



Lauderdale Rotary Quiz

Congratulations to team of P7 pupils, Anna Fairclough, Campbell Lightly West, McKenzie Power, Angus Mollart and Christopher Carter, who took part and won the Lauderdale Rotary Quiz on 28th February 2017 in Lauderdale Primary School. The team will now go on to represent the school at the regional finals. Thank you to Mrs Robertson and Miss Houghton for preparing the team for the event and supporting on the night.

Euro Quiz Competition

Congratulations to the team of P6 pupils, Thea Foulkes, Grace McWhinnie, Alexander Hart, Rufus Mollart and reserve, Meghan Roper, who took part and won the regional competition at Gala Academy on Wednesday 9th March 2017. The team go forward to represent SBC at the Scottish finals to be held at the Scottish Parliament on 15th May 2017. The children were excellent ambassadors for the school, huge congratulations and very well done! Thank you to Mr Wallace who prepared the pupils for the event and supported them on the day. Also a big thank you to parents/carers who helped.

Cross Country Championships

Congratulations to the pupils in P6 and P7 who took part in the Borders Primary Schools Cross Country Championships competition at Netherdale on Thursday 16th March 2017. All children represented the school very well. Results:

Cameron Rankine – 2nd overall P7 individual boy,

P7 boys team were 2nd overall - Cameron Rankine, Elliot Hedley, Luke Thomson and McKenzie Power

P7 girls teams were 2nd overall - Anna Fairclough, Chloe Cormack, Orla Lynch and Elspeth Panter

Fairtrade

Thank you to the P7 classes, Miss Houghton and Mrs Robertson for organising and running the Fair Trade Big Break, on Wednesday 1st March 2017 to promote Fairtrade Fortnight and our ongoing Fairtrade awareness raising and learning in school. Thank you to all who supported the children by coming to the event and contributing on the day. £360 was raised on the day for the Fairtrade Foundation – well done!

Red Nose Day – Friday 24th March 2017

The fundraising committee have been busy selling red noses in school and have been overwhelmed by the popularity, running out of stock twice! They have also been collecting loose change with an aim to fill a large tube in order to get some teachers to perform at the talent show which will also be held that day. If the 1st level is achieved, some teachers will sing a short song, if level 2 is reached, some teachers will perform a lip sync battle and if the 3rd level is reached, Mr Wallace will perform a rap. The tube is located in the main school office and easily accessible for children to drop coins into at any time during the day.

On Red Nose Day, all children and staff are encouraged to dress up for Comic Relief and donate a minimum of 50p for the charity.

National recognition - teaching of French

Mrs Millar has been working with Education Scotland to exemplify the National Benchmarks in French. Her work will be demonstrated on the National Improvement Hub in the future. We are very proud that Mrs Millar was selected to do this work.

Scottish Recitation Competition

A number of pupils from primaries 4-7 took part in the Scottish Recitation competition run and organised by Mrs Millar. The winners were:

Singers: 1st Mario Gee, 2nd Mia Howden, 3rd Amelia Ewing

Poetry:

P7 – Luke Thomson

P6 – 1st = Rufus Mollart, Mario Gee

P5 – 1st Sacha Hepburn, 2nd Caitlin Smyth, 3rd Cara Davidson

P4 – 1st Zoe Wight, 2nd = Lucy Whiting, Maisie Presslie, 3rd = Ben McLaren, Jason White

Instruments: Highly commended - Amelia Ewing, Rory Litster and Rory Hamilton

A very big thank you to Miss Marion Dodd and Mrs Millar for judging.

Also a very big thank you to Mrs Millar for supporting the children and for leading the event and to parents/carers who supported with the preparations.

Basketball

Boys and girls from P7 took part in basketball tournaments recently at Earlston and Kelso. The children were a credit to Melrose Primary School displaying good ball and sporting skills. Thank you to the staff and parents who supported them.

Personal Learning Plans (PLPs)

PLPs will be sent home on with Pupil as a Learner reports on Tuesday 28 March 2017. We ask that the PLPs are returned to school before the Easter holiday, Friday 31 March 2017.

Church Service

The end of term church service will be held in Melrose Parish Church on Friday 31st March 2017 at 9.30am. The service will be led by the **P4 year group**. All parents, family and friends are welcome to attend.

Parent Council 100 Club

It is with regret that we advise parents that due to lack of support, the 100 club is being wound up. Thank you to all the parents, ex parents, staff and friends of the school who have given generously for many years.

A pro-rata refund is being distributed to all concerned.

The winners for November are £30 – Amanda Johnston, £20 – Ian Shearlaw, £10 – Melanie Edmondson

The winners for December are £100 – Susan Turner, £50 – Mairi Buchanan, £25 – Sarah McGowan

Diary Dates

School closures, changes and new events are highlighted in bold writing

Thurs 23rd Mar 2017

P2B Class Assembly

Fri 31st March 2017

Church Service led by P4

School closes for Spring Holidays at 12.15pm (ELC 3.40pm)

Tues 18th Apr 2017

School/ELC re-opens

Fri 28th Apr 2017

Staff In-Service Training Day – no school or ELC for pupils

Mon 1st May 2017

May Day Holiday – School/ELC closed

Thurs 4th May 2017

P6 Class Assembly

Mon 15th May 2017

Euroquiz Final at the Scottish Parliament

Thurs 18th May 2017

P5/6 Class Assembly

Mon 22nd May 2017

Parents Consultations with Teachers 4.30pm – 6.30pm

Wed 24th May 2017

P1P Class Assembly at **9 am**

Thurs 25th May 2017

Parents Consultations with Teachers 4pm – 6pm

Fri 26th May 2017

Parents Consultations with Teachers 3.45pm – 5.45pm

Thurs 1st June 2017

Fairtrade Tuckshop

Mon 5th June 2017

Summer Fair

7th & 8th June 2017

Local Holiday – School/ELC closed

Thurs 8th June 2017

P7 High School Familiarisation Visits

Tues 13th June 2017

P1L Class Assembly

Wed 14th June 2017

Sports Day

New ELC Parent Information Evening – 6.45pm

Tues 20th June 2017

New P1 Parent Information Evening – 7pm

18th – 24th June 2017

Alternate Sports Day

Thurs 22nd June 2017

Melrose Festival Week

Mon 26th June 2017

Potted Sports for P1 – P4 (afternoon)

Wed 28th June 2017

Sports Festival for P5 – P7 (morning)

P7 Leavers Assembly

School closes for Summer Holidays at 3.15pm (ELC 3.40pm)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

Melrose Football Club

Come and try football for free on Saturday mornings at Gibson Park. Boys P1 - 3, 9 - 10am and girls P1 – 4, 10-11am.