

# Bonnyrigg Primary Newsletter

March 2018



## DATES TO REMEMBER FOR MARCH



8<sup>th</sup> March - STEM trip for P7s  
14<sup>th</sup> March - Skiing starts for P5s  
14<sup>th</sup> March - 6.30 pm performance of Alice the Musical to parents  
15<sup>th</sup> March - 1.30 pm performance of Alice the Musical to parents  
20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March - Parents' Appointments  
20<sup>th</sup> March - Clubgolf for P5s  
21<sup>st</sup> March - Dr Bike for P6s  
23<sup>rd</sup> March - Dress Down Day  
28<sup>th</sup> March - Fundraising Group Discos  
**THURSDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – LAST DAY AT SCHOOL BEFORE EASTER HOLIDAY  
(NORMAL FINISHING TIMES)  
ALL RESUME TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

## EARLY YEARS (NURSERY AND P1)

### NURSERY

#### Welcome

We continue to have several new children join our nursery. We extend a very warm welcome to new families and look forward to working with you all.

#### Themes

With the snowy weather continuing we are still exploring winter with the children. We have been looking at the birds that visit the garden and have made our very own bird feeders; you can see them in the garden! We love watching the birds visit them.

We have also been finding out about Chinese New Year and had our own celebrations in the nursery. Many of us loved the spring rolls and the prawn crackers.



## NURSERY (CONTD)

### One way system

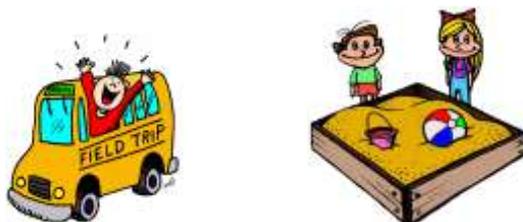
Thank you very much to all families for following our one way system. We would emphasise again that this is for the safety of our children.

### Summer Trip

Plans are underway for our summer family trip to East Links Farm. More information to follow very soon.

### Money from the Parent Council

We were delighted to get some money through the Parent Council from the school fund raising committee. We plan to use this money to build a new indoor sandpit that the children can actually get in and play! We would like to thank the Parent Council for this money and look forward to having our new sandpit.



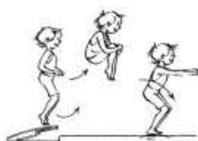
## PRIMARY 1

Children in Primary 1 have been busy this February. P1A and P1B are having lots of fun as they continue their drumming sessions, learning new beats along the way.

The children are thriving in their set phonics groups and I am sure they are eager to show you the progress they have made, using their magnetic boards at home.

In Numeracy, the children have begun grouping collections of items. They have been sorting by colours, size and category.

We have started our block of gymnastics sessions with a professional trainer and we look forward to learning more skills as we head towards our Easter holidays.



## FIRST LEVEL (P2, P3 AND P4)

### PRIMARY 2

Primary 2 pupils have been busy this term continuing with their Scotland and Africa topic. We are looking forward to our trip to Five Sisters Zoo to learn more about African and Scottish animals and their habitats. In Numeracy, we have been finding fractions of shapes and numbers and learning how to tell the time. For Literacy, we have started our Novel Study, "The Twits", and have been learning Scottish words by reading the Scottish version, The Eejits. We have been learning about prediction, have predicted what we think will happen and can't wait to find out what does! In PE, we have been increasing our fitness and stamina and learning about how to keep our bodies healthy by taking part in regular physical activity.



### PRIMARY 3

Primary 3 pupils has been practising the 2 and 3 times tables through various activities and consolidating our knowledge of subtraction. Students have also been learning to give change, using subtraction and with the help of 100 number squares. In Literacy, they have learned to identify key features of a news report and finished writing their first news reports on the completion of an Egyptian pyramid.



### PRIMARY 4

In Literacy we have been reading and writing a range of poetry. We created our own Valentine's poems focussing on someone special using our emotions and senses. Primary 4A performed a Valentine's assembly to the school telling the story of St Valentine and showcasing their class work.

We have been continuing with our Health topic and have been concentrating on health and hygiene. In the next few weeks we will be examining sleep cycles and how this impacts on our wellbeing.

In ICT we have designed and shared our own PowerPoints on China. We assessed each others' Listening and Talking skills and gave constructive feedback.



## SECOND LEVEL (P5, P6 AND P7)

### PRIMARY 5

A very busy time is coming up in Primary 5, getting ready for our "Alice – The Musical" performance. We are all designing and building scenery while learning lines and new songs. At the same time we have been trying to complete our Local History study topic, learning all about shopping and how this has changed in the Lasswade and Bonnyrigg area. Skiing will be taking place on a Wednesday with the first session now being Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March, so please ensure all children have suitable clothing on that day.



### PRIMARY 6

Primary 6 pupils are well rested after their February break and are looking forward to the remainder of Term 3. This Term we will be moving on from learning about the Scottish Wars of Independence to Space. If you have any exciting artefacts or photos at home to share please send them in with your child. Our Primary 5/6 show is fast approaching and all children are working hard to make this a success. Please encourage your children to practise their lines and songs at home if there is an opportunity. We will also be starting our Healthy Living (Sex Education) topic and we hope that you encourage your children to talk to you at home about what they are learning. Primary 6 were lucky to be able to attend a Chinese New Year show at Lasswade High School where they learnt more about Chinese culture and Mandarin.



### PRIMARY 7

Primary 7 took part in an Anderson Shelter challenge, where they had to work as a team to plan, resource and build an Anderson Shelter which could withstand a 1/2 kg weight, was waterproof and wind (hairdryer) proof. The children worked exceptionally hard on these and after testing their shelter completed a reflection task to see if they would modify their designs in the future. Most of the shelters were a huge success, with just a few letting in water.

We have been working on newspaper articles in our writing, learning about all the features that make up a newspaper article and then writing an interesting piece for the reader.

In P.E we have been working on hockey skills and will soon be moving on to learning about rhythm and timing in badminton. We also have an additional block of rugby on a Tuesday, running for 4 weeks.

Dates to remember:

**Thursday 8th March** - STEM learning day at Edinburgh College Eskbank

(forms have been sent home for this, please return as soon as possible if you have not already done so)

**Wednesday 25th April** - Risk Factory Visit



## **FUNDRAISING GROUP NEWS**

### **SPRING DISCOS**

Thanks to those parents who have volunteered, we can confirm the Spring Discos will be going ahead on Wednesday 28th March. The children have voted for their themes (P1-3 Disney Characters & P4-7 Spring Colours). Ticket information will be out this week, so please watch the school bags for more information.

### **FUNDS**

Each class, teachers & pupils with the help of the pupil council made wishlists at the start of the year. We are delighted that we have been able to give £350 to nursery, primaries 1-7, music and learning support (10 areas) totalling £3500, in order that all the children across the school benefit in some way or form from the funds we have raised so far. Hopefully each year group will share how they have spent their money. We have given a further £500 to the pupil council to spend on the pupil's wishlist and will update you shortly on how this has been spent. If you have any ideas on what we should raise funds for, how money should be spent or how you can help us raise money please let us know by email to [bonnyriggfundraising@hotmail.com](mailto:bonnyriggfundraising@hotmail.com)

## **PARENTS APPOINTMENTS**

Parents appointments will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March. Letters have been issued asking parents and carers to book appointment times via our online booking system. This system closes on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March so please try and book your appointments as soon as you can. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.



## **TREATS**

Could we ask that you do not let your children bring in sweets or birthday cake etc to hand out to others in the class.

There are children in school with allergies and intolerances and these children would not be able to partake. We thank you for your understanding.

