



TYNEWATER PRIMARY SCHOOL

JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER



STAFFING UPDATE

I am very pleased to share that Mrs Thompson will be returning from her maternity leave after the Easter holidays. Mrs Thompson has been a class teacher here at Tynewater for a number of years and we are looking forward to having her back.

She will be returning to work on a part time basis – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays and will be teaching our **Primary 6** class. Miss Robertson will continue to work with P6 on Thursdays and Fridays.

WINTER WEATHER REMINDER

As the snowy season approaches, it is important to note that although we do our very best to avoid school closures, severe weather can result in the school being closed.

In the rare event of this happening, you will be informed via Groupcall Messenger in the first instance so it is very important that your contact details are up to date. Notice of any school closure will also be shared on the school website, Midlothian Council website and on Forth Radio.



Should the school close, there are a variety of Home Learning activities on our school website for the first day. If we are closed for any longer than this, learning activities will be posted on Seesaw for pupils.

ASSEMBLIES

We were treated this month to two very special Scottish Assemblies; one from our Primary 6 pupils in their class assembly and another Whole School Scottish Assembly.

Our Primary 6 pupils did a wonderful job of sharing about the work and life of Rabbin Burns, and included some lovely songs, poetry recitals and even a ceilidh dance! Our Whole School Scottish Assembly gave pupils from across all of our classes the chance to perform their Scottish poems to a large audience and they demonstrated real courage, teamwork and resilience.

In our Building Resilience Programme we have been learning about Keeping Connected. We have learned about the importance of having a 'back-up team' and being on other people's 'back-up team' too. We have also considered how important being a part of a group in and outside of school is to build connections and friendships; such as football or a chess club.



WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day this year is on Thursday 7th March.

That week we will be having a World Book Day House Event on Monday 4th March to kickstart our celebration of reading week, organised by our House Captains.

This celebratory week will culminate in the Primary 5 class assembly on Friday 8th of March.

Our Literacy Champion pupil group will also be organising activities for throughout the week and their plans will be shared in due course.



PARKING



There have been ongoing parking issues in the staff car park at pick up/drop off times for a number of years. Our JRSO Primary 6 pupils have been working on a way to make this safer and to ensure that the school is accessible to emergency services should ever a need arise at these times.

They plan to introduce a Pick Up/Drop Off Only Zone for parents in the bus bay. **Please see the attached letter with further details on this for families.**

BIG BREAKFAST

We are looking forward to welcoming members of the Healthy Living Programme to our school next week for a Big Breakfast Event.

The Healthy Living Programme is run by the Scottish Grocers' Federation and has been tasked by the Scottish Government to support retailers to offer healthy choices and assist in the goal of achieving a healthy nation.

We will be hosting a Big Breakfast event next Wednesday (7th February) for all children from P1-7 to try different healthy breakfast products. These have been very generously provided by our very own Day-Today Express in Pathhead and we would like to extend our thanks to them for this.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Pathhead Boogie Family Bingo

Join Boogie Buddies on Saturday 25th March 2023 at the Pathhead Village Hall, EH37 5PZ for an afternoon of family fun.

Doors open at 1.2.30pm when there will be some characters on the Dancefloor on your arrival with the party starting at 1pm to 3pm.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/boogie-buddies-events>



Ireland v Scotland Family Friendly Screening

Saturday 16 March 2024 4:15 PM - 7:30

Pathhead Village Hall

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/52727>

The Pathhead 200 Club

The 2024 200 Club is open for membership! Just complete the below form and pay your year's membership of £20 to have the chance of winning £50 every month! The first draw will take place on Thursday 28th March!

Remember, all the proceeds of the 200 Club go directly to the Christmas Lights!

Fill your form out here:

<https://forms.office.com/r/zvYQgxYCJr>

HEALTHY SNACKS

Please be reminded that we are a health promoting school. There has been an increasing number of children coming to school with high sugar snacks and sweeties to share with their friends. We encourage children not to share snacks due to allergies within the school.

We request that children come to school with healthy snacks and are reminded that these are not for sharing in the playground.

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 7th February – The Big Breakfast Event

Friday 9th February – Primary 3 Class Assembly (9.30am)

12th -16th February – FEBRUARY BREAK

19th February – RETURN TO SCHOOL

4th March – World Book Day House Event

7th March – World Book Day

8th March – Primary 5 Year Group Assembly (both P5 classes involved) / Parent Council Coffee Morning

12th March – Parent Council Meeting (6.30pm Online)

