



Website: roslin.mgfl.net

Twitter: @RoslinPS

Nurture, Play, Respect



STAFF NEWS

Mrs Love is retiring this summer, Midlothian are currently working to recruit a new Head Teacher. Mr Burt continues to be absent, it looks like Mrs McEwen will cover the class for the rest of P5 for which we remain very grateful. Mrs McGrory has also been absent this month and will be for the next few weeks. We are delighted to have Ms Lynch in P2/3. It is extremely difficult to secure such excellent, continuous supply teachers.

SCIENCE WEEK

Thanks to all of the parents who supported science week this year, we were very grateful to have so many of you support the learning in classes.

HEALTH WEEK

This week is health week for the Nursery-P3 children and has kicked off with dancing, rugby, story massage and cricket. Next week we continue with health week for the P4-7 learners.

Events to come include Yoga, Parkour and sports led by some of the High School students.

P7 CAMP

Camp is going on this week. Many of our children are nervous heading off, and this current group were no exception. From the reports from staff and the smiles in pictures it seems everyone is having an amazing time. The camp is run with Mauricewood and Bilston Primaries and staff from Beeslack join them too. This allows the children to make new friends and get to know some of the staff before going to Beeslack in August. We use Rock UK's camp in the Borders as the activities are excellent.

OUTDOOR SPACE DEVELOPMENT

There is a long term plan in place to develop the school ground a section at a time. One corner of the field has been planted with bushes and trees kindly donated by the Woodland Trust. Thanks to the Roslin Guerilla Gardeners for helping with this. We are also adding raised beds, donated and made locally and beginning to plant in these, compost arrived last week. Outdoor play is developing too. We purchased a range of games and equipment for the P4-7 playground which are being well used. These include boules, skipping ropes, giant Jenga, giant dominos and much more.

The Gardening Club has been busy at lunchtimes planting the raised beds in place with plants kindly donated by the Rotary Club. With such a tight budget none of this would be possible without such strong community support.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 29th April - 3rd May - Health Week N-P3
- 6th May - Holiday
- 7th May - 10th - Health Week P4-7
- 20th May - INSET Day - closed to pupils
- 24th May - P1-7 Sports Day
- 29th May - Nursery Summer Family Trip
- 7th June - Alternate Sports Day
- 20th June - P1 Induction Meeting (more info to follow)
- 20th June - Meet the teacher (hopefully - see note on classes)
- 21st June - Coffee morning for new P1 parents
- 27th June - Family Picnic
- 28th June - End of Term

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING (SIP)

We are beginning to formulate our SIP for 2024-25. Thanks to everyone who responded to the survey on next steps for the school and the Parent Council for their input. This forms part of the planning along with the Pupil Conference, feedback from the inspection in March, feedback during the Parent Consultation meetings and consulting with all school staff.

There is a move towards making sure change is embedded before moving on and not having things on the SIP for just one year. This will continue to be the case as a new Head Teacher takes the lead and so some of the current priorities will continue.

During the INSET day in May the staff will work towards finalising the plan.

FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT

Part of the SIP for this session was to extend the range of formative assessment used in classes. Formative assessment is a way to monitor the learning during the lesson and provide support and feedback immediately. We created a formative assessment toolkit and the classes are using strategies such as 'magpie minute', this is a one minute lesson stop that allows learners to move around the classroom looking at the learning of others or being able to ask questions of their peers.

CLASSES FOR NEXT SESSION

As the end of this school year approaches we know people are anxious about classes for the next session. To organise classes we follow the guidelines from Midlothian. It may be very late in the term when these are finalised. This is because we need to wait for class numbers from the council who consider the bigger picture and capacity in all of the surrounding schools. It may even be this session that the classes are not organised before the planned 'Meet the Teacher' sessions in June. We will keep you informed about this closer to the time.

ATTAINMENT

We have just come to the end of national assessments for P1, 4 and 7. Well done to all of the children and staff as the results are excellent. We have to set 'Stretch Aims' for the school which are meant to be aspirational and ambitious and we have met almost all of these. When we were inspected recently much of the teaching was highlighted as very good and some of the lessons could not be faulted. This is a testament to the outstanding staff team who work very hard to meet the needs of all learners

READING BOOKS

We are hugely grateful to the parent council who are supporting the school to replace reading books. This year we have focused on books at stage 4 and 5, which are usually used around P2 and P3 levels. The new sets have some non-fiction which we were short of and we are keen to begin to use these as soon as possible.

YOUNG CARERS GROUP

The Young Carers group went with Mrs Langdon and Mrs Deas to visit The Secret Herb Garden and had a wonderful afternoon. We are very grateful to the staff at the Garden for looking after them so well. Everyone had time to play before having delicious sandwiches, scones and cakes in the greenhouse. The children were treated like VIPs, which we loved and all came back with huge smiles.



PARENT COUNCIL

As part of the school family everyone is automatically part of the Parent Council. Education Scotland have some information on the role of the group here - <https://education.gov.scot/parentzone/getting-involved/parent-councils/about-parent-councils/>

To enable people who would like to pass on information for discussion at meetings, each class has a representative, these are listed below. If you are unsure what your representative looks like the class teacher should be able to help.

P1 - Jo Mistry

P2 – Rhian Munro

P3 – Mhairi Spence

P4 – Evelyn Maginnis

P5 – Emma Hutt

P6 – Sara Jones

P7 – Claire Houston

DIGITAL TOOLS

We are aware that parents have concerns over the use of devices in class, this comes up often during feedback. There are also questions about how to support children with devices. There are some excellent resources to answer some of the questions, which can be found here - <https://equipped.midlothian.education/devices/>

This includes a link to a video produced by the award winning Midlothian Digital Team.



