

Term 1

Roslin Primary School Newsletter



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“Exciting Learning within our Friendly and Active Community of Roslin”

Welcome to our October newsletter. We have many highlights to share with you. It was particularly enjoyable for me to chat with many of you at our recent MacMillan Coffee morning. It was good to meet informally and talk about the school. Thank you for all the wonderful baking that was handed in. We were overwhelmed by your generosity. We are delighted that we raised **£243.17!**

Our recent Maths/Numeracy morning went well. We had a good turn out of parents and there was a real buzz about the school. Both the pupils and the parents were actively using their brains to work out the solutions to the many word problems/sums/games. Our visible learning

culture helped us here as many had to persevere and not give up and have a growth mindset!

Our MSP Owen Thompson and Councillor Kelly Parry were visiting during the maths morning and tweeted after it to say how talented our Learning Council was and how they enjoyed seeing the maths morning in action. Please see photos of both events on our website Roslin@mgfl.net.

I wish you all a lovely holiday with your families and look forward to seeing all the children back at school on Monday 24th October.

Mrs Jo Wilson
Head Teacher



Learning Council

On Friday 23rd September we were visited by our MP Owen Thompson and Councillor Kelly Parry. Our Learning Council met with them and both visitors gave them all high praise for the way they conducted themselves. Councillor Parry said at the end of the session, “You have many future leaders in your Learning Council who could potentially run the country one day!”

Daniel and Ross from our Learning Council reported on the visit:

“Mr Thomson and Councillor Parry were very nice. They listened and answered all our questions and seemed very interested in what we had to say about our school and learning. Mr Thomson works in the House Of Parliament and we were very happy to have them both at Roslin Primary.”

P4 It has been a busy start to the new term for Primary 4! We are enjoying our novel study, based on the book *Fish in Room 11*. We welcomed our families for a Tea & Cake Party to celebrate all of the learning that had taken place with this exciting story. P4 spent an afternoon at Roslin Glen recently, taking part in a river studies activity with Alan, our local Ranger. We can't wait to go back for another session! Recently we also took part in a drumming workshop which was loads of fun and we even incorporated our understanding of adjectives to the session. P4 and Mrs Berry are looking forward to what comes next for our class!



P4 Harvest Festival Appeal

Today P4 organised the school harvest celebration. Everyone from the nursery to P7 came along. We organised to support The Trussell Trust which has a food-bank in Midlothian. At assembly we told everyone what harvest means and about the custom of harvest festivals. We sang songs and showed photographs.

Most importantly we had all the food that everyone donated on display. There was the most enormous amount of food. We want to say a huge thank you for all your donations. We know they will really help lots of families in Midlothian.



We will be in touch with the Trussell Trust about delivering the food to their food-bank. The Trussell Trust are very grateful to everyone too.

Thanks a lot,

Everyone in P4.



P2

P2 are enjoying using Pirates as a focus for writing, listening and talking, art and maths. We have created some colourful underpants and hand print faces. We have learned how to use grid references and have created our own treasure maps. We have talked about famous pirates and we are trying to use pirate words in our writing.

Cross Country

A team of 8 pupils from Primary 4 & 5 took part in a Cross Country event at Beeslack High School on Tuesday 13th September.

The pupils ran in a relay around the cycle track at Beeslack. The combined time of all 8 pupils was then recorded.

A number of schools across Midlothian took part, Roslin finished in 5th place with a time of 36 minutes 39 seconds.



P7 Responsible Citizens

Primary 7 have had an excellent start to their final year at Roslin. They have presented themselves very well and are acting as fantastic role models for the younger pupils in the school.



they received their individual badges recognising the group they belong to.

An important job that Primary 7 pupils undertake is helping the new primary 1's settle in. The pupils have had a number of opportunities to work with



Every pupil in Primary 7 has an important role to play, with them all being part of a pupil group, committee or a House Captain. (See below) These are roles that the pupils take very seriously and have been very eager to carry out all of their required jobs effectively. They were also very proud when

their buddies so far this term. Primary 7's were on hand to help the Primary 1's in the lunch hall during their first full week at school; they have also helped with some Numeracy and Health and Wellbeing activities.



House Captains

Blair McKenzie - Green Man
Sophie McCann - St Clair
Ryan Montgomery - Apprentice
Evie Black - Master Mason

Technology Team

Faith Sanderson
Courtney McLeod
Kieran Hamilton

JRSO

David Hulton
Maddie Keenan
Finlay Cowan
Joshua Longwe
Sarah MacEwan
Lucy Walker

Learning Council

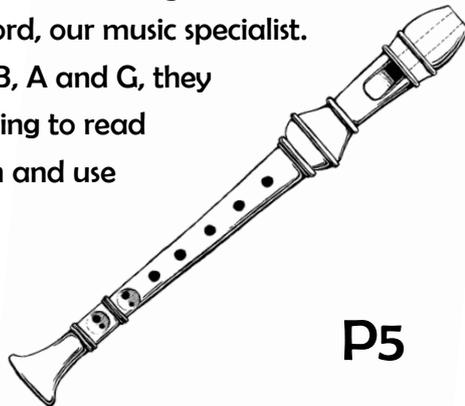
Rauridh Fraser
Ross Kay
Lauren Kerr
Daniel McCraw
Darren Smith

Eco Committee

Kallum Grant
Lachlan Bagust
Haig Buchan
Rhys Wishart
Abbie Douglas

Primary 5 have been learning 'Recorder Karate' with Mrs Stentiford, our music specialist.

Using the notes B, A and G, they have been learning to read musical notation and use this skill to play different songs on their recorders.



P5



P1 are learning "All about Me".

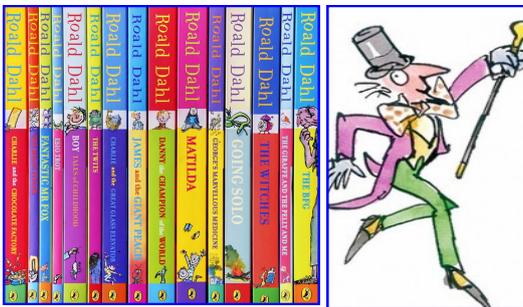
The children coloured in pictures of themselves and noticed that blue eyes are most common and green eyes are least common.

Roald Dahl Day

By Emily Phillips

I asked all the classes what their highlights of this day were:

- Bringing in our favourite Roald Dahl books.
- Designing our own sweets based on Willy Wonka.
- Watching Revolting Rhymes in the Infant Area.
- Writing our own stories and creating wacky characters.
- Silly Spelling.
- Word Searches.
- Crosswords.
- Favourite books include BFG, Twits and James and The Giant Peach.
- We even made birthday cards for his birthday.



Nursery children thoroughly enjoyed harvesting the vegetables that they have grown. The children then helped to prepare the vegetables ready for the home made soup. To eat with the soup we even made bread and the smell was amazing. Yum!



House Captains

We are pleased to announce our new House Captains for session 2016 / 2017.

Sophie McCann is the House Captain for last years winners St Clair. Although Evie Black (Master Mason), Blair McKenzie (Green Man) and Ryan Montgomery (Apprentice) are all hoping to lead their Houses to victory.

The first House Assembly takes place on the 14th October.

- Head lice is a common occurrence amongst primary school children and this time of the year is no exception.
- Please check our website under "Information" for our Bugbusting link to handy hints and tips for staying on top of it.



Junior Tour Guides

Primary 7 had an excellent introduction to the Tour Guiding Programme when they visited Craigmillar Castle to watch their Junior Guides in action.

The pupils came away with a lot to think about and lots of handy hints and tips to help them when learning their lines.

The pupils have enjoyed taking part in weekly Drama workshops where they have developed their skills in projecting their voices and pronouncing their words. They have also spent time learning about how to get into and remain in character.

Their time spent rehearsing at Rosslyn Chapel has also been very beneficial. With The Chapel still very busy at this time of year the pupils have had early experience of performing to others, with many tourists passing comments on how impressed they have been.

The pupils wowed their family and friends with their launch performances at the beginning of October and are now teaching children from various schools across Midlothian the history of Rosslyn Chapel.



P7s at Craigmillar Castle



Here the pupils are trying to become Victorian Ladies

P6a Have been learning about Brazil.

The children have been creating questions to investigate and developing research skills while answering them. We have been comparing life in Brazil to life in Scotland and we have been particularly interested in diversity in Brazil, migration and the Amazon region.



"We discovered that Scottish garden birds and Brazilian rainforest birds look very different! Are there any similarities though?..."





New School Update - Building work is progressing well. The staff and pupils have had a lot of input into the design of the new school. It is going to be a really innovative design which will enhance our learning and teaching environment. The children have been making a time capsule which will be buried on the site.

P6b

The children decided they wanted to find out all about the countries in the continent of Asia. They have recently created PowerPoint presentations in pairs



on various countries that they chose to investigate. These have been presented to the whole class and covered areas such as the countries main cities, the climate, lifestyle, plants and animals, famous people and the countries history. Each presentation was assessed by their peers and we have gathered feedback on how to improve both our presentations and our slides.

We have also looked at the geography of Japan and are building three dimensional models of Japan in art using paper mache. Fun but very messy.



For a small donation, poppies will be available in school during the week commencing 31st October.



P3 are taking part in drumming sessions this term. They thoroughly enjoyed their first session with George from Infectious Grooves using the Cajon drums.





On Thursday, 6th October, Roslin welcomed John Leyden, a Headteacher from Australia, and his wife to the school. The purpose of their visit was to see the work we have been doing about becoming better learners. Sophie and Evie, two of our house captains, did a brilliant job taking our guests on a tour of the school. John and Kath then met with our Learning Council, discussing how learning takes place. Both John and his wife were so impressed with Roslin Primary and thought the children were a credit to our school. Well done everyone!

Parent Council News

The session started with the Roslin Fun Day which was a great success and the Parent Council games and tuck stall was very popular. We are now focusing on various events in the next couple of months including our Halloween disco on the 27th October and a Family Photo Shoot on Sunday 30th October. If you have any suggestions or would like to volunteer to help at events, please email us on roslinprimary.parentcouncil@gmail.com



Macmillan Coffee Morning

I had planned a coffee morning to informally meet with parents. I then decided to link this with a Macmillan Coffee Morning.

A big thank you to all who baked and came along. We raised an amazing £243.17!

Jo Wilson, Head Teacher



Dates for the Diary:

- Thursday 13th October—Parent Consultations
- Monday 17th to Friday 21st October School Holiday
- Thursday 27th October—Halloween Disco
- Monday 31st October—Scottish Cup coming to Roslin
- Friday 4th November—Bookshop
- Wednesday 9th November—Parent Council Meeting, Roslin Kirk
- Friday 11th November—Olympic Athlete visits Roslin
- Friday 18th November—Flu Immunisations
- Friday 2nd December—P4-P7 Panto at Brunton Theatre
- Friday 2nd December—Christmas Jumper Day (Donation of 50p each for Christmas Fair)
- Thursday 8th December—Nur—P3 Panto in school
- Friday 16th December—Infant Nativity at 11.15am
- W/c 19th December—Christmas Parties
- Friday 23rd December—Church Service and close for holidays.
- Monday 9th January—Staff and Pupils back to school