



Roseburn HT Weekly Update

Dear Roseburn Families

23 September 2022

Happy Friday. It's the weekend, again, already!

This week one of my highlights included, joining in the "Bear Hunt" in the nursery, and observing some wonderful loose parts play. You can find out more about loose parts play here.

<https://www.inspiringscotland.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Loose-Parts-Play-web.pdf>

I was also impressed by Owen in the nursery who responded to my question about "Who was Skipper"- (the orange jelly baby in Building Resilience) with... "Well, he helps us on the river of life and with our emotions," Well done. I also had the opportunity to teach odds and evens in p2 and I was delighted with their focus and engagement. Some great learning about numbers using numicon. Well done p2.

Roseburn School Parent Partnership (RSPP)

The first face to face meeting of the Roseburn School Parent Partnership, which includes the sub committee the PTA, school staff and parents took place last night. The animated meeting was chaired by Russell Armstrong. It was good to hear feedback from the class reps, and discussions were enthusiastic and encouraging. Thank you for being a great school community. Much of the discussion centred around communication on Microsoft teams; how to access being one point. There will be a separate follow up on this with potential drop in sessions to support. Microsoft teams is the preferred platform for the city of Edinburgh council, and more specifically is used by Craigmount High School to support learning. P6 and p7 will be allocated an iPad in November for home to school use and Teams will be the platform used for this. More information to follow.

Playground Improvement

The draft Concept Plan for the playground was shared at the RSPP meeting. This is a very exciting venture for us all- and we all agreed the playground environment needs improved to facilitated imaginative and active play and learning outdoors. More information will be shared with requests on how you can help. A cheque for £2873.25 was handed over to the PTA from the children's Grow a £1 event, and some of this money will be used to purchase Loose Parts Play for the playground.

Coffee and Cake with the HT

Please come and join me for a coffee and cake in the school hall from 11.45 to 12.15 on the first Friday of each month. This will be an opportunity to meet other parents, and chat informally. The first HT coffee and cake on Friday 7 October. Planned dates for this year are below.

Friday 7 October
Friday 4 November
Friday 2 December
Friday 6 January
Friday 3 February
Friday 3 March
Friday 5 May
Friday 2 June

Stars of the Week; for being Responsible Citizens are,



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Nursery – Jayden for demonstrating responsibility and using a litter pick to tidy up when finding litter in the garden.

P1 - Leon for demonstrating responsibility and mature attitude in all that he does.

P1 - Haven for taking pride and responsibility when taking care of class environment and resources

P2C- Amine for always helping tidy the classroom, looking after our resources and taking care over all her work.

P2H- Abdul for adapting well to our classroom environment, always trying his best and taking great care of our resources

P3 - Dylan R for being responsible in the playground and helping to tidy up equipment

P4- Ethan for working hard and always helping to tidy up and take good care of the school resources.

P5/6 Savva for always showing maturity and responsibility and for having a hardworking attitude towards her tasks

P5 - Emily for always taking care of our resources and volunteering to help with classroom jobs.

P6 - Holly - she has a hard-working attitude and takes care of the resources she uses

P7 - Ethan is very thoughtful and always offers to help others, bringing positivity to the class with his cheerful smile.

Huge thanks to the p7 tech team- Ethan, Felix, Xander and Zac.

Hot Chocolate Friday

A Hot Chocolate Friday was awarded to p4 Calum Anderson for always trying his best, being responsible in class and making excellent progress with his writing and reading. Well done, Callum.

House Points

This week Ravelston remain in the lead with -522, Glendevon -505, Belmont -484, and Murrayfield- 434. Thank you to p7 helpers Natalie and Isla.

Today's Kahoot on Sustainable Development Goals enabled Murrayfield to gain some extra House Points. Wonder if this will impact next week's totals.

Achievements

Congratulations to p2 Cai who entered an international art competition with his art piece named "Rainbow Reef". He made it through to the second stage of selection. What a wonderful achievement. p5 Georgina who has been selected for the Edinburgh Diving sessions, p5 Sonja for fantastic swimming, and achieving the 200m backstroke badge, and p5 Emily for gaining a collection of Brownie Badges and a Bikeability certificate. Photos will be shared at next week's video assembly. Great to hear about these achievements. Please continue to share achievements with me.

Parent Consultations

We look forward to welcoming you to Roseburn school and the classrooms for Parents Consultations on Thursday 29 September 4pm-7pm and Friday 1pm -4pm. The children are welcome to join the conversation about their learning. Please ensure you have booked an appointment to speak with the class teachers. If you have additional questions and or would like to offer some support to the school, I will be available at both sessions, and happy to listen.

Nursery News

This week the children requested and created marshmallow crispies. We used skills such as measuring and weighing to get the right ingredients for our recipe. The children also had an active role in mind mapping their snacks for the week. This collaborative conversation was part



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of a discussion on how we could make healthy choices of fruit and vegetables. We then added our choices to the shopping list. The rainy day on Thursday provided us with additional opportunities for play. We got our wet suits on and thoroughly enjoyed the weather. We used the loose parts to create an obstacle course, and added resources to represent the snow, river, grass, forest and cave to re-enact the book 'We're going on a bear hunt'. What a buzz of creativity this week with the children! Let's see what adventures we can go on next week.

"We all need space to think sometimes, and space to just 'be' to."

I'm off to find a space – hope you are too.

Natalie Borrowman