

Roslin Primary School Newsletter



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December 2014

"Exciting Learning within our Friendly and Active Community of Roslin and Bilston"

We have had a very busy and exciting term at Roslin. The children have been working hard and have taken part in many different learning opportunities. We continue to be extremely proud of our links with Rosslyn Chapel as Junior Tour Guides for Midlothian authority. This is an example of very good practice in both the school and wider community. We continue to make improvements in the school. Roslin Nursery are looking forward to coming back to a new carpet and dishwasher. We have ordered new dividing panels for the middle area and we also plan to set up a small library space in this area. New storage units will also be purchased for the Support for Learning room. Finally, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with all your families. I look forward to hearing how kind Santa was on the 6th January!

Mrs Jo Wilson, Head Teacher

Junior Tour Guides, Rosslyn Chapel



Our P7s played their roles to perfection as Junior Tour Guides when pupils from Cornbank Primary School visited the Chapel. Cornbank "tweeted" their thanks shortly after their trip.

Well done P7s.

Three of our pupils, Anna Needham, Ethan Cameron and Kara Stewart played brilliantly and had an amazing experience at the Usher Hall on the 6th November when they took part in the Midlothian Schools Orchestra.



Midlothian Schools' Festival of Music

P4 and P5 have been working co-operatively to learn a number of different social dances, including the Gay Gordons and the Military Two-Step. As well as getting to use these at their Christmas party, many of the children are excited at the opportunity of using these in later life.



Shoebox Appeal

The Infants collected items for Blythswood Christmas Shoebox Appeal and we were able to make 34 boxes for children in Kosovo, Pakistan, Serbia and Romania. We received a lovely thank you letter from the organisation.



As the cold weather starts to approach, please remember to send your children in to school with a warm coat, hat, wellies and a spare pair of socks in their bag, as we always like them to be outside at break times as much as possible.



P2 & P3 African Drumming

P2 and P3 had a great time African Drumming with expert instructor Daniel Duggan. They practiced hard and finally presented their skills to the whole school at assembly.

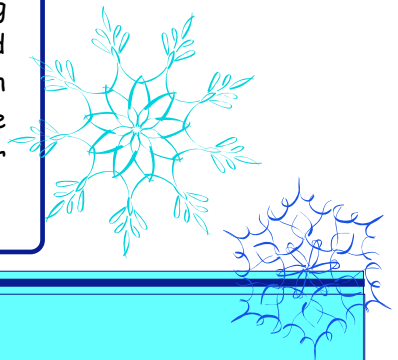


The Roslin Nursery children were very excited to have a "Face Time" conversation with Santa with their new iPad! He is a very busy man so we were delighted the children had this opportunity.

JRSO's (Junior Road Safety Officers)

Erin, Callum, Helena and Ellie are continuing to do a great job as our Junior Road Safety Officers.

P6 Children participated in a "Second Hand Smoke Workshop" provided by Fast Forward (Youth Work Charity) in partnership with NHS Lothian. During these sessions the children learned what was in a cigarette and how second hand smoke affects others. They were also given the task of designing a leaflet in order to share the information with others. The winners for our school were **Lauren Souter** and **Chiana Cherrie** and the leaflets will be distributed to all our school children in January. Well done Lauren and Chiana.



Parent Council News

It has been a very busy but productive first term on the PC. At the Roslin Fun Day, we held a very successful book and tuck shop with the added fun of play your cards right. The Halloween disco in October was a great hit where pupils danced and enjoyed some themed games and due to the generosity of Bilston Miners, we raised over £300, so thank you! Our main focus has been the Ipad raffle and we would like to thank parents, teachers and their friends, family and colleagues for buying tickets, donating prizes and helping us reach over £3000!! We are now able to make an initial order and hope to have them in school early next term. Pupils designed Christmas cards again, and then we held a Christmas jumper dress down day followed by the Christmas Bazaar, a very festive occasion which raised £1250. Plans are underway to hold a science event early next term and there has been the exciting news that Roslin is to have a new school! Parents were invited to visit Burnbrae Primary to see the possible design and there will be a public consultation early next year so we urge you all to have your say! Thank you to everyone who has helped out at the various events and we wish you all a *Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

Our next meeting is Thursday 22nd January 2015 in Roslin Kirk and all parents are welcome to attend.

House Captains

We are planning our first House Assemblies for the 9th January at Roslin and 16th January at Bilston. Children will be encouraged to come to school wearing the colour of their house. The house captains will send out more information for all our pupils and present the 4 winning slogans.

Bilston Nursery children had a lovely time and raised money for the Christmas Bazaar by baking cakes and selling them to their parents.



Our P1 to P3 Nativity the "**Noisy Nativity**" was performed on Friday 12th December. All the children looked amazing in their costumes, sang the songs beautifully and learned their lines to perfection!

Our Bilston children are getting very excited about their own upcoming performance "**The Midwife Crisis**" on Wednesday 17th December. They have been rehearsing hard, their costumes are ready and will give a fabulous performance on the day.

Thank you to all the staff and parent helpers who helped make these nativities so memorable.

P1/2 and P2/3 at Bilston have been writing wonderful creative stories.

P1/2 did spooky art drawings alongside their stories.



P2/3 invited parents in for a Book Launch which was a great success. The children read aloud their stories beautifully.

Our visiting panto this year was "Cinderella" performed by Hopscotch Theatre Co. It was a huge success with lots of singing and laughing. The children also enjoyed a special lunch provided by our Kitchen staff, which went down a treat. Mrs Flockhart our Kitchen Supervisor said "The children all seemed to enjoy their lunch in the special paper bags and nearly 85% of our pupils took a school lunch that day!"

We all also had a fabulous Christmas Lunch of turkey or festive pizza and lots of Christmas music to get us all in the mood for the holidays.

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Our **Eco Committee** and two very hard-working parent helpers, Kenny Young and Chris Yapp, brave all weather throughout the year to tend to our school garden. We now have beautiful flowers to brighten up our school grounds as well as a bumper harvest of potatoes, carrots and 2 enormous marrows!!



Dates of the Diary:

- 19 December-Whole school church service 9.20am
- 19 December -School finishes for Christmas Holiday at 12.15 for P1 and P2 and 12.25 for P3 to P7. School starts back on Tuesday 6 January for all pupils.
- 8 January - Interschool Athletics
- 15 January - Vision Screening for pre-school pupils
- 21 January - P1 NHS Height/Weight Health Checks
- 28 January - Swimming starts for P4a