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Newsletter April/May 2017

School Improvement Plan Update

On the In Service day, staff will be giving their input to our self-evaluation of development work undertaken this session and the impact on learners as a result. They will also be identifying priorities for the school session ahead to take forward. We will be hosting a training event with other cluster schools and our Occupational Therapy partners. Pupils will be asked for their input later in May. Families and partners will be invited to offer input in early June.

P1 Granted Application Intake Meeting

A meeting for parents of children granted a place in P1 from August will be held at 6pm on Tuesday 16th May 2017. Invitation letters have been sent out.

Partnership Schools Project Information Event

We are very keen to develop our partnerships further. To do this, we need your help. We are holding an information event on Wednesday 17th May from 7pm in the school hall. This is an open meeting for all community members, so feel free to spread the word! The event will be led by a representative of the Scottish Parent Teacher Council who have a proven track record of working with schools and their local communities towards school improvement. Further information on the kind of work they support can be found using the link below:

<https://www.sptc.info/partnership-schools-scotland/>

Competition News!

We have further competition success to share with you!

Erin B in P5 winning competition to design a poster the Livingston Designer Outlet. Erin is looking forward to going to the upcoming prize giving event!

We have 2 winners in the Round Table drawing and writing competition.

Lisa McNair (P3). The judges liked her bold use of colour and well considered imagery
Freya Lamont (P6). Her essay stood out over all other entries we received. Impressive visualisation, beautifully constructed.

Their entries will be published in the Marches Magazine and they will receive their £10 book vouchers at the Round Table Fun Day in June.

Elephant Tea Party

Our Elephant Tea Party is fast approaching on Friday 5th May. A reminder of timings are as follows:-

9:10 - 9:20 Parents only for guest speaker (Mr McLean)

9:20 - 9:50 P1 and P7

9:50 - 10:20 P2 and P6

10:45 - 11:15 P3 and P5

11:15 - 11:45 P4

Parents are welcome at any point, but class times are listed in case you want to coordinate your visit with your child's class.

As part of our fundraising for Child Bereavement UK, our P7 pupils are running a 'Guess the Elephant's Birthday' competition. It's 50p a go and classes will be visited daily from 28th April to ensure as many pupils as possible are able to join in. The pupil who chooses the correct date will win the lovely, cuddly elephant (kindly donated by a member of staff). If you would like your child to take part, please send him/her to school with 50p. The winner will be notified during the Elephant's Tea Party on Friday, 5th May.

Sports Day Options

Our annual sports day will take place on Thursday 11 May, weather permitting. A decision will be made early on the day whether to go ahead. Failing this, the second date will be Thursday 18 May. We look forward to seeing you there!

Crying of the Marches

The annual 'Crying of the Marches' will take place on Friday 9th June, 2017 and the Cluster Brass Group will be playing for the final 'crying' at Linlithgow Bridge Primary School at around 1.30pm.

Mrs Bisson intends to rehearse the full group between 12pm-1pm in order to give the pupils time to arrive before the road closure and let them have a lunch break prior to the performance. All P5,6 and 7 brass pupils will be involved and letters will be sent home. We understand that P7 pupils may not be back from camp at that time.

Upcoming George Allan Football Tournament

This annual event will be taking place on Sunday 21 May from 9am at the Rose Club. We will have players who will be participating on the day. Everyone is welcome to go along and support our players! Thank you to Mrs Walls, our PE teacher and Ewan, our coach this session for their support. Good luck everyone!

P4T RSPB

Before the Easter break, as part of our Outdoor Learning P4T went down to the Peel and played games with RSPB people and some parent helpers. We found out how hard it was to be birds. We were learning about birds - their life, their homes, what they eat, their habits and daily life. We tried to count some birds

but it was very difficult and we played a game to demonstrate this. Some of us were bird watchers and some of us were birds.

We went in groups to find birds and we found wood pigeons, seagulls, crows, blackbirds, robins and swans. Thank you to all our helpers on the day.

'It was brilliant.' (Fraser)

'It was interesting.' (Shaymaa)

By Fraser B and Shaymaa A

Global Citizenship VLG

The Global citizen VLG group have been having great fun learning about food from around the world. We had a guest speaker, Kul, who was born in India. She told us about her life as a small child. She slept on a bed called a CHARPOY. It was a wooden framed bed with a woven base. No covers because it was too hot and a mosquito net. Sometimes they slept outside. School started at 8 am.

There were 45 children in her class and they wrote on slates.

We also tasted onion and vegetable pakora with dips. All the children were very adventurous and tried the different food.

We are also having a visit from Tesco's Farm to Fork on Friday and we are exploring where some of our fruit and vegetable are grown and transported from. We are also getting to taste some of the fruit and vegetables.

Scottish Schools Cross Country Championship

On Saturday 22nd April, 5 spectacular P7 girls (Ruth Beaton, Madeline Veitch, Ella Bisht, Kristina Armstrong and Rebecca Stirling) took part in the Scottish Schools Cross Country championship due to them winning the West Lothian Cross Country qualifying event. They did very well coming 9th out of 22 teams!!!! They would like to thank their number 1 supporter (Laura Grant) for coming all the way to Kirkcaldy just to support them. We'd also like to thank Mrs Clapton for her support on the day. Rebecca came 26th, Kristina came 56th and Madeline came 61st, Ella came 110th and Ruth came 126th!!!! After the big, long race they had a nice, well deserved team meal at their 2nd home, McDonalds! Overall we enjoyed the experience.

By Ruth, Madeline, Ella, Kristina and Rebecca

Engineering Leaders Award 2017

This year P7 decided to enter the Engineering Leaders Award. They all invented something, drew a detailed, labelled sketch and wrote a pitch letter explaining their idea and their inspiration. Every idea was great but only 2 have been shortlisted - Laura and Anna B's. Laura created the 'Easy Peasy tuning master', a technological way to tune string instruments. Anna's idea was 'The Cat Tracker',

a new way to track your cat from home. These two lucky girls now have the chance to have their inventions created and here is what they had to say about it:

Anna said, "I was delighted when I was told my invention (The Cat Tracker) was shortlisted. I feel like my invention could change the world in a positive way and even if I don't win this could shape my future!"

Laura said, "I was gobsmacked when I found out the incredible news. My idea was very last minute but I truly believe I've created a winning invention. If I don't win I will not be too disappointed as I'm very proud of how far I have go so far."

By Laura and Anna

Diary Dates

As the end of term can be very busy, we thought it helpful to add diary dates into June. Please note that further specific class dates for events may be in Sharing the Big Picture information.

Friday 28 April	P6 assembly - families welcome
Saturday 29 April	Spring Fair 12-3
Monday 1 May	May Holiday
Thursday 4 May	In Service day - no pupils
Friday 5 May	Elephant Tea Party 9.15-11.15am Cluster Knex Challenge
Monday 8 May	Bikeability for P6
Wednesday 10 May	P5 Canal visit Brass visit for identified players P6 Cross country Social and Fundraising Group (formerly PTA) meeting 7pm all welcome
Thursday 11 May	Sports Day 1 - weather permitting Future of Education Trust Fund and fundraising fundraising meeting 7pm - all welcome
Monday 15 May	Bikeability for P6 Euroquiz final SSPCA visits in classes
Tuesday 16 May	New intake meeting for those children granted a place in school 6pm
Wednesday 17 May	SPTC information event on school improvement 7pm in the Hall. All welcome.
Thursday 18 May	Sports Day Option 2
Friday 19 May	Deacons Court visit Vertical Learning Groups

Sunday 21 May	George Allan Football Competition from 9am at the Rose Club
Monday 22 May	Bikeability for P6
Wednesday 24 May	Netball festival Parent Council Meeting 7pm all welcome
Friday 26 May	P4T assembly - families welcome
Monday 29 May	Bikeability for P6
Wednesday 31 May	Joint leavers event for P7 pupils at St Michael's Church at 7pm
Friday 2 June	9-10.30am outdoor learning event for whole school. Families welcome to drop in at any time to see how we use outdoor learning to enhance learning and teaching. School disco
Monday 5 June	P7 camp all week Bikeability for P6
Friday 9 June	P7 camp return Crying of the Marches
Monday 12 June	Bikeability for P6
Tuesday 13 June	Marches Day - school closed
Wednesday 14 June	P7 Academy visit
Thursday 15 June	P7 Academy visit New intake visit for granted applications for P1 and shared lunch
Friday 16 June	P7 Academy visit
Saturday 17 June	Gala Day
Thursday 22 June	Grandparents/Special Person afternoon from 1.30pm
Monday 26 June	P7 reward event PM
Wednesday 28 June	Graduation
Friday 30 June	End of term