



# King's Park Primary News

## Headteacher's Update

Last term was an extremely busy and productive time for our learners and staff. It was great to see so many families and visitors attend our Community Event open day. The children in particular were very proud to share their learning and we were really pleased that our showcase of learning in the hall attracted so many visitors and provided such a great stimulus for discussion. Thank you to everyone who left such positive feedback for us. Reading the comments made us all smile! We also had a very successful litterpick at the end of that week in order to support our nursery staff to continue with Forest Kindergarden. Our team of helpers did an amazing job at clearing the forest to make it safe and accessible. Bacon rolls afterwards certainly helped! I was delighted to be able to attend the P6 Careers in Care Graduation Ceremony. The children have clearly been inspired by this course and are already talking about their future in the world of work. I really enjoyed the opportunity to meet more families at our Parent's Evenings. These were well attended and have provided a further opportunity to find out more about your child's learning. Thank you to all parents who attended the recent coffee morning and to the PTA for organising. This was a great opportunity for parents to chat informally over a cuppa and delicious home baking. As we prepare ourselves for the run up to Christmas, I look forward to seeing you at the numerous events that we have planned!

## Adverse Weather

As always at this time of year, we ask that all children come to school dressed appropriately for the weather. We will make every effort to use the school playground even if it is wet. In the event of adverse weather before school, we have the following arrangement in place:

A member of staff will be positioned at Door A, B and C to allow children entry at 8.45am.

**P1-P4 children (excluding P4a)** should come straight to Doors B and C and enter the building rather than lining up. Staff will be on hand to take them to the dining hall of the main building where they will be supervised until teachers collect them at 8:55am.

**P4a-P7 children** should come straight to Door A and enter the building rather than lining up. Staff will be on hand to take them to the gym hall of the main building where they will be supervised until teachers collect them at 8:55am.

## School Grounds Access

Please note that from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November access to the school playground via King's Park and the P3/4 playground will be restricted between 9.10am and 3.00pm. Access to the school out-with these times should be made via the main entrance gate on Croft Street. Thank you for supporting this change.



### **Sport at King's Park**

School Sport has got off to a busy start this year. We have attended a variety of events with a range of pupils participating in different sports.

Midlothian Cross Country - We are delighted to report that the team managed to retain the Midlothian Shield after a super team performance!

SFA Football Festivals - Our Primary 7 boys and girls football teams have been active in the Midlothian SFA football festivals. We have managed to field two teams in each event and pupils have greatly enjoyed the experience.

Midlothian Swimming Championships - We took a team of ten swimmers to this event in October. We were pleased to have three pupils bring medals back to King's Park.

We have also taken part in the recent P6/7 Rugby festival. Almost 50 pupils represented our school. Thanks to all parents and carers who have supported these events by accompanying the teams to the different sports events!

### **P2 Classes**

Roll up! Roll Up!

The circus has arrived in Primary 2! This term Primary 2 will be learning about mime and movement, creating lots of interesting art, performing our own puppets shows and developing our co-ordination and juggling skills through circus circuits!

### **Primary 5 Author Visit**

The Primary 5 classes will be visited by local author and story teller Lea Taylor. Over the two sessions, Lea will share some of her stories about Midlothian and run workshops to help the children develop creativity and improve the plots and character descriptions in their writing. The children have already enjoyed one visit and look forward to continue developing their ideas and techniques in their story writing this year!

### **P5 - 7 Choir**

The P5-7 Choir has made a fantastic start to the year and has enjoyed singing some favourite tunes, including George Ezra and The Greatest Showman. They are now starting to look towards performance opportunities in the Christmas season - watch this space!

### **Primary 6 Careers in Care**

Primary 6 were delighted to welcome so many parents to their graduation from the 'Careers in Care' course in partnership with Edinburgh College and are putting their skills into practise in the classroom.

They are just beginning to launch into their new topic of Ancient Greece and are looking forward to exploring this historical period.

### **Christmas Food for Families**

We understand that Christmas can be a challenging time for some of our families. We want to make you aware that we can apply for food support for families during this period. If this is something that you feel your family would benefit from please contact the school office or a member of the Senior Leadership Team for further information.

### **QUOTE OF THE MONTH:**

*"What we learn with pleasure, we never forget"*

**-Alfred Mercier**