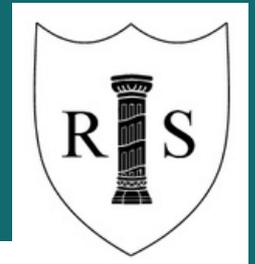


ROSLIN NEWS



Website: roslin.mgfl.net

Twitter: @RoslinPS

Nurture, Play, Respect

October already and the classes are now settled. This is an exciting month as we have our whole school trip to Dynamic Earth and whole school projects following this.

DYNAMIC EARTH VISIT

Our visit is now planned and we are excited to be heading off to Dynamic Earth this month. The visits are the last week of term. When we return to school on 25th October we have a school project planned to get the children thinking again about the visit and then planning their own learning. The whole school focus on 'Our Dynamic Earth' will continue for the first two weeks back with a sharing assembly for the children on 4th November.

Our plan is to repeat this pattern of whole school learning once more this school year. The focus is yet to be decided.

FOOTBALL COACHING

Many of the children are keen to begin school football teams. We are wondering if any of the parents would be interested in leading this. There would be training provided from the Active Schools Co-Ordinator and the parents who lead football training at Bilston Primary are keen to make links. If you are interested please email the school office to let us know.

LOCAL CONTEXTS FOR LEARNING

Over the next three years we plan to develop a progression of learning linked to our local contexts: Rosslyn Chapel, Roslin Glen and the Science Park. These will develop over time, but we now have the progression linked to the Chapel organised and we are very grateful for their support with this. The activities will build towards the Junior Tour Guide experience for P7.

P1/P2 Dragon Workshop

P3 Art Experience

P4 Drama production based on 'William the Cat'

P5 Stone Workshop

P6 Takeover Days - experience of working in the Chapel

P7 Junior Tour Guides



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 4th and 5th October - Dress rehearsals for Junior Tour Guides at the Chapel, 10am. Open to P7 parents to come along.
- Week beginning 3rd October - Parent Consultations
- 11th October Dynamic Earth - Nursery, P5 and P7
- 12th October Dynamic Earth - P1, P2, P5/6 and P6
- 13th October Dynamic Earth - P1/2, P3, P3/4, P4
- October Holiday - 17th-24th October - Pupils return 25th October
- 24th October - Staff In-Service training
- 26th October- Individual and Family Photographs
- Next Parent Council Meeting - 10th November - 6.30-8pm, all are welcome

RELATIONSHIPS AND SEXUAL HEALTH PROGRAMME (RSHP)

Thanks to those parents who attended the session online to ask questions about the program. Our next steps from this meeting will be to share resources on our website and to make sure that before each block of teaching there will be a letter for parents of that class outlining planned learning.

COATS AND FLEECES

Many thanks to Craigdon Sports for their generous donation of a huge number of new coats and fleeces. We will be sharing some of these with other schools but if your child needs a new coat just ask at reception. These will also be available when we have our Uniform Sharing stalls.



STUDENTS

We are excited to have lots of students joining us this session. Lauren McNab and Aurora Gavin started last week, with two weeks in the nursery, returning in November to P1 and P1/2. This week we have Jessica Machetto and Christie Jamieson starting an 11 week placement in P5/6 and P7 respectively. We also have Malakai Telford who will be with us for much of the year, one day in P1/2 and the other in P6 supporting the development of play. Three other students will join us later in the session.

COMPOSITE CLASSES

Chatting to the Parent Council it is clear that there are still questions around the formation of composite classes. Roslin will continue to have composite classes for the foreseeable future and so we wanted to share again how these are formed.

Midlothian Council take an oversight of classes as they have to consider how this impacts surrounding schools. This session we have gone from nine to ten classes to create capacity for children moving into the village. We suggested three models for this, one creating capacity from P1-5, one P1-6 and the other P1-7. Considering local schools, Midlothian Council decided to create capacity from P1-6 which then gave us the class structures. The classes were organised with the criteria we reported in the letter sent in June. We used age as the main driver, then considering Additional Support Needs, parental choice for twins and gender balance. We continue to endeavour to make sure the children in, for example, P5 have the same access to opportunities as those in P5/6 and that the children get plenty of opportunities to mix.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING

Each newsletter we will add something about our improvement planning and how we are making progress with change. This week our plans were Quality Assured by a visiting team and they were pleased with all they saw in the school, commenting how lovely it was to see the children so willing to engage with them. This month one of the priorities has been creating a consistent approach to teaching spelling across the school, with a longer focus on Monday followed with some shorter sessions over the next three days. We have also made sure that the same phonics poster is in each of the classrooms. Over the year we will monitor the impact of this on the whole school spelling.



INTERNET SAFETY

The local police have been visiting the P6s and P7s to reinforce the messages for children keeping themselves safe online. These are important messages for our older learners who are often surprised to learn that their actions online can be criminal. Our learners need to be aware of the digital footprint they are already creating.

MATHS WEEK

Last week was Maths Week and across the school this was reflected in the class learning. Our theme this year linked nature and outdoor learning with maths.



JUBILEE BOOK

Every family in Britain has been gifted a copy of a book on the Queen as part of the Jubilee celebrations this year. These have just been delivered and we will distribute to the children before the October break.



FEEDBACK LINK

We welcome any feedback on any of the content in the newsletter, the link will be open for three days after each edition.

<https://forms.gle/msCmBAS3PEBFPv919>