

Roseburn Weekly

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND SUCCESSES

Well done to Isaac, James, Evan and Luis who along with their class (in p4) raised a fantastic £85.92 for WWF. The certificate arrived this week! This funding enables WWF to continue their vital work to protect some of the world's most threatened animals, places and people; tackle climate change and address the unsustainable consumption of precious natural resources.



MEET THE TEACHER

It was lovely to meet so many of you last night at our 'Meet the Teacher' event. What a great turnout! Thank you all for the very positive feedback which included; the information shared was detailed enough without overloading us, very informative, great presentation, wonderful team, lovely to meet the teacher and thank you. Here are some photographs from the P1 event.



I would also like to thank the teachers for their time and effort.

SHARING LEARNING

This week some p6 children and I went on a learning walk around the school. We focused our attention on handwriting and presentation in literacy books. The p6 children were very impressed with the quality of cursive handwriting in p2 and p3. They noted in p1 they were making attempts to form lines and shapes in playdoh, sand and some were free 'writing' with



pens. We all agreed there was more consistency in the use of cursive handwriting in jotters. P7 are developing their own styles, using pens and demonstrating some particularly good handwriting. We also discussed the advantages of writing fluently for speed, in joined writing and we agreed practice makes better. A parent guide to handwriting can be found here. [Handwriting Parent Guide Jan 19 \(1\)](#)



LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE REFLECTION ASSEMBLY

This week at both assemblies the children walked in quietly with their lanterns to "These are a few of my Favourite Things." We began by reflecting on how our thoughts affect how we feel. We considered the response to unhelpful comments, asking 'What makes this true and how do you know?'. We also considered how to turn our unhelpful thoughts around. Our p1 children had made 'Thinking



Helmets' to help them consider how to turn around the unhelpful thoughts. They were wonderful and their enthusiasm made me smile. To support this learning there are links in the Parent and Carer guide and an overview of the key message.



The parent and carers guide is available from this link. [Look on The Bright Side - Parent Carer Guide \(FINAL\)](#)

LEADERSHIP ROLES

This week the children elected the class representatives for Pupil Council, ECO Warriors, Rights Respecters and Junior Road Safety Officers. The reps names will be shared next week. House Captain elections will be on the 20 September at our first House meeting. I am delighted to see a growing number of children wearing their house colour t-shirt for PE. One of the key roles for the House Captains is to count the House Token, as you can see currently Belmont are in the lead.



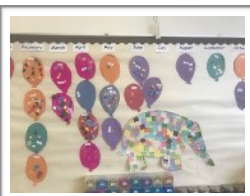
PUPIL COUNCIL

I met with the new Pupil Council today; Faris R, Sylvie, Harry, Tarquin, Lucie, Dakota, Robbie, Sienna, Elsa, James and Alice. Their first task was to decide the colour and style of doors for the new toilets. They agreed the toilets should be the same throughout the school. There was an animated discussion around the shape and style of the door, and the depth of the sinks; who knew you could climb over some doors and water splashes out of certain shaped sinks. They will consult with classes next week.

NURSERY NEWS



The nursery children have had a super week focusing on the character of Elmer and enjoying the wide variety of stories. Through the stories they have been becoming more aware of how different we all are and embracing these differences. They have been practising scissor and gluing skills by making a huge patchwork elephant which has helped to become a birthday wall.



They have especially enjoyed their trips to the school for

Building Resilience Assembly and have loved singing 'Stronger' and 'Always Look at the Bright Side of Life'

Establishing snack routines has continued and this week the girls and boys made some delicious cookies.

STARS OF THE WEEK



Congratulations to the Stars of the Week; nursery: Bonnie, p1T: Ethan, P1W: Ted, p2: Robbie, p2/3: Amelie, P3: Alfie, P4: Felix, P4/5: Oonagh, P5: Isaac, P6B: Rosie, P6D: Mari and P7: Abbie, for demonstrating the values and responsibilities of Confident Individuals, Successful Learners, Responsible Citizens and Effective Contributors. Well done everyone.

FRIENDS OF ROSEBURN PARK MURAL

Our p7 pupils were invited to take part in the construction of a mural in Roseburn Park on Thursday. The mural will be located on the Armoury building in the middle of the park; a rare surviving example of a Second World War civil defence building. This served an important role for Edinburgh's Air Raid Protection (ARP) on the home front and was also the setting for a wartime propaganda film on the work of the ARP service.

The mural will be unveiled by the Lord Provost on Sunday 1 September at 2pm, marking 80 years since the beginning of WW2.

SCHOOL REFURBISHMENT

Clarks contractor set up their site today. The site has been secured and allows for safe access to the back playground. The planned building refurbishment was shared with the children today at assembly. The site manager will speak at next week's assembly. We acknowledge there will be some disruption to routines and less space available to play at break times. We are currently investigating alternatives.

ROSEBURN PTA MEETING

There will be a PTA meeting in school in the staff room on Tuesday 2 September (7.30pm-9pm). Please do come along for a coffee or tea to find out about how the PTA supports the school, the events they organise and possibly even offer to help out.

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 2 September: PTA Meeting 7.30-9pm
Tuesday 10 September: RSPP AGM 7.30-9pm

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