

Roseburn HT Weekly Update

Dear Roseburn Families

14 October 2022

Looking on the Bright Side today...I am thankful for a wonderful staff team, fabulous children, and a great school community. I am also grateful, for what I believe is the best job ever. Thank you.

What a busy and exciting term it has been. Our p1s have settled in so well, and our p7s have just had the best term ever. And everyone else- well done keep this up.

Assembly

Our assembly today was a Look on The Bright Side sharing assembly. Each class shared their Appreciation Stations and talked about what their class was thankful for. Some very confident individuals. What are you thankful for? Thank you to the newly appointed p7 Tech Team Zac and Felix. Well done.

Congratulations to all our p7 learners, who completed their CVs, applications for jobs and then their individual interviews. I'm told waiting outside the HT office was the worst thing, but the glass of water was delicious. I was so impressed by their confidence, sincerity, and manners. They were able to answer the questions, with relevant responses and share how their skills matched the job. Some responses to "Why you?" included; because I want to make the school a better place, I want to show all children with an ASN need they too can do this, I want to inspire others, and because I am a good all-round nice person. I was so proud. Job offers are on route to them. Appointing the House Captains was a very difficult decision. Each house members- pupils and staff voted for the candidate they wanted to lead. The votes were counted, and their interviews was taken into consideration. It was very close. The candidates were told personally yesterday whether they were successful or unsuccessful. Congratulations to all candidates- you were fantastic. The House Captain appointments are as follows

Belmont - Laila and Lola

Glendevon -Emily and Xander

Ravelston -Rory and Harrison

Murrayfield- Molly and Isla K

Achievements

Holly completed the Kiltwalk "wee wander" last month raising £313 for Edinburgh Womens Aid which was increased to almost £450 with fund matching. This is the second time she has taken part, raising money for this great cause. She's hoping next year will be her third!

P2 Innes has been selected for the diving TID team. We are very proud of his effort and hard work to get there. He will start the month trial next week. Well done Innes on this success.

P6 Aaron wrote to a lecturer at Edinburgh University- to share his interest in fossils. He was invited in to see and touch them and listen to a lecture- what an experience. Aaron spoke o well at assembly about this.

P7 Zac and Craig did their Scouts Explorer Expedition this weekend and it went well. They walked from Burntisland train station to Dunfermline and then camped and made their own food and walked to North Queensferry train station the next day. They were in groups of 6 without a leader and had to navigate their way around using a map and their wits. Everyone was very proud of them. Well done Zac and Craig

Murrayfield Community Church Christmas Tree

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Next term the pupils will be helping to create decorations for the Murrayfield Community Council Christmas tree. We are trying to focus on natural found objects or to upcycle everyday waste objects.

The materials needed are:

- pinecones
- whole horse chestnuts and conkers
- 2 litre plastic juice bottles (with tops)
- 2 litre plastic milk bottles (with tops)
- curling ribbon
- beads

If you can help with any of these, please send them in to school with your child after the October break and they can be passed to Mrs Denvir in p6.

Nursery News

There has been a buzz of activity this week. Some children have taken their adventures in rockets and canoes using loose parts. Other children have been the fire service helping put fires out In Australia, England, and Scotland. The children have been very responsible in nursery this week with the introduction of helping hands. Helping hands involves the children preparing snack with a teacher. Each day two children are selected and have the option to help throughout the day. One of our children showed the class how to use sign language. This is such a helpful tool to include everyone in our conversations and promote inclusion. At the end of the week Mrs Nicol (formally Miss Mitchell) shared the very exciting news that she is expecting a baby. She showed photos of the scan and the children heard the baby's heartbeat. We are so happy for her! Congratulations!

Next week the October holidays, and the nursery team wish you all a happy time with your loved ones. If you would like to share the children's adventures over the holidays on Learning Journals, please do. We would love to share these as a class when we return on Wednesday 26 October.

Stars of the week

This week our stars are Confident Individuals

Nursery- Alfie for explaining and showing his friend how to put on his shoes.

- P1 Jakub for confidently initiating a numeracy game, involving addition with 3 numbers, using a dice to problem solve.
- P1 Henio for displaying increased confidence when independently writing a Big Cat book showing mark making and creativity.

P2H Rory for helping his friend with new learning

- P2C- Max for his incredible attitude and effort towards his learning this week. Also, for his brilliant following of instructions and trying his best in all our activities.
- P3 Anav who displayed confidence during our class discussions about poultry this week.
- P4 Ahmed for his work in maths and becoming very confident with using a number line for the counting on strategy when subtracting.
- P5 Pia for sharing her opinion with confidence during our class debate about Roseburn Cycle Path. Pia was able to think on the spot and add extra reasons to support her group's main argument.

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P5/6 Mauro AND Pratham for speaking confidently during our class debate about the local cycle path, answering questions from their peers, and being able to think on the spot. Well done!

P6 Blair - for an excellent persuasive letter with confident use of previous ideas from across the curriculum.

P7 - Maheer for not only performing excellently in his own interview but for going above and beyond to help one of his peers in theirs.

Hot Chocolate Friday

Hot Chocolate Fridays were awarded to the following learners (and staff) who have demonstrated they are "Over and Above."

P4 Molly for her effort and focus in learning. Well done Molly and always with a smile on your face.

P1 Xenia for going above and beyond to enrich learning in Primary 1.

Miss Scott for always being ready to offer support and be the first to help others out. Thank you, Miss Scott.

P3 Chloe & Isla for their care and attention to litter in the playground and problem solving this. Well done.

P5 Georgina - For a fantastic start to Primary 5. Her love for learning, kind nature and enthusiasm help to make our class a lovely place to be

P7 - Felix has had an excellent start to Primary 7. He demonstrates the Roseburn values, has pushed himself outside of his comfort zone at the Humanutopia event and comes to school with a smile on his face each day. Well done Felix I am so pleased!

P7 Maheer for demonstrating our Roseburn values and showing support and encouragement for his peers. I am delighted with this engagement and effort. Well done, Maheer.

P7 Thomas for supporting younger learners, showing kindness, care, and patience. Helping children with ASL needs always with a smile even when challenging. Well done, Thomas.

House Points

Ravelston continued with their lead today with 659, closely followed by Glendevon with 621, then Belmont 616 and Murrayfield with 555. Our newly appointed House Captains will now lead their houses and encourage them to earn more tokens.

Book Sale

Thank you so much for your kind donation for our Book Fair- this raised £358. This will contribute to purchasing new books for our school library.

Lunches

Due to the colder weather from October 26 to the April all packed lunches will be eaten in the dining hall with school lunches. P1 to p2 will have a longer break at lunch time from 11.55 to 1pm (absorbing the afternoon break), which will enable opportunities for other learning activities in the afternoon.

Halloween

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The children (and staff) are invited to dress up on Friday 28 October. The PTA have organised some activities and games for p1-p3 to engage with in the morning. If you can help, please contact your class rep on whatsapp, or the school.

Staffing

Mr Carson continues to recover from his Achilles tendon operation, and Mrs Barker continues to teach p5/6. We are recruiting for a Pupil Support Assistant (25 hrs permanent) and a Domestic Assistant (10 hours permanent), please check myjobscotland if you or know of someone who is interested. We share congratulations to Miss Dickson who is expecting her second baby in Spring, and to Mrs Nicol who is expecting her first baby. Lovely to have two Roseburn babies next year.

We return to school on Wednesday 26 October.

"I've discovered something better than cake."

"What is it?" asked the boy

"A hug. It lasts longer"

Have a fabulous break everyone