those of you celebrating Eid, Easter and Vaisakhi enjoyed your celebrations.

My highlights this week have been: Welcoming all our learners back to school for a jam-packed final term.

Outdoor learning is stepping up a gear – with the planters being prepared and planted. P6 enjoyed their first Wild Wednesday of the term, taking their learning out into Holyrood Park and Primary 1 and Primary 1/2 had their first Nature Friday outlearning session. Thank you to all the parents and carers who have agreed to help with the sessions.

Our new Clevertouch screens have been installed in P7, P3 and P1/2. The nursery will be getting its new board installed next week.

Assembly this week launched our Building Resilience programme Unit for this term- Talk it Over. The home learning will be coming out shortly with the family activity.

For this week's update, I include:

Reminders -

Report Feedback - Report feedback is due in school next week. Thank you for all the feedback received so far.

P6 Dance Craft Invite - See the e-mail sent this week from Ms Wynn. I have attached the flier for info if family or friends would like to book a ticket.

P5 and P6 Young Performers Dance project - See the e-mail sent from Ms Wynn this week.

Uniform - All children should be wearing their school uniform every day. On PE days they can wear leggings/tracksuit bottoms but should always have their school jumper on. False nails/ false eyelashes and make-up should not be worn in school.

Attendance - All children should be in school, in their lines every morning
P2/3 - P7- Should be ready, in their line, at 8.50.
P1 and P1/2- Should be ready, in their line, at 8.55.

Achievements - Please keep sending achievements from home to school so we can celebrate at assembly.

School Calendar of Events - Check the Calendar for updates.
Please note that dates and times may need to be changed. If this is the case, we will give as much notice as possible.

New Items:

Friends of Abbeyhill - Uniform Exchange -

Our Pre-Loved Uniform exchange will be open on Monday 22nd April from 3.00 in the playground.

We have a wide range of sizes available for you to restock the cupboards for the term ahead. You do not need to have a uniform to exchange to come along and see what we have

If you have uniforms or sports clothes that your children have outgrown, please send them to school in a bag.

Free School Meal Entitlement - Please see the information below regarding free school meal entitlement.

If you are eligible, please apply, there is no stigma, we have processes in place to ensure confidentiality for your family.

You must be aware that the number of pupils registered for Free School Meals is used by the Scottish Government for making a range of extremely important strategic decisions about our school.

This includes – Pupil Equity Funding (PEF) allocation- in Abbeyhill this supports additional staffing for SfL and Nurture staff, Gold and Grey, additional curriculum resources and additional PSA time.

We have an issue with many families who are entitled to this funding not applying, and this means our school can miss out on vital opportunities.

There have been recent changes, which are outlined below. If you need help to complete the application process. Please call the office and Ms Wynn or Mrs Singh will be happy to support you.

Recent changes:

From 1 April, children and young people will be eligible to receive free school meals through targeted provision if their parents or carers are in receipt of any of the following:

- Income support;
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance;
- Income-based Employment and Support Allowance;
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- Universal Credit (where their monthly earned income is not more than £796);
- Child Tax Credit, but not Working Tax Credit, where their income is less than £19,995
- Both Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit where their income is not more than £9,552.

The Regulations which seek to amend the eligibility criteria for recipients of both Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit, or Universal Credit, can be viewed through the following web link: [The Education \(Scotland\) Act 1980 \(Modification\) Regulations 2024 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uk/2024/1000)

For more information about FSM along with details on how to apply, please see the links below:
<https://www.mygov.scot/primary-school-meals>

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/food-clothing/free-school-meals-school-clothing-grants>

Sean Connery Foundation - Sean Connery foundation will be working in school this term. Supporting children and delivering training to our staff team.

Football Team - We still need volunteers to help run the football training. If we get a few names, we can make a rota which will ease the commitment for parent volunteers. Stuart cannot run the training and organise football on his own.

Messy Church - Messy Church is running at Willowbrae Church Hall on Saturday 20th of April from 3.30-6.00.

Edinburgh Open Workshop Family Funday - See the attached flier if you are interested.

The Edinburgh Open Workshop in Leith. EOW is a creative, community-based facility bringing together professional craftsmen, DIY enthusiasts and students within one fully equipped,

flexible and supportive workspace. We are delighted to be hosting our first Family Fun Day on Saturday 27th April and we are inviting children and young people from across the city to come along and explore our workshop, try out some crafting and DIY for themselves and hopefully become inspired to learn a new skill. Entry to the event is free and we were hoping you might be able to share this flyer with your families and encourage them to come along to what we hope will be a great day out.

Local Code Club - See information below and the attached flier if interested.

This month we are offering a free taster session, which is a great chance for parents to see if it's something their children will like.

Our workshops will cover Game building, Stop Motion Animation, Robotics and more. Our workshops are aligned with the curriculum for excellence and are a fantastic learning opportunity for students with no previous coding experience, up to more experienced coders.

If you think this is something that would be of value to parents, I would really appreciate it if you were able to send out the attached digital flyer. I will be happy to provide any further information that you may need.

www.jamcoding.co.uk

Finally -

The Weather is still very unpredictable- as today's hailstones showed us!

Please remember to send your children to school with a waterproof coat and shoes.

Kind Regards
Moira Robertson