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December is always a busy time in Roslin Primary, lots of dates for events in the diary. You should also have received our Calendar of Events which has been compiled using feedback from parents, staff and pupils.

### STAFFING

We were sorry to say goodbye to Debbie who has been our daytime cleaner over COVID, however she has moved on to Paradykes Primary as a Learning Assistant and we wish her all the best in her new role.

### PE CLOTHING

There are still a few children who don't have a change of shoes for PE. This is important as otherwise the hall floor becomes covered in mud, especially over winter. Please let us know if you need support to buy shoes.

### COST OF THE SCHOOL DAY

We continue to consider the cost of school to our families when we make decisions. We are trying to balance engaging in wonderful wider curricular experiences, with consideration of cost. For example, in the past we have subsidised the Panto trip for everyone, however going forward we would prefer to target support. There will be three options when signing up for paid events.

1. If it is affordable you can choose to pay
2. There is an option to 'pay it forward' for your child and another.
3. We will pay trips for you.

Everyone is aware of the increasing cost of living and we don't want to add to this. We have created a fund to support engagement from all of our learners using 'Pupil Equity Funding'. There will be no questions asked if you choose to ask for us to pay. We are considering all we can to remove any barriers to families asking for support.

### CHRISTMAS FAIR

Plans for the Christmas Fair are well underway, letters have now gone out to families asking for support. We hope you can join us on Friday 9th December from 2-4pm for stalls, games, music and to visit Santa in his grotto. We look forward to welcoming you.



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 9th December - Panto for P4 - P7
- 9th December - Christmas Fair 2-4pm
- 12th December - P6 and P7s party
- 13th December - Christmas Nativity 2pm (P1, P1/2 & P2) - Door open at 1.45pm
- 13th December - Magic Gareth Show for P1-3
- 14th December - P3 and P4s party
- 15th December - Nursery party and Carols at 2pm, P5s party
- 16th December - P3 Singing for families at 11.30am - Doors open at 11.15am
- 19th December - House Event and P1 and P2 parties
- 20th December - Singalong for P1-3 and P4-7
- 20th December - End of Term
- 4th January - Staff return
- 5th January - Pupils return

## BASKETBALL

Our P7 Basketball team had great success at the Midlothian Tournament. Great teamwork was on display, with the team winning all of their matches and scoring the highest total points.

## FEEDBACK AT PARENT APPOINTMENTS

We continue to work on some of the feedback raised by families:

**Rough play in the infants** - we have zoned the infant playground, with a quiet zone between the classes, a space for loose parts play on the tarmac and we have reduced the space the children can use on the field so play can be better monitored. Our next step is to broaden the range of play resources in the quiet space.

**Bullying** - Anti-Bullying week was a focus across the school with posters, discussion, role play and lessons about what bullying is and is not.

## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING (SIP)

This month we continue to focus on Play Pedagogy, and had the opportunity to share good practice in the P1 classrooms with teachers from across Midlothian. It is exciting to see the development of play across the school, especially in P5,6 and 7. Our finances should be directed to support the SIP and so we continue to invest in sustainable resources, but are also incredibly grateful for donations of quality play resources and items for loose parts play from the community.

## LEARNING AND TEACHING

In January we are going to add a section here each month on learning and teaching. If there is anything you would like us to feature please let us know using the feedback link. We recognise that schooling has changed a huge amount over the years and we hope this will help to provide a better picture of how the children learn in our school.

### DIGITAL SAFETY WEBINARS

Opportunities for families to join the discussion around the use of devices to support learning are organised for next terms these will be 7-8pm on the following dates:

Tuesday 24 January- Digital Safety (ELC/Primary)

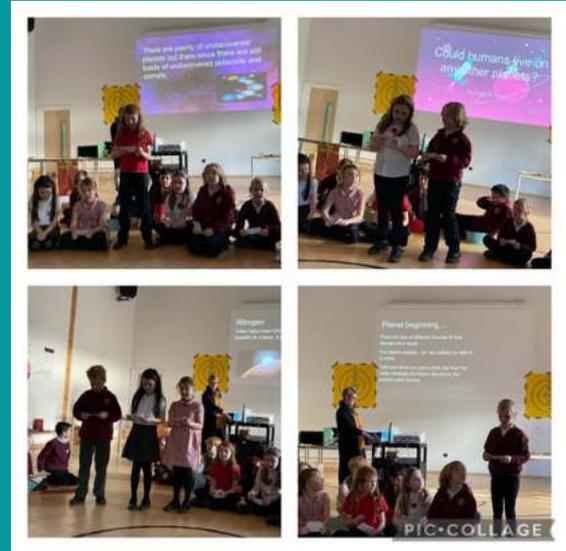
Wednesday 25 January- Digital Safety (Secondary)



Tuesday 7 February- Supporting Your Child With Their Device (Primary)

Wednesday 8 February- Supporting Your Child With Their Device (Secondary)

Further details will be provided nearer the time but please save the dates for now!



## DYNAMIC EARTH

The final part of our Dynamic Earth whole school focus was the P1-7 children presenting their learning. It was fantastic to hear of the diversity of learning and ways to present learning. For many of our learners it was the first time they had presented to such a large (but friendly) audience.

## HEAD BUMPS

We have been reviewing our procedures around first aid and our administration of medication. We will continue to call to let you know if your child has bumped their head and there is bump or any of the signs of concussion. However, with minor bumps which you would previously have known about with a sticker and slip, you will now receive an email generated by the Group Call system let you know that while we have no concerns you should keep an eye on the child.



## POPPY APPEAL

Thanks to those who generously donated, we were able to send £242 to British Legion, Scotland.

## FOOD FACTS FRIENDS

If you are struggling to buy food this winter there are a couple of ways we can support you. In the entrance of school we have a small food bank, there is no need to ask to take items, if you need them please help yourself. We can also make a referral to a larger Food Bank, please let us know if this is something that would help.



## FEEDBACK LINK

We welcome any feedback on any of the content in the newsletter, the link will be open after each edition. <https://forms.gle/msCmBAS3PEBFPv919>. We are aware that the permissions for this were initially incorrect, these have now been adjusted but let us know if you can't access.



## MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE

This year we have formed a Mental Health Committee to promote the importance of this area of health and wellbeing across the school. While this is a central aspect of Curriculum for Excellence, we know we can always do more to increase the visibility of mental health and its integration into everything we do. Millie Beau McLennan and Roddy McCulloch are our first pupil representatives and they have begun working with Mrs James on this. They have already planned and delivered an assembly on Mental Health for the whole school. We look forward to working on their ideas and seeing the impact this has on our school community.

## EXCELLENCE IN PROFESSIONAL LEARNING AWARD

On Tuesday 22nd November Mrs James and Mrs Blaikie attended an award ceremony at the General Teaching Council Scotland. We received the award in recognition of the high standard of professional learning our staff are involved in. We are very proud of the learning culture we have here at Roslin and Mrs James shared the award with the pupils during assembly. We want our pupils to know that their teachers, learning assistants and early years practitioners are on a continual learning journey too!



