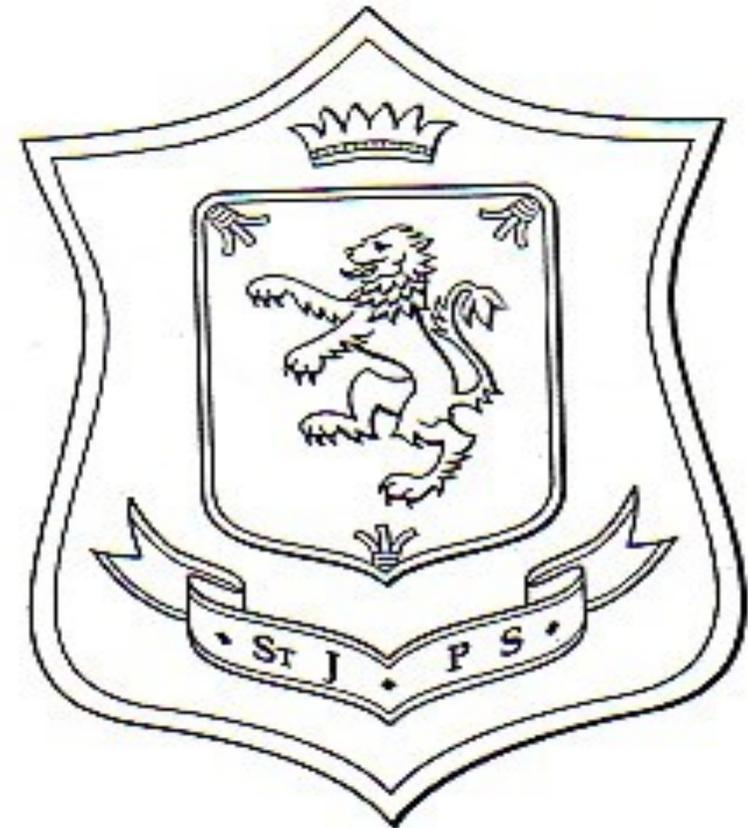


Dates for Your Diary

- 1 March- World Book Day- dress up as your favourite character.
- 5 March Parent appointment letters sent out.
- 6 March-9 March Primary 7 residential trip to Auchengillan Outdoor Centre. Pupils return about 1.30pm on Friday 9 March.
- 6 March- Rugby training for Rooms 9,10,11 and 12.
- 7 March- Happy Heart information for Primary 6.
- 12 March- Parent Council Meeting in staffroom 7pm- all welcome.
- 13 March- Rights Respecting School, Level 1 Assessment Day.
- 14 March- World Book Day rescheduled.
- 15 March- Hamilton Grammar Student Teachers visiting school.
- 16 March- Primary 4 and Primary 5 visiting Titanic Museum in Belfast- day trip.
- 18 March- RRS pupils representing the school in St John's Church at 6.10pm
- 19 March- Rooms 10 and 13 visiting the Library
- 19 March- Sport Relief Week- children participating in a Daley Challenge, Tom Daley.
- 21 March- St John's hosting Hamilton Rotary Club Quiz, 3.30-5.30pm, Parents welcome to cheer out P6 and P7 team on.
- 21 March- NSPCC visiting school.
- 22 March- Parent Open Evening.
- 23 March- P6 and P7 Showcase at HGS,
- 26 March- African drumming workshop for rooms 13,14 and 15.

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Welcome to our **February Newsletter**. We have lots to tell you about-

We were delighted to start a parent group called **Early Bird Plus** for parents with a young child with a diagnosis of Autism. The group will support parents over a wide range of issues and will continue on Thursdays until the final meeting on 10 May. We want to thank parents for giving up their valuable time and rescheduling work to enable them to attend.

On Monday 5 February we hosted a parent and child meeting for our intrepid Primary 7 children who will be attending **Auchengillan Residential Centre** at the start of March. Children and parents are very much looking forward to new experiences and perhaps a little bit of quiet as well.

Our Primary 2s are well on the way to being highly trained for safety when out near roads. **Kerbcraft** will continue each Tuesday until the Easter holidays.

Our **netball** team participated in the Hamilton Netball Festival and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

On Wednesday 7 March all teachers in **Hamilton Learning Community** got together to discuss and share ideas about the teaching of numeracy. The teachers jointly planned and implemented lessons which they evaluated together to ensure that across the Hamilton Learning Community we have a shared understanding of levels.

On Friday 9 February the children enthusiastically participated in **sponsored dance** event organised by our dedicated Parent Council. Thank you to everyone for their kind and very generous donations. We raised **£2,100!**

February 14 was our **inset day** where staff participated in activities which included:

- Raising attainment through feedback to pupils
- Audit of assessment procedures and self evaluation of own practice
- Teacher leadership

Some of our Support Staff attended training on literacy and have started using these strategies when working with the children.

From these activities we are striving to raise attainment in literacy and numeracy .

Our **Primary 6 and Primary 7** children experienced a different approach to getting ready for secondary education over two days. Our senior pupils chose from 8 options to join a workshop which was located in St John's, Woodside or Chatelherault Primaries. The children learned about life in Africa in comparison to Scotland and produced an interesting array of games, jewellery, art work, music presentations, drama presentations, dance presentation and a fashion show. Parents of Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils will be invited to come along to Hamilton Grammar School on Friday 23 March in the afternoon to view the children's creations. The children met new children and staff and started new links across our Learning Community.

We linked our **school show** to our Rights Respecting School values and enjoyed learning about different countries around the world. The children sang and danced their hearts out. Well done to everyone for so much hard work.