

12.06.2020 HT's Daily Update for families

Health Week, Black Lives Matters, Class teachers for next session and Parent and Carer Survey

Good afternoon all.

I hope you have had a good week and are looking forward to a lovely weekend, despite the rain.

HEALTH WEEK - WELL DONE AND THANK YOU!

Firstly, well done on completing Health Week! I hope you have enjoyed all of the fabulous activities our staff have put together for you this week. A huge thank you to all of the staff who have video-ed themselves - great to see them encouraging us all to get active and healthy!

A special thank you to Miss Campbell and Miss Sandeman for all of their hard work in pulling this all together. It has provided such a fantastic opportunity for our children and families to engage in learning in a really fun way.

And a special mention to Scott McKenzie, from Sporting Revolution, for his multiple activity videos. I'd like to share a huge thank you from all of the RHPS family to him for his huge input into Health Week and indeed for all of his input over the years.

BLACK LIVES MATTERS - EQUALITIES STATEMENT

I wanted to share this statement with you from The City of Edinburgh Council Equalities Steering Group (Education):

Recent events in the US, in particular the shocking death of George Floyd, and the global response are shining a light again on the harmful and persistent issue of institutionalised racism. We fully recognise that it is no less an issue in the UK and Scotland. We have a list of similar deaths of black citizens, and we have witnessed the disproportionate effect of COVID-19 on people from Black, Asian and minority ethnic backgrounds.

We are heartened by the concern and support expressed by pupils, parents and staff from across our learning communities in recent days. We are all rightly asking what more we can and should do to support our Black, Asian and minority ethnic pupils and colleagues.

We re-affirm and strengthen our commitment to confronting and addressing racism and discrimination in all its forms through strong anti-racist leadership, teaching and youth work. Our recent engagement with BAME young people and partner organisations has shown that there is much more that we can do and we will continue to listen and learn. We have started by implementing a revised anti-bullying procedure supported by training for senior leaders and pupil Equalities groups and we are working to ensure that Black history and its role in our city is a core part of a decolonised and inclusive curriculum. We will increase training for all school staff and have set up a working group as part of a national commitment to increasing diversity in the teaching workforce.

We believe that our schools have a vital role to play in tackling racism and creating a city where all are treated with dignity and respect. We want all our children and young people to thrive and lead in a diverse and complex world. We do not underestimate the challenge of this deep-rooted problem. We are fully committed to making a difference, harnessing the compassion, energy and creativity of our children, young people, families and staff to make Edinburgh a city where there is no place for discrimination or injustice.

On behalf of, The City of Edinburgh Council Equalities Steering Group (Education)

CLASS TEACHERS FOR NEXT SESSION, 2020 - 2021

Thank you for your patience and understanding in waiting for me to share with you the allocation of class teachers for next session.

I am sending out a communication following this message sharing the class teacher allocation with you for next session.



★ Please write to the school admin account if you have any questions about this.



★ **PARENT AND CARER SURVEY - EXPERIENCE OF LOCK DOWN AND PREPARING TO COME BACK TO SCHOOL**



★ I am aware of the current levels of anxiety and stress around coming back to school and what this
★ will look like. We are doing our best to prepare for this, although we don't currently know what the
★ model will be, and to that end Miss Le Tissier has created a simple, 4-question survey for you to
★ complete. It asks you about some positive and challenging things that have happened during
★ lock down, worries about coming back to school and ideas for how we could make this easier.
★ We will then collate your responses and use these to inform our



★ Please follow this link to share your thoughts and experiences ■



★ <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/7HX3BPN>



★ I will share this link on Twitter to and please encourage other families you know to share their views. We will
★ set this as a transition task for the children in the last week so their voices are heard.



★ There is a lot to take in today but I hope you have found it useful.



★ As ever please get in touch if you have any questions using the school admin account.



★ I hope you have a good day and a lovely weekend when it comes.



★ Take care, keep well and speak soon.



★ Anna



★ Anna Hazel-Dunn



★ Head Teacher



★ The Royal High Primary School

