

Dates for Your Diary

Week beginning 30 October- World of Work

2.11.17 Health promotion visits in P4-P7

3.11.17 Room 5 and 6 Class assembly- 9.45am in hall,. All welcome.

6.11.17 Room 9 and 10 visiting the library.

9.11.17 Parent Open evening 3.30-5.30 and 6.30-8.30

13.11.17 Room 8 visiting the library.

20.11.17 School closed to pupils, inset day for staff

23.11.17 9.30am P6 and P7 children going to Hamilton Grammar School for launch of transition project.

23.11.17 SPCA in school for workshops with P4-P7 and an Assembly for P1-P3 in hall.

24.11.17 Buddy Afternoon for P1 and P7.

27.11.17 Whole school flu immunisation.

27.11.17 Rooms 1, 2 and 4 visiting Hamilton Library.

29.11.17 Last night of P7 homework club until January.

30.11.17 Hall being decorated for Christmas.

7.12.17 Room 14 and 15 vising Cinema to see Wonder.

11.12.17 Last day of P4 homework club until January.

14.12.17 P6 and P7 Ceilidh

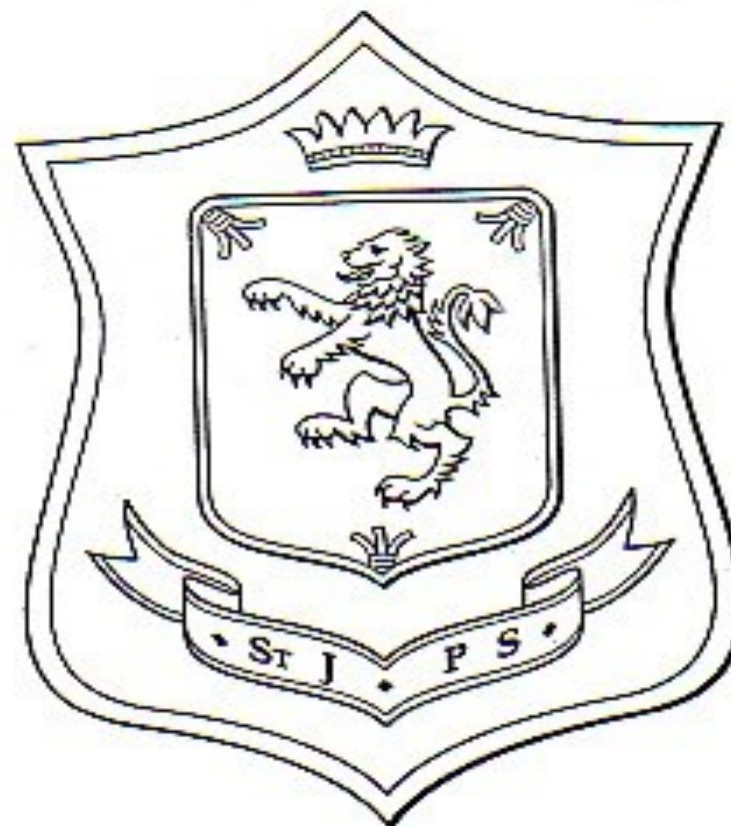
15.12.17 P1-P5 Christmas Fun Day

20.12.17 Pantomime in hall- Aladdin

21.12.17 Nativity Service in St John's Church at 10am.

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Welcome to our **October Newsletter**. We have had a really busy month.

Transition for secondary school

Our Primary 7 pupils have already started their preparations for moving onto secondary school. This month our P7s joined in a Treasure Hunt in Hamilton Grammar School hosted by senior pupils. All came back very excited and out of puff! Parents also were invited to an Open Afternoon in Hamilton Grammar to find out more about S1.

Netball

Our netball team participated in a Hamilton Schools Tournament and acquitted themselves very well.

Library Visits

Rooms 1,2,4,5,6,7,11,12, 13,14,15 have all visited Hamilton Library. The children worked with the librarian to learn about the Dewey decimal system, where different types of books can be located and enjoyed listening to stories.

Shoe Share

Our Rights Respecting School have been working hard and organised a shoe collection. The shoes were taken to Clarks shoe shop in Hamilton where they will be shipped to UNICEF. Thank you to everyone who donated their unwanted shoes- they are going to a good cause.

Rugby Taster Session

Our Primary 4 children welcomed Hamilton Rugby Club for a training session in non contact rugby in the gym hall. Children were given leaflets with instructions for joining the Rugby Club if interested.

Rooms 14 and 15 hosted an **Enterprise Fayre** in the gym hall to raise funds to enable them to attend a showing of the film Wonder as they have been studying the novel in class. The fayre had a great variety of baked and handmade goodies. A very special thank you to Mums, Dads, Grans and Grandpas who helped with baking and crafting.

On Friday 13 October our **Pupil Council** organised a day to celebrate each of our four Houses. The children dressed in their House colour and participated in House challenges and team games. The winning House for this term was Iona. The winners were highly entertained in the gym hall by the Tartan Juggler.

Our teaching staff participated in a training session for **Sumdog**. This is an interactive programme which supports children's learning in mathematics and numeracy. Each child has a log in and password and will be using the programme in class to reinforce taught concepts. When the children are confident with the programme they will be able to use it at home if they have access to the internet.

Mindfulness

Our Primary 6 and Primary 7 children are enjoying learning about mindfulness. We can see that they are starting to use the training in their daily lives to reframe negative or challenging situations into a more positive view point. As time progresses we hope to see this positive "can do" attitude permeate all aspects of their lives. Across the school we are using the techniques to support children in their learning and are working to get the message across that effort = success. Thank you to Parents who attended our Mindfulness workshop. We left with a sense of calm and hopefulness.