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Thornwood Primary School Newsletter March 2019

Forthcoming Holidays

On behalf of the Thornwood staff team I would like to wish all of our children and families a lovely spring holiday!

Please note the following holiday dates:



Spring Holiday	29 th March (school closes at 2.30pm) to Friday 12 th April inclusive.
Good Friday and Easter Monday	Friday 19 th April and Monday 22 nd April
May Day	Monday 6 th May
May in-service day	Tuesday 7 th May
May weekend	Monday 24 th May and Friday 27 th May
School close for summer holiday	Friday 28 th June at 1.00pm

Thornwood Uniform / Dress Code

Thank you for continuing to support our uniform policy. We are still aiming for 100% of children in full uniform! Please work with us to achieve this. Please note that uniform items, including ties, can be purchased from the school office throughout the session. We also have a uniform bank of items in good condition which you can access at any point. If you have uniform items in good condition which can be handed in that would be greatly appreciated.

Assemblies

We are delighted that our assemblies this session have been successful and have involved the children in showcasing their learning to a wider audience. The children truly are developing as successful learners and confident individuals!

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have managed to attend either assemblies or class based shared learning opportunities linked to STEM. We are proud of our children's enthusiasm for learning! Particular thanks to P.6 children who delivered an excellent Easter Assembly.

Our poetry recital this term also provided all children with an opportunity to learn a Scottish poem. The children performed very well and the recital winners were fantastic with some excellent pronunciation of traditional Scottish words.

Family Ceilidh

Thank you to the families who attended our family ceilidh and helped it go with a swing! It was great to hear the ceilidh band performing live and to see so many families having such fun ceilidh dancing. We have now added this event to our annual calendar and hope many more families can join us next year.

Parent Council

Thank you to the parent council for organising the Easter Disco. It was both well attended and well supported. It's



always good to see the children having fun after such a busy term.

There are new parent council members this year who should be thanked for their contribution and support of the school.

Please feel free to come along to one of the next meetings to offer your help and support.

**The school fayre is planned for Friday 17th May
All are welcome.**

HMIE Inspection

We are delighted that following a recent HMIE inspection the inspectors commented highly favourably on the children's behaviour and readiness to learn, the quality of teaching and leadership and the nurturing ethos in our school. We were particularly delighted that the inspectors reported that the children are proud of their school.

Quality Review of the Treehouse

We have recently had an authority quality review of our nurture provision in the Treehouse. We are delighted that we received extremely positive comments regarding the nurturing approaches and pupil progress.

Parental Links

Our school leadership team will continue to be available for parental drop-ins to discuss any issues/ concerns each Thursday from 2-3pm. No appointment needed.

Groupcall

You will have received a letter regarding the school moving to Groupcall for our communication with you. Please ensure your details are kept up to date to enable us to continue to communicate with you.

Sports Day

Our Sports Day is planned for 9th May. Please look out for further details.

Reports and Parents' Evening

The end of year reports will go out to parents on Friday 3rd May. Please remember to check your child's bag. Our Parents' evening is on Wednesday 15th May. You will shortly receive a letter regarding a preferred appointment time.

Completion Winners



P.6 recently took part in a competition run by Glasgow Community Food Network to produce a logo and design to promote healthy eating. The pupils worked creatively as a group to design a poster to promote eating healthy fruit and vegetables. A group of eight pupils designed the winning entry. The group drew images of famous Glasgow landmarks but added their own fruit and vegetable twist! The poster will be displayed on Glasgow bus stops and digital billboards. The school has also won six gardening sessions and four healthy cooking sessions as well as the winners

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attending a fun presentation event.

Clubs

There have been a large number of clubs on offer this session to children across a range of stages at breakfast time, lunchtime and the end of the day.



These include: Karate, Taekwondo, Athletics, Gymnastics, Multi-sport and dodge ball.

Other clubs are planned, to ensure all classes are offered a range of activities across the session. All clubs are led by qualified sports coaches.

P5 have enjoyed taking part in swimming lessons. A group of children have been identified to take part in a swimming gala.

Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)

We are delighted that our MUGA is now complete. The children are making great use of the space. We look forward to using in for our Sports Day

Bike for Good

Bike for Good, a local cycling charity, has provided cycling lessons for P.4/3 children this term. We are very grateful for their support as they provided the bikes, helmets and staff to help children learn to cycle. They will work with P.5/4 next session.

Youth Music Initiative

The Youth Music Initiative has provided music lessons for P.3, P.4/3 P. 5/4 this session. The school has recently purchased ukuleles and P.5 are starting lessons as well as learning how to make an improvised ukulele!

Gold Stars and Dragon Marks

P.6 and P.7 enjoyed a performance and workshops provided by Baldy Bane Theatre Company with the theme of emotional wellbeing.

PE Kit and Jewellery

Please note your child's PE day and ensure they have the correct kit. Children should have a white tee shirt and navy or black shorts or leggings. A blouse or shirt is not suitable as it is too restrictive for exercise. Children should also have suitable indoor shoes, either sandshoes or indoor trainers. This will enable them to fully take part and enjoy the lesson.

Please also note that for safety reasons **no jewellery** can be worn in gym. It may be easier for children not to wear jewellery on a gym day.

Road Safety

All children have had specialist input from the Glasgow Road Safety Team this term, reminding them how to stay safe on and around the roads.

Safe Parking

Parent/ carers are reminded that they should not park or drop off on the zigzags. Please help to keep our children safe by parking away from the school gates.



Behaviour at the School Gates and within the Playground

In Thornwood we aim to provide a safe, secure and nurturing learning environment. I would appreciate if parents could support this by ensuring their language and behaviour is appropriate at all times. School staff and parents/ carers are role models to children.

Yours in partnership,
Caroline E. Dunleavy
Head Teacher



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