

Gylemuir News Jan 2019

What's New at Gylemuir....

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Scots Concert

- We will be holding an open air Scots Concert at 11.30am on the 8th February (to replace our cancelled Carol Concert). We look forward to welcoming as many visitors as possible and hope to tempt you along with some rousing Scots songs and traditional Scottish refreshments. Pupils may wear tartan to school for the concert.

First Aid Procedures

- We have updated our First Aid procedures for pupils. We will **no longer** send home a green First Aid Alert slip when a pupil has an accident in school. **We will now send an Accident Text if a child bumps their head.** If an injury appears serious or a child is extremely distressed we will phone home. 'Run of the mill' accidents – grazes, bumps and cuts – will be dealt with by our PSA's. **Our new procedure will start after the February holiday.**

Staffing News

- Miss Joyce will be returning to Gylemuir on the 28th January to teach P7b.
- We are delighted to welcome 4 new Pupil Support Assistants to our team: Miss Wood, Mrs Gardner, Miss Prentice and Mrs MacKenzie.
- Mrs Welsh, who has been a Clerical Assistant at Gylemuir for 29 years, will be retiring on the 5th April. We wish her a long and happy retirement from the whole school community.**

Building Resilience

- This term we are focusing on the **Get Active, Stay Active** section of our Building Resilience programme. Pupils have been given their family sharing activity. Will you take the 30 day challenge?

Important Dates

6 th Feb	SNAC Bake Sale
8 th Feb	Global Schools Play Day
8 th Feb	Scots Concert
11-15 th Feb	Holiday
28 th -29 th Mar	Parent Consultations
8 th -22 nd Apr	Holiday
6 th May	Holiday
7 th May	In Service Day
20 th May	Holiday
6 th June	Sports Day
13 th June	Leavers Dance
26 th June	Leavers Show
28 th June	School closes

Class Assembly Dates

30 th Jan	P3b
6 th Feb	P2b
27 th Feb	P2a
6 th March	P7b
13 th March	P4a
20 th March	P1b
27 th March	P5/6
15 th May	P1c
29 th May	P1/2
5 th June	P3a
12 th June	P1a

Relationships and Behaviour at Gylemuir



- We are trying to 'Keep Gylemuir Tidy' as a New Year's Resolution for the whole school.
- Mrs Smart is enjoying Friday 'Cake and a Chat' with pupils who have gone 'over and above' in their behaviour, attitude and actions during the week.

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Gylemuir Clothes Exchange

- Nearly new uniform and coats are available for families in school at no cost. We will also accept donations of good quality uniform. Thank you to Miss Ret for organising this.

Play in the Early Years

- The Play Development Team were successful in their application to Local School Nature Grants, supported by People's Postcode Lottery. They have received 3 large planters and vegetables which they are looking forward to planting and taking care of with the children.

Playground Fun

- On Wednesday 6th February the whole school will be outside and active with a Big Play playtime. Children will be able to play with the new playground equipment that the Fun Team bought with the money raised by the marathon and obstacle course in May.

Food Project Collections – Unlimited Harvest

- Following the success of our Harvest collection for the Food Project our P7 pupils have organised for the school to continue collecting food for this worthy cause throughout the school year. Pupils and parents can make donations in a box at the School Office. The Food Project will collect these donations from the school on a regular basis. Thank you for your support.

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Early Years News

Scottish Government legislation is to provide all children aged 3-4 years and eligible 2's with 30 hours of free early learning and childcare from 2020.

We are pleased to announce that our Eligible 2's setting has started these hours. Children who meet the criteria can access high quality learning and childcare from 8.30am until 3.15pm Monday to Thursday and 8.30 – 11.30am on a Friday.

We still have a few spaces available. Application forms can be collected from our School Office.

Good News

The nursery, led by Mrs Cross, have been successful in gaining an award from the Royal Horticultural Society in recognition for the work they have done with members of the local community, this includes planting, growing, harvesting, cooking and eating vegetables.

The nursery and Hub have received plug plants and a grant to purchase fruit trees to continue the good work. The award is displayed in the front reception area of the school and nursery.

Teaching and Learning Update

We are developing how we provide high quality feedback to pupils to help them take responsibility for their learning and also to learn from their mistakes.

Look out for **Think Pink** and **Green Great** highlighting in their jotters at our next parent consultations.