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# King's Park Primary News

## Head Teacher's Welcome

As we progress through our final term for this session, we continue to think of all of our children and families at this really challenging time. Our children continue to illustrate our school values in all that they do and we are seeing so many examples of Creativity, Aspiration, Resilience, Empathy and Success! One of the things that has really struck me in recent weeks is the kindness shown by our children. Lots of our children are taking part in a variety of activities to raise money for different COVID-19 causes and I have also been delighted to receive lots of thank you letters and emails from children and from parents and carers. This really does inspire us all to keep going in these difficult circumstances. I am amazed at the creative ways that our children and families are organising ways to support us to stay connected and show pride in belonging to the King's Park family such as our 'rainbow railings' and making a video for staff to say 'thank you'. I don't want to name individual families but please know that we are ever thankful and bursting with pride at the resilience, determination and kind-heartedness shown.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend our thoughts to our families who have experienced illness or loss of loved ones whilst school has been closed. We are sending you a 'virtual hug' and thinking of you. Please stay in touch and keep sharing your learning on Seesaw and also on Twitter using #KPCares which illustrates our school vision: Creativity, Aspiration, Resilience, Empathy and Success. It really is helping us to keep smiling and feel connected!

This term we are working collaboratively with our Secondary Schools, Nurseries and Partner Providers to plan for successful transitions for our Early Years and Primary Seven children. Whilst transition will look very different, we are still wholly committed to ensuring that the needs of our learners are at the heart of all of our plans and that we make this as positive an experience as we possibly can. I would like to give a special mention to our P7 learners at this time, who are continuing to show a positive attitude towards their learning and a real commitment to continuing to be the best that they can possibly be. We have seen these qualities in our P7s throughout the year and it is great to see this continue.

Our staff are working tirelessly behind the scenes to support our families at this time. We are in regular contact with lots of families to provide support, we have distributed chromebooks to those unable to access online learning, arranged food parcels and have been delivering outreach to those most in need. Please do remember, as always, that if you are finding things tricky, are in need of support or would like some advice, we are here to listen and to help. We remain your first point of contact. You can contact us in the usual way through our school email [Kingspark\\_PS@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:Kingspark_PS@midlothian.gov.uk) which is manned daily and we will endeavour to get in touch with you as soon as we can.

Take care and stay safe,

#KPCares #Creativity #Aspiration #Resilience #Empathy  
#Success



## Distance Learning at King's Park

We have now just finished the eighth week of Distance Learning at King's Park and we know that many of you will continue to work from home as well as try to support your child's learning.

During this time, the wellbeing of your child is of utmost importance, and should be carefully balanced with educational activities. We recognise that many families may be under stress, and our main focus is to reassure and help you decide what is best for your family when it comes to Distance Learning activities



We do not expect your child to engage in a 'full timetable' as they would normally do in school. It won't be possible to try to replicate this at home. Give yourself and your child permission to accept this. You should try to have a plan/routine in place as this can help children to feel calm and secure. Follow a simple daily schedule including key times to engage in some home learning activities. We can help you by providing a template you could use.

It is important that your child's learning continues during the period of school closure. You can support this by encouraging your child to complete the Learning Activities shared by Class Teachers through the Seesaw Class App. We expect all of our learners to engage in at least some of these. All children were provided with a Home Learning code prior to school closures. If you need a copy of this, please let us know.

## Parent Club Scotland

Parent Club Scotland offers up-to-date guidance from the Scottish Government on your child's health and education. It is full of hints and tips from other parents and carers who've been there before. It also has advice to help you look after your own wellbeing and to point you in the direction of the support available.

Parent Club Scotland has put together lots of information to help you cope with the impact of Coronavirus. You can find this here:

<https://www.parentclub.scot/topics/coronavirus>

## Ribbon Display

Inspired by the rainbows that have become a symbol for the current situation, one of our Primary 3 pupils has taken the initiative to create our own school ribbon display at King's Park. She invites all members of our school community to visit school and add a ribbon to the railings on Croft Street during your daily exercise. You are welcome to bring your own ribbons or alternatively there will be a supply left on the fence for you to use.



The ribbon display will be present from lunchtime on Wednesday 27th May.

"What else do you think?"



"I think" said the horse  
"you are doing better than you think."

## Virtual School Assembly

Mrs Renton, Mrs Findlay and Mrs Orr are busy planning King's Park's very first 'Virtual Assembly'.

More information about this exciting Seesaw event is coming soon!



## School App Design Challenge

We were very excited to launch our new App in April. The new App incorporates information about events, term dates, school news and alerts in once place. We can now link PDFs directly to message alerts which is a much simpler way for you to access documents quickly. You can also choose which classes you receive notifications about, which will mean the information and messages you receive are more relevant. Each class teacher has written an overview for the learning that they plan to deliver this term. This can be found in the 'Classes' section of the App.

We asked each class to design an image which could then be used in the App, as well as on the school website. The winning designs are below. We think you will agree that we have some very talented children!



To access the App, you need to download "Scot Ed" from your Apple or Android app store, then select King's Park Primary from the list.



## Transition from EYC—P1 and P7—S1

Communication has already been sent to our families regarding planned Transition timelines for our new P1 pupils, as well as our P7 pupils who will be moving onto Secondary education after the Summer. You can find copies of any letters that have been sent on our school Website:

EYC—P1: <http://kingspark.mgfl.net/our-news/?category=elc-p1-transition-news>

P7—S1: <http://kingspark.mgfl.net/our-news/?category=p7-s1-transition-news>



## Starting School

Look out for your KPPS Welcome Pack coming to you in the post! This includes lots of information you need to know before your child starts Primary 1.

Please remember to download the Seesaw Class App so your child can take part in our virtual transition programme throughout June.

## Get in Touch!

If there is anything we can do to support you and your family at this time, please let us know. You can contact us by calling the Woodburn Hub on 0131 271 4715 or by emailing us at:

KingsPark\_ps@midlothian.gov.uk.

Our school may be closed but we are here to support all our families. #KPCARES

*No act of kindness,  
no matter how small,  
is ever wasted.  
-Aesop*

