



Weekly Mail Drop 18.03.24

Included in this week's mail drop:

- Lunch menus
- Basketball flyer (City of Edinburgh)
- Schools Out Easter Holiday Programme
- Girls' Football flyer (Loanhead Miners)
- Cricket Club Easter Camp

I hope you had a lovely weekend. We had a very busy and productive time last week. Our Nursery children started their transition to P1 with a visit to the P1 and P2 atrium where they explored the area and had lots of fun! These sessions will now continue on a weekly basis. P3/4 and P5B worked together on a STEM project and the outcome was amazing - watch this space for the final results ☺ P6C visited Rosslyn Chapel and P7 had a visit from RHET for a potato growing project.

The week was brought to a great close with our Spring Fair which was organised by our Parent Partnership. Thank you so much for all the donations you sent in and for coming along to support on the day. I am delighted to tell you that we raised over £1000 for school. The Parent Partnership worked behind the scene for months and I hope you'll agree it was a brilliant event. Thanks to our Parent Partnership for their continued hard work and support. We will shortly share a survey with you to gather your ideas for future fundraising events and what our focus should be when improving resources/experiences for our children.

A late shout out also goes to P3, P3/4 and P4 who made fruit salads recently as part of their HWB Healthy Eating project. Thanks to Tesco for donating oranges, bananas and apples. Also our basketball players who represented Strathesk at the recent Basketball Festival and were awarded 3rd place on Court 2.

This week promises to be another busy week with lots of exciting events planned. P6S will visit Rosslyn Chapel and P7 will visit the Easter Bush Science Outreach Centre. Our P6 children will continue to enjoy the Cricket Taster Sessions and our choir is in full rehearsal as our annual music concert is fast approaching. This year is very special as it marks the 10 year anniversary for our choir. Have a look <https://www.edinburghnews.scotsman.com/arts-and-culture/school-choir-celebrates-ten-years-with-greatest-hits-concert-4542136>



We have joined with Ladywood Leisure Centre and can now offer a Breakfast Club there which is free of charge for a maximum of 30 children. The club runs from 7.30am each day and is staffed by the leisure centre and 2 of our learning assistants from school. Children receive breakfast and then play games in the sports hall before school staff walk them to school for 8.50am. If you would like a space for your child, please let the school office know and someone from the breakfast club will be in touch with you.

As you know we have traffic restrictions in place at the front and the back of school during drop off and pick up times. This is for the safety of our children. The drop off option in the staff car park is no longer in place. Please do not park on the double yellow lines at any time. We are very concerned about the extent of traffic in this area at the start and end of the day and as such it may be necessary to close the car park at these times. We will continue to monitor this area over the next few weeks. While we appreciate that these are very busy times in the day for you and restrictions can be inconvenient, the safety of our children is of utmost importance to us. Please support us by adhering to the restrictions in place and being mindful of children when driving in surrounding areas of the school.

Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They don't have anything to do with dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact. Please check your child's hair regularly for head lice. Treat head lice as soon as you spot them and ensure you complete the full treatment. There's no need to keep your child off school if he/she has head lice. For further information on how to spot and treat headlice please visit the NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

I have been asked to share the following with you:

Read&Write Free for Families

You may be aware of the literacy toolbar Read&Write. We use this toolbar in school to support learning and it is installed on all pupil iPads and Chromebooks. Midlothian Council was part of a video case study on the positive impact of Read&Write. You can watch the videos and find out more [here](#). The very exciting news is that Midlothian has negotiated a world-first deal that means you can now download the Read&Write toolbar at home, on up to 5 devices for free! Please [use this link](#) to download. You will be asked for the school's postcode and then be given instructions on what to do next.



Strathesk
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Have a look at this [feature tour](#) to see all the things Read&Write can do and ask your child to show you how they use Read&Write in school!

Please have a lovely week, everyone. Take care and look after yourself and your family.

Pauline Mack