



May

Our Monthly Update

31/05/19



From the Principal

I just about managed to squeeze in a newsletter before the end of the month!

It's encouraging that many pupils are walking, cycling and scooting to school at the moment, despite the weather. Active travel has obvious fitness benefits for pupils and also helps ease traffic congestion around our gates. We would urge you to please park in one of the many car parks and walk to school for drop off and pick up.

I am very glad we got Sports Day squeezed into the fair weather window, thank you for your tremendous support for our excellent afternoon of races.

There is lots going on this term, including end of term assessment, so good attendance is important as always. Here's hoping for a little exam weather to enjoy our PTA Summer Fair coming up next week on 7 June.

Uniform Week

10 - 14 June

Stall open before & after school each day

PTA

Thank you for your support for the Easter Fair in April. It was a lovely family evening and the event raised £210.

So far this year PTA Funds has provided P3 with a lovely, high-tech Interactive Panel to replace an aging Whiteboard. New signage has also been purchased to brighten up the exterior of the school.

We hope to be able to provide another class with a new Interactive Panel and create a sensory space for use by the mainstream school.

The next big venture is the **Summer Fair**:

Friday 7 June 6.30-8.30 pm

The PTA has asked each family to donate a bottle, a small item for the tombola and any pre-loved teddies you may have.

As always, everyone in the community is warmly welcome to come along and have some fun.

Volunteers welcome also!

Congratulations and Welcome

Congratulations to Mrs Barrett who recently had a gorgeous baby boy. We wish you lots of sleep-full nights.

Good luck to Mrs Bennett who is just about to start her maternity leave. With 2 other little boys she'll not have much time to rest up before the new arrival.

A warm welcome to Micah who joined us in SCU2 in April.

Also a big welcome to Miss Keogh who is currently teaching P1 and has been appointed as a permanent member of staff.



P7 enjoying seeing some of the attractions on their recent trip to Edinburgh

P1 Early Finish

12.00 pm

Mon 10 - Wed 12 June

For new P1 Induction



School News

Around the Classes

P7 pupils enjoyed a fantastic residential in Edinburgh at the start of May. They represented the school impeccably as they visited many, many local attractions such as Blair Drummond Safari Park, Edinburgh Castle, Camera Obscura and Dynamic Earth. The Ghost Tour was a highlight, thankfully all pupils made it out of the vaults.

P5 ended a year long Peace IV Project working with pupils from St Joseph's PS. They met weekly, forming great relationships and learning much about each

other. An artist will be coming in to work with the class in June to create artwork to mark the end of the project.

P1 and SCU1 had a damp visit to the Farm yesterday, but that made splashing in the puddles all the more fun. A great time was had by all. They were frisked getting on to the bus to ensure no puppies, bunnies or lambs were smuggled back.

P6 will be heading off for their first residential next week to Delamont, where they will get wet and mucky participating in various outdoor activities.

P2 and SCU2 are looking forward to their trip to the Zoo in June.

Mrs Thompson and Miss Keogh have embarked on attaining a Forest School Award; both P1 and P3 will enjoy a series of outdoor lessons between now and the end of term.

Sports Day

Thank you for your tremendous support for Sports Day. We hit lucky with the weather. We were very impressed by our pupils, both with their sporting abilities and their sportsmanship. It fills us with pride to see them cheering each other on and coping the dreaded 'not coming first'.

Netball

The girls have played several matches for the league and have won against all but one school. They have one last tournament coming up in June to look forward to. We know they will play well.



Thanks to Cedric who took some great photos of our Sports Day. They have all been uploaded to the school website, under the Gallery tab

Diary Dates

Don't forget to look us up on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) & our [website](#)

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| • P7 Post Primary Placements | 1 June |
| • P6 Residential to Delamont | 3 - 5 June |
| • PTA Summer Fair | 7 June |
| • P1 Induction Days | 10 -12 June |
| <i>Current P1 leaves at 12.00 pm</i> | |
| • PTA Uniform Sales | 10 – 14 June |
| • P7 Leavers' Assembly | 26 June |
| • Last Day of Term | 28 June |
| <i>12.00 noon finish</i> | |
| • New School Year Starts | 29 Aug |

Developments

News is that planning for our new 3G youth pitch is progressing without objection. We are hopeful that work will begin on it during the summer with completion expected in the Autumn term.

A local business, **LM Services**, is helping us repurpose an old cleaning store into a sensory space for our SCU pupils. They have striped it of ancient pipe-work and rewired it. They are going to install amazing ceiling light panels featuring an aquarium scene. We are extremely grateful for their support as the school budget would not have enabled this project.