

Dear all,

It's beginning to feel a bit like Christmas! Decorations are up, songs are being sung and excitement is mounting.

At the same time there is some amazing Interdisciplinary Learning happening across the school. With children working independently and in groups to achieve challenges and tasks. Please do ask your children about how they have been learning this week especially in P5-7.

We are starting to book up educational trips for the children in the New Year. I am asking those teachers who have already booked these to make parents aware so that you know this will be coming next term and will allow you to budget. No pressure to pay at the moment but will allow you to plan. We will subsidise as much as we can.

### **Road safety**

At the last parent council meeting it was raised that some children once they leave the school grounds are taking a lot of risks on the roads on their way to and from school. Some are running across in front of cars, not looking before crossing. Myrtle Avenue does have traffic slowing parts however cars do travel at speed. In school, all year groups talk about road safety as part of the Health and Wellbeing curriculum, we also cover this in school assemblies. We ensure that all our P6's and P7s have the opportunity to do bikeability. However, we would ask that every parent has a conversation with their child/children about this as well.

### **Cost of the school day survey**

Thank you to those who have filled in the below survey. It has been so interesting so far to hear your views. Please do fill in if you haven't already. We want to make sure we are getting it right for all our families.

Here is the link if you haven't filled in already <https://forms.office.com/r/25ddEVh2Tb>

### **Lost property**

Today I went out before breaktime and collected 18 pieces of clothing from the Muga pitch. I estimate it probably added up to £250. There were Canterbury tops, M&S jumpers,

Sandico etc. Please can you stress the importance to your children about being responsible for their own clothing. Only 4 of the items had names on them so can be returned to children. The rest if not claimed will be recycled which seems an awful thing to do at this time when money is short. We are constantly reinforcing the message in school but we need you as parents to back up the message.

### **Lost clothing**

Please can we ask everyone to check the jackets your child has brought home. We have had several children in the last few weeks misplacing a labelled jacket and then not being able to find it. We appreciate that sometimes jackets go home accidentally and then are hanging up in people's homes without people realising they are not theirs. Please do a check and send in any you might find.

### **Parent Council meeting**

We had another very productive Parent Council meeting last Monday where we discussed many topics including homework, the car park, parental engagement and a lot more. Please remember there is a rep for your year group who you can contact if you want to share ideas or thoughts.

P1 - Jennifer MacDonald

P2 - Emma Henderson

P3 - Joyce Thomson

P4 - Maureen Matheson

P5 - Jocely Currie

P6 - Justine Currie

P7 - Nic McColm and Susan Tate

The email address for the chair Lyndsey Saunders is [lenziemeadowparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:lenziemeadowparentcouncil@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**New P1 open morning.**

We had a very successful show round for our P1s for next year. They came along, were introduced to the school and were given a show round by our Learning Committee.

### **Tree Planting**

P1 and P5 have planted a lot of trees in our woodland area. They are mainly on the hill and are in plastic tubes at the moment. Please when you are picking and dropping your children off do not let them run on the hills so that the trees get a chance to bed in. Big thank you to one of our parents for arranging this and also to Mugdock Park Rangers who helped the children plant them.

### **Bikes in playground**

Please can you make sure your child knows how to lock up their bike and takes them home at night. We are concerned that some bikes left overnight may become Christmas gifts for other people.

### **CBeebies**

Rob Burrows (Ex Leeds Rugby player with Motor Neurone Disease MND) is reading a bedtime story on CBeebies BBC on Saturday using eye gaze. One of our pupils uses eye gaze so this could be a great opportunity to have a chat with your child about this form of communication. For the older children this could also form a discussion about MND.

Sheona Allen

### **Dates for the rest of term at this moment**

5<sup>th</sup> December - P3b assembly

5<sup>th</sup> December - EDC Christmas Concert for elected P7 children

7<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas lunch

7<sup>th</sup> December P1 Christmas Stay and Play and Sing. Doors open 9.15

8<sup>th</sup> December P2 and P3 Christmas nativity 9.45am and 1.45pm

8<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper Day

9<sup>th</sup> December Nursery Christmas Event

13<sup>th</sup> December - P4 Christmas music show - 9.30 start

14<sup>th</sup> December PTA Pantos

14<sup>th</sup> December - P4 Christmas Experience at Lenzie Union Parish Church

15<sup>th</sup> December - Visit from Santa and Rudolph on a bike.

15<sup>th</sup> December - Cinema event in the school in the evening for families

16<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Parties

19<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Service

22<sup>nd</sup> December - school closes at 2.30pm

9<sup>th</sup> January - school reopens for term 3