

Low Port Primary School: Where you are given opportunities and leave with happy memories.

Newsletter February 2017

Staffing Update

This month we look forward to welcoming back Mrs Veronica Walls as she returns from her maternity leave. She will be teaching PE to all classes on Tuesday afternoons and Wednesdays. May we please remind all pupils that they should have a full PE in school with them, including indoor shoes appropriate for PE.

Mrs Caroline Cameron will continue to cover classes as part of Reduced Class Contact Time on Wednesdays.

Thank you for your understanding during a period of unusually high staff absence recently. As previously sent out, we are trying wherever possible to ensure continuity for classes. Mrs Ramsay is providing cover where possible but there are occasions where we may need to make other arrangements.

School Show

Our school show plans have started for P2 and P3! I'm sure you will all be hearing the songs at home! Show dates are 21 and 22 March, both evening performances from 6.30pm. Further information regarding tickets will follow.

Ronnie's Plaque

A short ceremony will be held on Wednesday 1 February at 2pm at the Rose Garden to mark Ronnie's plaque going up. We will be joined by his family, pupils, staff, PTA and local Councillors to mark this occasion. All families are welcome to join us.

PE Michael Stewart

We have been working closely with Mr Michael Stewart, a PE teacher who is working with our cluster to support PE. All classes had an opportunity to have a lesson on gymnastics delivered by him and with their class teacher being involved. We look forward to continue our work with him this term.

Late Arrivals

Please remind pupils to use their own entrance door in the morning and not the main door at the office. Pupils should be in the playground for the bell ringing at 8.50am. If a pupils uses the main door at the office they should report to office staff as they are late.

School Grounds

Museum on the Mound

P5 went to Museum on the Mound. We went to start our topic on money. We all loved stamping coins and looking at all the old keys. Some of us cracked the code to unlock the safe and got our picture taken in the bank note with a hole in the middle for our face. We saw a huge pile of money that was £1000000 and even saw the new pound coin!

We learned that all things can be used as money as long as everyone agrees on its value. We also go to learn the history of the Bank of Scotland.

The favourite part of the trip was making our own coins by hand. We would highly recommend it!

Katie, Eleanor, Erin, Suzie, Nuala, Orla, Millie, Ryan, Gregor and Matthew

ECO VLG Update

The ECO Vertical Learning Group is very pleased to announce that we will be creating a wildlife garden in the school grounds. It will be on the banking at the front of the school in front of the willow hut. We are planting lots of seeds, bulbs and hopefully setting up some other things. We are doing this because we would like to help the animals in the Low Port grounds including squirrels, rabbits, insects and birds. Thank you to everyone who donated bulbs and seeds for us to plant - we can't wait for them to begin growing and classes can get out and do some wildlife spotting!

Thank you - ECO VLG.

P4T Assembly

Our assembly was about Chinese New Year. We sang songs, did a drama about how the zodiac animals were chosen and told everyone about the traditions of Chinese New Year. We made masks and props. Primary 4 are mainly the year of the rat, which means we are smart and charming and so is Mrs Livingston! We loved showing the school what we had learned.

Sophie and Isla

Chess Club Update

50 children have signed up for the annual school chess competitions which will take place Tuesday lunchtimes this term.

Five Low Port children took part in the recent Lothian Individual Tournament (3 for the first time).

We are hoping to enter a Low Port team into the Scottish National Schools' Championship for the first time this year.

Chess club Leaders

Diary Dates

Wednesday 1 February	Ronnie's Plaque Event 2pm at the Rose Garden - all welcome Parent Council Meeting 7pm - 9pm in GP Room - all welcome
Friday 3 February	P3 assembly - families welcome
Monday 6 February	P4H bird talk
Tuesday 7 February	P6 Camp talk 6pm - parents and children welcome.
Wednesday 8 February	P7 Academy Tour P4H library visit
Thursday 9 February	All break for February weekend at 3.20pm until Wednesday 15 th February
Wednesday 15 February	All return at 8.50am
Friday 17 February	P7 Rotary Quiz - selected pupils
Monday 20 February	P4T Peel event P6 Rugby
Friday 24 February	Vertical Learning Groups P5 assembly - families welcome
Monday 27 February	P6 Rugby Bike checks for P6 Bikeability
Thursday 2 March	World Book Day
Friday 3 March	P4H Assembly - families welcome Sparkle Night

Key Dates for March

Wednesday 15 March - Friday 17 March	P6 camp
Tuesday 21 March and Wednesday 22 March	School show for P2 and P3 from 6.30pm both evenings
Tuesday 28 th and Wednesday 29 th March	Parents' evenings
Wednesday 29 th March	Easter Service 11am at St Michael's Church
Friday 31 March	Break for Easter holidays at 12.25pm Return Tuesday 18 April at 8.50am