

eNews April 2018

Dear Parents, Carers

As always it is a busy term coming up at Bonaly.

This eNews gives information on Wider achievement, Bikeability, Staffing, Early Years Trainees – city wide opportunity, School Values, Vision, Documents and Policies, Key Dates and Learning in the Summer Term, Active Travel , Road Safety Reminder and Keeping Safe On-Line.

Wider Achievement

Diving and Swimming

A team of P6 and P7 children took part in the Edinburgh Schools Swimming Championships. They competed well trying their best against some strong competition. Congratulations to Ben Sharman in P6 won a silver medal in the Diving completion.

Lothian Burns Federation

We also had P6 and P7 taking part in the rearranged Lothian Burns Poetry and Music competition. Congratulations to Anna Wilson, Olivia Reid, Julia Broadwood, Gracie Main Smith, Freya Macdonald, Charlie Fraser and Olive Bailey with a particular mention to Freya MacDonald who was winner in the P7 Violin.

Glee

Our fantastic singers and dancers took part in the Edinburgh Schools Glee completion performing on stage in the assembly rooms on Tuesday 17th April. Well done to all and thanks to Mrs Miller, Miss Martin and Ms Smith for bringing this together.

Cross Country Running

Well done to our cross country running team competitors successfully took part in the Edinburgh Championships on Friday on a challenging performance. Thanks to staff Mrs Jeffrey, Mrs Harris and parents Mr Cunningham and Mrs Ritchie who support this after school club.

London Marathon

Can I also say a huge congratulations to the parents who took part in the London marathon yesterday in some very tough conditions.

Football

Our Primary 7 footballers progressed to the next round of the Inspectors cup after winning their 3 games on Saturday.

Bikeability

Bonaly Primary, led by Mrs Jeffrey, has a successful Bikeability programme and we are looking to recruit new parent volunteers to continue to support this. There is an 8 hour training course which prepares you for both Bikeability 1 and 2. If you are interested in helping in the future, the course detailed below may suit you. The more parents we have trained the more flexible we can be arranging the programme. Your support, as always, is hugely appreciated without this it would be

difficult to run these activities. Please let admin@bonaly.edin.sch.uk if you sign up for one of these courses.

<http://www.cyclinghub.scot/course/cycle-training-assistant-scqf-level-5>

Staffing

We were sorry to see Ms Moffat, Pupil Support Assistant (PSA), leave Bonaly before Easter – we wish her well in her new role with the Additional Support for Learning Service. I am delighted to welcome Mrs Columbine Green, Mrs Haxton–Locke and Mrs Inglis to posts of PSAs.

Ms Copley is continuing to teach P3a full-time during Mrs Watters absence.

Early Years Trainees – city wide opportunity

You may be aware of the expansion in Early Learning provision across Edinburgh. As a result there are currently ninety early years trainee/MA posts are now live on MyJobScotland until May 6th. This may be of interest to yourself or family members. Details are include in the attachment to this eNews.

School Values, Vision, Documents and Responding to Your Views

As part of the assembly programme, we have been looking at topics related to school values agreed with children. This session we have been consulting with staff and parents (curriculum evening in February and through the various feedback opportunities we ask for over the course of the year) on school vision and aims. Thank you to those who have contributed to this. I will work with the children to produce a child friendly version – this final document will then be shared.

At the last parent consultations we asked for your views / comments on the school – these are shared here <https://bonalyprimaryschool.wordpress.com/2018/04/20/parental-feedback-march-2018/> along with a response to these comments.

I would like to alert you to a couple of key pages on the school website which give copies of school policies (Standards, Quality and Improvement Plan Parent Summary; Learning, Teaching and Assessment Policy; anti-bullying and equalities policy; Better, Behaviour, Better Learning Policy) and school progress. These are available from <https://bonalyprimaryschool.wordpress.com/our-school/documents/> .

Additionally <https://bonalyprimaryschool.wordpress.com/our-school/documents/curriculum/> will take you to the learning progressions in literacy and mathematics that we follow. This includes the national “benchmarks” for children achieving Early, First and Second Levels.

Learning in the Summer Term and Key Dates

You will shortly receive a copy of a class newsletter for this term, which outlines more specific information related to your child's class. The better weather (hopefully!) will see the children being outside and having increased outdoor learning opportunities – making use of the resources, which have been bought from fundraising.

The following are other key dates for the coming term – details of any individual events will follow.

Date	Detail
Monday 7 th May	May Day Holiday – schools closed
Tuesday 8 th May	INSET Day for staff. School closed for children.
Monday 21 st May	Victoria Day Holiday – Schools closed
Thursday 31 st May	Sports Day to be held at Merchiston
Saturday 9 th June	School Fayre
Tuesday 12 th June evening	P7 Show
Wednesday 13 th June evening	P7 show
Friday June 16 th	Summative summary school reports out.
Tues June 19 th – Thurs 21 st June	P7 transition days to S1
Friday 29 th June	Schools close at 12 Noon for summer break
Wednesday 15 th August	Schools open for pupils - session 2018-19
School term dates for years up to and including 2021/22 are available from http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20074/schools/20/term_dates	

Active Travel

As a school, we do encourage active travel to Bonaly - cycling, scooting and walking. Shortly we will have 2 scooter pods installed in the playground. This being possible through parent fundraising. Again thank you for this support to allow this to happen.

Road Safety Reminder

As highlighted in previous communications the parent council have been working closely with the Roads department over plans to improve the safety around the school. However can I remind parents to show consideration to local residents and due regard to the safety of children and parents who making their way to school. Already this term concern has been expressed by the community about a small number of drivers who are driving / parking inconsiderately thus jeopardising safety.

Any parents / community members who are concerned regarding specific vehicles should contact Oxfords Police via 101.

Keeping Safe On-Line

On Friday morning, there were a number of parents who attended a presentation by NSPCC on Internet Safety. A useful site is www.net-aware.org.uk for information on the variety of apps with the positives of these but also usefully highlighting potential safety concerns and guidance on the appropriate privacy settings. Further information on internet safety is also available from

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety> . Usefully O2 will provide in-store and by telephone guidance on setting up privacy settings on devices. You do not need to be an O2 customer to access this.

As part of our commitment to sharing what is happening in children's learning, we will be increasingly using Twitter to let you see some of the learning and events that are going on at school. Please follow us on [@BonalyPrimary](#).

Many thanks for taking the time to read this and thank you for your on-going support for the school.

Best wishes,

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