

Mrs Robertson's School Round-up 32 (10.05.2024)

I hope you all enjoyed a restful Monday holiday- despite the rain. What a difference a week makes.

My highlights this week have been: -

The staff engagement in our in-service activities- Self-evaluation activities were undertaken by all staff, sharing our successes and planning for future improvement.

The primary 6 visit sports leaders. The children had a wonderful time- Huge thanks to the Drummond Sports leaders and their team.

The success of "Nature Friday" for P1 and P1/2. P2/3 and Nursery joined in the fun this week.

Our targeted swimming is amazing, with all the children attending making super progress and building confidence and independence in the pool.

REDstart was in school again this week, working with P6, and once again were blown away by the enthusiasm, engagement and ability to transfer financial skills to real-life contexts. Well done P6.

We enjoyed a visit from our Quality Improvement Education Officer on Thursday, sharing learning and teaching of writing in 4 classes. It is so wonderful to be able to showcase the excellent learning and teaching happening at Abbeyhill Primary School. Once again, he recognised all the children for their engagement in their learning.

Nursery has started "Forest Adventures" The children love going out in small groups to Holyrood Park. This week they were finding the BEST climbing trees.

For this week's update, I include:

Reminders -

Sports Day - Friday 17th May at Meadowbank. Please see the e-mail sent out on Friday for details.

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:

Staffing - I would like to share with you that Mrs Singh has secured a full time PSO post and will be taking up her post at the start of June. We are delighted for Mrs Singh and wish her well on the next step in her career. Mrs Singh has been such a wonderful PSO supporting so many of our learners across the school in Nurture, SPA and with attendance. Recruitment for this post will be underway soon.

Lost Property - We have an ever-growing pile of lost property. This will be put out in the main playground on Monday morning and Monday afternoon. Please check for any missing clothes.

After Monday we will allocate the lost property to either the pre-loved Uniform store or the local charity shops.

Please name all clothes to reduce cost to your family and reduce waste.

Children Safety on Montrose Terrace/London Road Crossings - We have been receiving a number of concerns regarding driver behaviour at the new crossings on London Road and Montrose Terrace.

Jonathan, our Business Manager, and one of our nursery parents have been liaising with the contractors, council and Police Scotland regarding this matter.

To get a camera or cameras fitted we need to gather evidence that there is an issue impacting on our children's safety. The officer told the nursery parent that the council contact the police for data to make decisions about where to install cameras so recording incidents will be really useful.

Please report any non-urgent incidents of red light running etc on London Road to the police via the online form on their website.

Friends of Abbeyhill Meeting -

**** CHANGE OF DATE****

The meeting will now be held on **TUESDAY 14th May at 6.30**. The meeting will follow a hybrid model to accommodate challenges with childcare for some members.

The hall will be open from 6:15 and we would like as many of you as possible to come along in person.

See the update email for the link to join on-line. Please be prepared to have your camera on to support the flow of the conversation.

Agenda will be sent in the separate e-mail.

Friends of Abbeyhill - Summer Garden Party - 15th June 2024

Thank you for all the support for the Garden Party team.

Laura Bownas, parent of a P3 and a P4, has volunteered to co-ordinate the planning of the day.

Thank you Laura!

There is a team all very busy working behind the scenes along with Laura- huge thanks to each of you too. Please let the office or Laura know if you can help out for a short while on the day.

I'd also like to thank Mel, who co-ordinated the Summer Garden Party, along with a team of enthusiastic volunteers, for the past 3 years. She left such a great framework for the next team to build on. This has been so helpful 😊

How can you help make the Garden Party a huge success:-

Book stall- Please have a look for books in good condition that you can donate to the book stall. Please pop the books in a bag and hand them into the school office.

Pre- Loved Uniform- Please hand in any school od sports clothing that no longer fits for the pre-loved uniform stall.

Fundraising - Mr Combe, our Business Manager, is running the ½ marathon to raise funds for our playground development. If you can, please make a donation to help us on our way by following this link.

Thank you

Just Giving page - Edinburgh half marathon on Sunday 26th May 2024!

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Jonathan-Abbeyhill?utm_id=1&utm_term=4Kvrn7kRM

Free Cricket sessions for P4- P7 Girls - FREE CRICKET TRAINING FOR GIRLS

Penicuik CC are excited to be running a girls only Dynamos programme this year on Saturday mornings, 11am to 12pm starting on the 18th of May.

Dynamos is an 8 week programme designed specifically for children aged 8-11. Even better news is that Cricket Scotland are providing full funding so we can offer your child these sessions for FREE! Each participant will also receive a free branded bat and ball from Cricket Scotland, normally the course would cost £40.

No prior experience of cricket is required, so please encourage your friends to sign up too. We have a limited number of spaces and a special link and discount code for bookings so please email juniorcricketpenicuik@outlook.com for access to the link.

We are also fortunate to have Coach Phoebe Beal join our team who will be leading these sessions. As a club we are working hard to invest in our girls, providing more opportunities for them to play and develop their skills. Cricket is not just for boys!

<https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/dynamos-cricket>

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

Kind Regards
Moira Robertson