



Priorsford Newsletter

April 2024

'Supporting each other to grow and learn together'



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Dear Parents/Carers,

We returned from the Easter break a few weeks ago now and we were ready for the new term. We have a busy month ahead and we hope the weather continues to improve so we can make the most of the outdoors. You will see from the calendar dates section that we have lots of different events during the month of May. We hope parents/carers will be able to come along and support, help out or be a parent helper to ensure we have enough adults to escort classes to their activities.

Our classes have already been preparing the polytunnel and garden for the growing season. They have planted a variety of produce, with more still to plant when the Spring frost has had it's final sigh. There will be various plants from our school garden available to buy at the Summer Fayre.

The Summer Fayre is always an important event in the school calendar and the PTA are hoping that this can be held outside, weather permitting. I hope to see lots of families come along to join in the fun and raise funds for the school.

Finally, I would just like to remind everyone about the Tesco 'Stronger Starts' Project. Priorsford has submitted an application to enhance our outdoor area. The blue token voting system in Tesco, Peebles has 3 community projects to choose from and I hope families and friends of the school are popping their tokens into our section. Thank you!

Susan Woodyer
Headteacher



Vote for Priorsford Primary School

Peebles Beltane

Throughout this upcoming month we will be preparing for Beltane Week.

The Beltane announcement will be made on Wednesday 15th May. The P6 & P7 classes will go to the Drill Hall for 2pm and the other classes will remain in school for the announcement.

The children taking part in Beltane will begin to be allocated costumes which will be sent home prior to the event in June. A big thank you to our Beltane costume committee for making sure all the costumes are fitted to look good.

We will issue reminders in due course regarding the rehearsals for the Beltane Court.

Rag Bag Collection

Our next Rag Bag collection is scheduled for Monday 20th May. Rag bag is a textile recycling project that converts the weight of the textiles into money for the school.



We would welcome any clothing that can be worn again, paired shoes, handbags or belts. Please send any donations into school before this date or donations can also be dropped off at the collection point in the Atrium.

They do not accept duvet covers, pillow cases, blankets, towels, curtains, Bric a Brac or electrical items.

Bikeability

All Primary 6 children will be receiving a week of Bikeability training in May or June. There will be 2 groups and the children will be informed of when their group will be doing this. Bikeability highlights the importance of looking after a bike and ensuring it is safe to ride. It also teaches the children the skills to ride their bike and learn the hazards to look out for as well as demonstrating how to signal to other road users. More information will follow and we hope many of our children will take this opportunity to learn this important life skill.



Dates For Your Diary

Mon 6th May	Public Holiday - School and Nursery closed
Tues 7th May	Inservice Day for staff - school closed to pupils
Sat 11th May	School Summer Fayre 10am - 1pm
Sun 12th May	Three Bridges Race
Wed 15th May	Beltane Announcement P6 & P7 in the Drill Hall P1 - P5 in school
Thurs 16th May	9.30am - P6 & P7 Swimming Gala at Peebles Swimming Pool
Mon 20th May	WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK P6 Bikeability Week 1 Rag Bag collection
Tues 21st May	P5 Countryside Day at Kelso
Wed 22nd May	County Sports
Thurs 23rd May	7pm - Parent Council Meeting in staff Room - all welcome
Mon 27th May	HEALTH WEEK - more information to follow
Tues 28th May	SPORTS DAY (Weather permitting) 9.30am - 11.30am - P4 - P7 1.30pm - 2.45pm - P1 - P3
Thurs 30th May	P7 Bike Bash in Victoria Park
Fri 31st May	Dance Mob

PTA

At the PTA meeting in April we were discussing potential fundraising ideas for next session. Lots of ideas were being discussed and we hope that parents/carers will support these either by helping to organise these events or by attending them. More details will follow.

The idea of Year Group Parent Representatives was suggested. This already works well for our Parent Council. In August, the PTA will be looking for a parent from each year group to be the link person that can help to communicate information about events and the jobs that need to be done.

We hope the Summer Fayre on Saturday 11th May is in your diary. Pop along to show your support and there are a few stalls that still need an adult helper. If you can help in any way please sign up.

HELP NEEDED

The PTA are hoping to buy a new sound system for the school to enhance any future performances and ensure the audience can hear the performers. However, after some initial research it is increasingly difficult to get something suitable. If any parents/carers are experts in this field or know of someone, please can you contact the school to discuss, or pass on the details of a known supplier.

Scottish Schools Cross Country Championships

We had P6 & P7 teams of boys and girls competing at the event in Kirkcaldy on Saturday 20th April.

All runners ran incredibly well on what was a difficult course. They all showed amazing support for their fellow teams, and runners from other schools too. They were heard encouraging the teams from Kingsland PS who were competing in a different race.

Our P6 boys team had their race times combined to be awarded the cup for their age group. The team showed great sportsmanship and we are extremely proud of them all.

Well done to all runners, another great athletics result for our school!



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Pupil Achievements

Dance



Equestrian



Rugby



Swimming



Judo

