

## May Newsletter

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break, we were very lucky with the great weather, let's hope that summer is on the way!

We have a busy term ahead, but I would like to thank our P2, P2/3 and P3 classes for entertaining our school, parents/carers, nursery and support staff at their Spring Fling which took place at the end of March. The children were outstanding and so confident in their performance. It was lovely to see!

P5 are continuing with their swimming sessions on a Tuesday afternoon, with the last session being on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June. We are delighted that our P5 pupils have been given this opportunity to participate in the sessions.

A huge well done to our pupils who participated in the GLEE club competition. They performed incredibly well and were a credit to our school. Thank you to Mr McCutcheon, Miss Noble and Miss Neville who have supported the pupils with this incredible journey and to the parents/carers who attended the competition.

Thanks to our parents/grandparents who supported us in the planting on 280 trees on the last day of term. The weather was not kind to us, but everyone did a sterling job in getting the trees planted. We look forward to watching them grow and to developing a lovely, natural area for our children.

Last week our staff team welcomed the staff from Burnbrae provision who will be moving to Hawthornden after the summer break. There was a lovely atmosphere amongst the staff and we look forward to welcoming them into our school team.

As a staff team we are embarking on a period of self-evaluation. During the in-service day and throughout various staff meetings we will reflect on progress towards our targets for this session and will be using data and evidence to highlight targets for session 2023-24.

We are beginning to look ahead to transition events for all children, but in particular for those in nursery and P7. Additional information will be shared with those families as and when appropriate.

You should have received an email regarding my parental engagement project that I am leading on as part of the university course I am mid-way through this year. I would be very grateful if you could complete this survey as it will give us as a staff an idea of our strengths and next steps.

As stated in previous correspondence we are looking for volunteers to support us with the organisation/communication around the Poltonhall Gala Day. Please contact the school office if you are able to support with this. [Hawthornden.ps@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:Hawthornden.ps@midlothian.gov.uk)

### Dates for the diary:

1.5.23 – Bank holiday – school closed

8.5.23 – Bank holiday – school closed

12.5.23 – P6A class assembly 11.40am

15.5.23 – P7 camp

19.5.23 – Soft start session for parents/carers 8.45-9.15am

22.5.23 – In-service day – school closed for pupils

26.5.23 – P2 sharing the learning/assembly event

1.6.23 – Beetle Drive

2.6.23 – P4/5 class assembly 11.40am

4.6.23 – Poltonhall Gala Day

5.6.23 – Diversity week

13.6.23 – Sports Day – more info to follow

14-16.6.23 – P7 transition days at LHSC

26.6.23 – Activities week

28.6.23 – End of term