

Primary 1 Enrolment

If you have a child who is due to start Primary 1 next year, enrolment for these pupils is currently underway.

Enrolment fortnight across Midlothian is from Monday 14th to Friday 25th November.

Our Primary 7 pupils are available to give prospective families a tour of the school between 11.00 and 12.15 Tuesday to Friday of each week.

Our Senior Leadership Team is available during these times Wednesday to Friday of each week to answer any questions you may have about starting in our school.

If you would like to enrol, please pop in to the school office to collect a form, whenever is convenient for you. Staff will be available to support you with your application, should you require it.

Parent Volunteers

As a school we are keen to have our parents in school to support learning in classes. If you would like to volunteer in school, please speak to Lynn in our school office or to either Mrs Walker or Mrs Hadden. We would be delighted for the extra support for our pupils.

Language of Learning

Pupils across our whole school have been working to find out more about our whole school language of learning. So far, pupils have explored the terms:

- Perseverance
- Imagination
- Resourceful
- Explore
- Reflective
- Concentrate

Pupils have created characters to represent each of these terms and have a bank of words and phrases to describe what each word means.

Our next step in learning is for pupils to become more familiar in using these terms as part of their learning journey in class and be able to show when they have used these learning characteristics as part of their learning. More information on this exciting whole school approach will follow.

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Children's University

Our cover photo for this newsletter shows four of our pupils graduating from Children's University on Saturday 11th November at Queen Margaret University. Well done to each of our pupils and good luck in the next phase of your Children's University journey.

Children's University are coming in to school this week to promote the programme to our pupils and encourage more of our families to join or re-start using the programme.

For those families who are new to our school, Children's University allows pupils to gain credits for activities that they take part in. These then turn into hours and give accreditation by Children's University. This is kept up to date by completing an online passport recording progress. Many local clubs, libraries and visitor attractions are already part of Children's University.

Following our visit from Hayley Jones, we will send out information to families which allows you to sign up or find out more information.

Staffing

We are delighted to announce the appointment of two new members of staff to our school.

Mrs Davidson is our new playground supervisor. Mrs Davidson started last week and is enjoying settling in to the school and getting to know pupils in the playground.

Mrs McKenzie has been appointed as our new learning assistant. Mrs McKenzie started on Monday and is working with pupils across many of our classes so that she gets to know our pupils.

Mrs Hadden will be commence her maternity leave at the Christmas Holidays as she and her husband prepare for their first child. Mrs Hadden's post is currently being advertised on a temporary basis until she re-joins us in the Summer.

Miss Alexander has been teaching our P3 class since joining us in September on a temporary basis. Miss Alexander will continue to lead our Primary 3 class until the position is filled, providing continuity in learning for our pupils.

Christmas Nativity Play

Our P1-P3 Nativity Play will take place on Monday 19th December 2016. The title of our Nativity Play is top secret at the moment, but will be revealed shortly!

Performance for families and friends are due to take place at 2pm and 6pm. Information on tickets will follow shortly.

Christmas Parties

Christmas Parties will take place during the last week of our school term.

Parties for all pupils in Primaries 1—5 will take place on Thursday 22nd December in the afternoon.

Pupils should come to school in uniform and bring their party clothes to change in to after lunch.

Our P6 and P7 Christmas Party will take place on Wednesday 21st December after school from 3.30-5.00.

Pupils should bring party clothes to change in to at the end of the school day.

Christmas Fayre

Our Parent Council are organising their annual Christmas Fayre. Stalls are available for hire by contacting the Parent Council directly on their Facebook page. **The Christmas Fayre will take place on Thursday 1st December between 6pm and 8pm.**

Entry will be via the dining hall doors at the front of the school building and the fayre will take place in the Assembly Hall and Dining Hall.

The Parent Council will be issuing a request for donations shortly.

P7 Remembrance Day Coffee Morning

Thank you to Miss Brownsell and our P7 class for organising a successful coffee morning as part of their learning linked to Remembrance Day.

P7 raised an amazing £171 from their coffee morning and this, when added to our poppy donations has ensured that we have made a significant donation to Poppy Scotland, while ensuring funds are collected to support our P7 residential.

Thank you to all families and friends who supported this successful event.