

Mrs Robertson's School Round-up 26 (08.03.2024)

My highlights this week have been: -

Our fantastic P6 and P7 representatives at the Authority Cross Country event. It was a tough run but Abbeyhill were determined and tenacious. Congratulations to all the children who took part you made us very proud. Children in the first 10 of each category were awarded medals and there were some very proud runners sharing their achievements.

Once again behaviour, effort and sportsmanship were demonstrated by all. Thank you to our parent volunteers who accompanied the children and sent us some wonderful action shots of the day.

REDstart visited P3 and P5 on Wednesday as we continue our partnership, building skills for life through financial education.

World Book Day was celebrated all week in the classes. Yesterday every class went on a trip to Toppings and had the opportunity to spend their voucher on a wide selection of books on offer.

I had the pleasure of joining 2 of the classes and was delighted to share the wealth of learning this trip offered- from road safety awareness, listening and talking and discussing the local community in all its diversity, to understanding the range of job opportunities retail can offer. I loved sharing the books that inspired the costumes.

We finished the day with a wonderful interactive Assembly, where the children found out exactly why the Crayons were quitting! Huge thanks to the whole staff team for dressing up, Dropping Everything to Read and organising such a fun week, promoting the joy of all things BOOKS.

The Artwork created during our Colony of Artists event is now up on display in the school hall.

For this week's update, I include:

Reminders:

Uniform - All children should be wearing their school uniform every day. On PE days they can wear leggings/tracksuit bottoms but should always have their school jumper on. False nails/ false eyelashes and make-up should not be worn in school.

Parent Forum Meeting 3 - Will be held in the PE hall in person [on Tuesday 12th March at 6.30](#). Everyone is welcome.

Attendance - All children should be in school, in their lines every morning
P2/3 to P7 - ready and in their line at 8.50 am
P1 & P1/2 - ready and in their line at 8.55 am

Achievements - Please keep sending achievements from home to school so we can celebrate at assembly

School Calendar of Events - Check the Calendar for updates. Please note that dates and times may need to be changed. If this is the case, we will give as much notice as possible.

New items:

Abbeyhill Primary School -

Our Aims in Abbeyhill - Over the last 2 weeks, I highlighted our:

Expectations - Ready, Respectful & Responsible.

Purpose - The more we learn, the brighter we will shine.

Vision - Abbeyhill, is a welcoming, nurturing, safe and inclusive place for everyone to grow, develop and reach their potential.

Values - Belonging, Creativity, Curiosity, Teamwork & Kindness.

This week I would like to remind you of our agreed aims for Abbeyhill Primary School:

Aims - Nursery

- Our children feel loved and secure in an environment that encourages independence and creativity.
- Our children are encouraged to explore and make choices to develop their learning and interests.
- Encourage an ethos of kindness, respect and equity with every child accepted for their abilities and strengths.
- We value, respect and celebrate diversity and understand wellbeing is important.
- Our children will know their Rights and have the confidence to express their views and opportunities to make a difference.

Aims - Main School

- Every child is accepted for their abilities and strengths.
- Encourage an ethos of kindness, respect and equity.
- We value, respect and celebrate diversity and understand wellbeing is important.
- Our curriculum is creative, stimulating and accessible as we learn in school and beyond.
- Our children will know their Rights and have the confidence to express their views.
- We use mistakes to help us learn and encourage everyone to keep trying.

Ramadan - Please get in touch with the school if you would like to discuss any additional arrangements for your child if they are taking part in Ramadan this year.

REDstart Education - Our partners, REDstart will be starting work with our P1 children soon, please look out for the information e-mail on Monday.
The programme is designed to develop skills and understanding of financial education.

Spring Disco - Primary 6 will be running a Spring disco [on the 21st of March](#) after school.

Ticket information will be coming out today.

P1-P4 - 4.30 to 5.30 pm

P5-P7 - 5.45 to 7.00 pm

P6 will be running a tuck shop - more information to follow.

All funds will go towards their P7 Residential costs.

Parent Forum Meeting 3 -

I look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to join our discussions on planning the Playground improvements, Summer Fayre and much more.

See the separate e-mail with information on the Parent Forum meeting.

Headlice - A wee reminder to check your child's hair regularly. It is always best to catch any wee visitors early so treatment can start as soon as possible.

Treatment can be pricey in the supermarket, so remember you can access this free of charge at your local chemist through the Minor Ailments programme.

School Clubs (Update):

- **Girls Football (Run by Hibs)** - This will now be offered to P3-P7 children as a 3-session lunchtime club on Tuesdays.
The 3-week taster block will run on the 12th, 19th, and [26th March](#) before the Easter Holidays.
If your child is interested, please e-mail Ms Wynn in the office by [Monday 11th March](#).
- **School Football Coach** - We have some very keen footballers throughout the school and are looking for any parents or carers who would be interested in coaching/supporting Saturday football in Abbeyhill.

There are leagues organised and run by Jack Beesly for the City of Edinburgh Council for boys/mixed teams and one for girls.

Please contact the office if you are interested.

Teen Tripple P Parenting Group - Teen Triple P Parenting Group opportunities will be running from April - June 2024.

This is an 8-week group programme designed to support positive relationships for Parents of 11–16-year-olds. See the attached Leaflet and group running times below.

If you are interested, you can apply using the application form link.

The feedback from families who have attended this course has been very positive.

Applications can be made by completing our online [application form](#).

Day Face to Face

Craigeninney Community Centre, [9 Loaning Rd, Edinburgh EH7 6JE](#)

Wednesday's 1/05, 8/05, 15/05, 22/05, 29/05, 5/06, 12/06, 19/06

Time: 1.15-3.15 pm

Evening Face to Face

Southside Community Centre 117 Nicolson St, Newington, Edinburgh EH8 9ER

[Tuesday's 30/04 \(7/05 no group school holiday\)](#) [14/05](#), [21/05](#), [28/05](#), [4/06](#), [11/06](#), [18/06](#), [25/06](#)

Time: 6.00-8.00 pm

Teen Triple P Virtual Group – access to laptop or PC required, we will be using TEAMS for delivery

Wednesday's 1/05, 8/05, 15/05, 22/05, 29/05, 5/06, 12/06, 19/06

Time: 6.00-8.00 pm

Free Swimming Lessons -

Active Schools in the Drummond/Leith Communities are working with Stepping Stones to ensure that all children are given the opportunity to learn how to swim. We would like to offer your child free swimming lessons. Please follow the link to book and for more information.

<https://www.stepsstoneswimming.com/communitylessons>

Free Workshops at Jupiter Art Land - Please read the information below from Jupiter Artland:

Hello from Jupiter Artland,

Over the Easter holidays, we are running exciting day-long outdoor, arts-based activities in our sculpture park near Wilkieston for 5–10-year-olds.

If a spring day of creative play in the woods of Jupiter Artland is your idea of eggcellent fun, then hop along to one of our Woodland Explorer Easter sessions. We have a jam-packed day of outdoor arty activities planned to fuel your curiosity and ignite your imagination.

We'll set up camp, build a shelter and get all adventurous and messy with an array of activities for you to explore. So, whether it's climbing or collaging, skipping, or sketching come for a day of play all topped off with a toasted marshmallow around the campfire.

These egg-citing full-day sessions are very popular so grab them while you can!

Follow the link below and become a Woodland Explorer at Jupiter Artland for the Easter break.

<https://www.jupiterartland.org/sessions/easter-holiday-woodland-explorers/>

In addition to this, we are reopening on [Easter Weekend \(click here\)](#) with lots of activities including an Egg Hunt, storytelling and making activities. We are also doing a special offer on our [Birthday Parties \(click here\)](#), book [before the 17th of March](#) and we'll throw in a free Birthday Cake!