

Children's University

Our first in school graduation for Children's University will take place on Tuesday 2nd May at 1.30 pm in school. Hayley Jones from Queen Margaret University's Children's University Team will be in school to lead our graduations.

We have 11 pupils graduating in our first in school ceremony, with their families being invited to attend.

Please ensure that you are keeping your child's online passport up to date. This is used to indicate pupils for graduation in school or at Queen Margaret University.

If you require any support with your child's passport or if an activity your child takes part in is not on Children's University, please contact Mrs D'Arcy-Greig, or Mrs Walker in school for some support or advice.

Gala Day

It is that time of year again—the gala day float! Time is tight in school for creating our float and we would really appreciate support from our parents and families to help create our float.

Our top secret theme has been established and planning is underway. If you have an hour or so to spare it would be much appreciated to help with painting, colouring in, drawing and supporting pupils. **Please contact the school office with the times you are available.**

Sacramental Preparation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation for our current P3 pupils will take place in the Parish of St Luke and St Anne, on Wednesday 26th April at 7pm. Our fellow P3 pupils and families are invited to attend, as are any of our families within school.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will also take place in our Parish Church on Sunday 7th May, time to be confirmed. All our families are invited to come along and support our pupils.

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 11th June at 11am in the Parish of St Luke and St Anne for our pupils.

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Toasty Cereal Club Update

Thank you to all families for their positive responses to our recent survey on the possibility of a toasty cereal club before school.

Following recent funding applications to support this, I am delighted to announce that we have been successful in securing funding to help support this initiative in school.

A recent bid to **Radio Forth's Cash for Kids** appeal has secured £4000 to support start up costs and the cost of the club for our pupils.

A request to **Scotmid's Community Grant** scheme has also secured £500 to support with initial food costs for the club.

I am sure that you will agree that this is fantastic news for our school and will greatly help with the set up of the club.

I am now in the process of sourcing a fridge freezer and electrical items including toasters and kettles, as well as crockery and cutlery so that this is all in place for the club commencing. I will also be trying to source a moveable storage unit to store some of these resources.

I will be in contact shortly to offer places for the toasty cereal club to pupils. This is a big undertaking for us as a staff, so we will limit spaces initially to ensure the club runs smoothly, before widening it out as soon as we can.

I would like thank in advance the staff team at our school, who will be giving up their free time in the mornings, unpaid for some, to ensure our pupils have a healthy and equal start to the school morning.

If you had indicated that you would like to support as a parent, please contact the school office. I am hoping to have this in a rota form.

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome Miss Sutherland to our school staff team on a temporary basis until the Summer Holidays. Miss Sutherland is a newly appointed Principal Teacher within Midlothian and will support in our school on a Monday and Tuesday weekly.

Miss Hogan will be teaching full time in P5R from now until the Summer. This means that Mrs O'Reilly will be supporting literacy and numeracy in classes across the school on a Tuesday. This support is much valued as we continue to develop literacy and numeracy across the school.

Mrs Hadden will be returning to school just before the Summer holidays full time. We welcome her back once a week from now until then as she returns to her post following her maternity leave.

CHIT Nurse

A new initiative has been launched on our campus this term using the Community Health and Inequalities Team (CHIT) Nurse.

A nurse will be based in our school each Tuesday afternoon for our parents and carers to access. **This service is completely confidential and will not be shared with school colleagues.**

The service allows our families to access a health check, discuss health matters and receive personalised support within our school. Areas for possible consultation include health and fitness, any worries or concerns, as well as weight, height and blood pressure checks.

This is a fantastic service for our families and is a first for the area.

If you would like more information or would like to make an appointment, **please phone in to our school office or contact Mrs Walker direct, where we will be able to allocate you an appointment.**

An information leaflet will also be available on our school website and will be sent home with pupils.