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Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you to Everyone!

I'll start this letter with a huge thank you to all our parents/carers, families and friends for their ongoing support. Your support of our sponsored events raised a fantastic amount of money - over £1000. The majority of this money has been invested in ICT, in particular the purchase of a class set of chrome books which all our children will benefit from.

The Parent Council has also been very busy with events including running a very successful Christmas Fair, supporting all our events by providing refreshments and organising our panto trip. They are currently in the process of organising a race night for adults and a spring disco for our children. Huge thanks as always to them all for all their hard work.

Our shared learning events have been well attended with the children enjoying sharing their work and achievements with their adults. Most recently P4/5 ran a very successful French Café which was very well supported. French was spoken - fluently! - and tasty French food prepared by our mini chefs was consumed with gusto. Excellent effort P4/5!
We continue to be very grateful for any support you are able to give, from supporting our events to helping on school trips. Thank you.

Class New

Our children have been very busy recently in a variety of ways. Our youngest children continue to impress and surprise us with the ease with which they are coping with their full days in nursery. They continue to enjoy their stimulating nursery environment, venture further afield to the outdoors and access all areas of the school on a daily basis. They bring an energy to school life that is infectious!

P2/3 have recently enjoyed a visit to the National Museum of Scotland where they explored the rich history of Scotland's Inventors. The museum staff were impressed with our children's knowledge, enthusiasm and excellent behaviour. Well done P2/3!

P5/6/7 visited Easter Bush Science Centre and enjoyed a day full of scientific discovery focused on DNA and Dolly the sheep. Staff there praised our children for their sensible questions and excellent concentration. They were a credit to Bilston Primary!

P1/2 have been enjoying their topic on Scottish Wildlife. They had a trip to our local woods and used their senses to gather information and ideas that they then used to produce some wonderful poetry. Fantastic research P1/2!



Sporting Events

We have been involved in a variety of sporting events again recently including basketball, skiing, golf, multi-sports, football and dancing. Some of these activities are delivered by Active Schools and others are organised at authority level with our children competing against other schools in tournaments. Our children always try their best and are often complimented on their high standard of sportsmanship as well as their sporting prowess.

If there are any sporting opportunities that you would like to see offered in school, please contact us and we will pass your suggestions on to our Active Schools Co-ordinator.

Science Ceilidh

Recently we have been involved in an exciting project in partnership with the University of Edinburgh. Researchers have been working with our children from P1-P7 in a series of science workshops covering various topics related to the Periodic Table. These workshops, with our children's input, will combine to produce a teaching resource that will be used in schools across Scotland.

The researchers are keen to share their work with all parents/carers at the Science Ceilidh on the 26th March (date already mentioned in the recent text). The ceilidh and refreshments are completely free, with the ceilidh running from 6pm - 8.30pm and is open to all members of the family. The children will showcase their work in a series of short presentations then there will be ceilidh dancing for everyone. Further details to follow soon.

Coronavirus - Guidance from Scottish Government

The Health Protection Scotland guidance can be found on <https://www.hps.scot.nhs.uk/web-resources-container/covid-19-guidance-to-educationalsettings/>.

This is the key source of advice for all schools and educational settings including early learning and childcare settings, which we are adhering to very closely. This will be updated by the NHS as required. Midlothian Council is in daily contact with all schools and we will keep you updated as necessary with all relevant information.

Please find attached the newsletters from your classes too and some additional dates for your diary.

Parent/Carer/Staff Consultations - 2nd April. 3.30pm to 8.45pm

Easter Holidays - All break for holiday on Friday 3rd April.

All return from Easter Holiday on Monday 20th April.

May Day Holiday - Friday 8th May

Victoria Day Holiday - children only - Monday 18th May

Finally, I will end as I began this newsletter with a thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

**Sheryl Wallace
Head Teacher**



