

Roseburn Weekly

Head Teacher update from Natalie Borrowman.

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Theatre Trip

Thank you to the PTA for helping to fund our trip to see Wendy and Peter Pan at the Lyceum. This was a thoroughly enjoyable experience. The children were engaged and shouted out excitedly to Captain Hook. I was very pleased with the children's behaviour too. Well done!



Achievements

Daisy, Sriram (P5F) and Robin (P5M) sang to a packed audience as a part of junior choir in the National Youth Choir of Scotland (NYCoS)

Christmas concert, on 1st December at St. Cuthberts Church, Edinburgh. The choir received cheers and applause when they sang L'allotte sur la branches and Greyfriars Bobby.

Hot Chocolate Friday

Well done to Safia who demonstrated being 'above and beyond' by - 'making someone's day' and was awarded a Hot Chocolate Friday card.



Hour Of Code

Our P7 pupils enjoyed their 'Hour of Code' at Craigmount High School, where they programmed the robot, Marty, and worked on the coding site, Code Monkey. They were able to use their coding skills to move up the levels on Code Monkey and this can be continued at

home as part of their Home Learning. It was another very successful transition event organised by Craigmount High School to prepare our P7 pupils for their move to high school next year.

The Christmas Fair



Here are a few samples of some of the fabulous enterprise items that were on sale today at the school fair. I was amazed -some items just flew off the tables. The raffle was won by Sam in P4. Each class will work out their profit and then

they will collate the total raised. The children have lots of ideas on how to spend the funds. Thank you for your support, it is appreciated.

Parental Engagement

Mrs Simpson attended a Conference at Murrayfield on Parental Engagement last Friday. Parental engagement was talked about as not only



interactions with school, but includes all the help and support families give their children every day. One tip was to ask "What two things do you know today, you didn't know yesterday?" to encourage your child to talk about their learning. They also stressed the importance of learning nursery rhymes to help develop literacy skills. We continue learning rhymes and poetry in school and plan to celebrate Scots poems for all year groups each January.

Reverse Advent Calendar

Thank you so much for your kind donations for the House Reverse Calendar. The House Captains have asked their Houses to look in cupboards for toiletries, tinned and dried foods. Monday will be the last day, as all boxes need to be delivered to the Food banks on Monday 10 December. Well done House Captains.

House Meetings

At our House meetings today the House Captains started off with an energetic 'Cha Cha Slide', ask for a demonstration. They discussed, how to improve and display the collecting of house points, house pupil's celebrations and achievements, improving their lines, and suggestions for school improvements. The children have some very good ideas which we will discuss.



Shout Outs

Shout Outs' this week were awarded to: Chris p6, Max p7, Jay p7, Fraser p5, Laila p7, Dylan p7, Laila p3, Sahasra p3/4, and Evan who demonstrated they were Confident Individuals, Successful Learners, Responsible Citizens and Effective Contributors. Well done!

Portrait Gallery

The Scottish National Portrait Gallery have organised autism-friendly events for children

aged up to 12 years and their families on Saturday 8 and Saturday 15 December from 9-10am. They have: handling materials; a visit to our *Planes, Trains and Automobiles* photography exhibition and sensory creative activities. Children must be accompanied by adult. For more information please Telephone: 0131 624 6428 or email: amurray@nationalgalleries.org

Maths Market Place

The children were delighted with the very positive feedback they received for their demonstrations using practical materials to add and subtract. Thank you for this. I would like to know if you would like more opportunities to have sessions like this, sharing the learning the children experience in school, and what progression looks like.



Assemblies

Speakers from Shelter Scotland, RSPCA and the Community Police will share key messages at assemblies next term. We welcome speakers from all faiths to share their traditions, if you or know of someone who would be happy to come along to an assembly or class please contact the school. We are also keen to further develop our community business links.

Diary Dates

Monday 10 Dec: Craigmount Christmas Carol Concert at 7pm
 Thursday 13 Dec: Nativity for P1 parents
 Friday 14 Dec: Nativity for P2 parents
 Tuesday 18 Dec: Christmas Concert 'Christmas Around the World', at Murrayfield Church 1.30pm
 Friday 21 Dec: End of term for all school and nursery pupils at 12 o'clock.

Building Resilience: Unit 5 Talk Things Over

Children from each class spoke confidently at assembly, sharing there are times when we all feel worried. Older classes shared -worries are thoughts, and thoughts are not facts. Younger classes shared their worry monsters, all very different and all able to 'munch' their worries.

