**St John’s Primary**

**March 2019**

**Newsletter**

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

We have had a very charitable month: -

We celebrated World Book Day on the 7th of March with a wide variety of reading activities.

On the 8th of March we had a dress down day for the Star Child Appeal. We did this along with all the other schools in the Hamilton Grammar cluster. We raised £229.20. This money goes towards funding the sponsorship of children in Uganda. We pay for them to go from primary school to secondary school which includes their education, equipment, meals and transport.

On the 15th of March it was of course Red Nose Day and we raised the admirable sum of £235.

Primary 7 children enjoyed a transition day at the Banqueting Hall in Council Offices.

We are delighted to have Mr Murray and Mrs Sharples leading our new school choir.

The children performed wonderfully on stage in Hamilton Town House at the Musical Showcase on the 7th of March.

Miss Kinloch is taking a dance class and the children will be competing at Hamilton Townhouse on Wednesday the 27th of March from 4.15. Good luck to them all.

We launched Parent Pay this month and can see that there will be many positive uses for it in the future. Currently we are all learning how to best use the new system. If you have not already registered, please do so as soon as possible. If anyone requires help, please phone the school office and we will try to find an answer to your query.

Rooms 5, 6 and 7 enjoyed visiting Hamilton Library for story time. We have more visits planned for the rest of the school in the near future.

Our Primary 4s are continuing a block of tennis coaching and are working hard in the after school club as well as PE times. We hope to have a few budding stars to enter in the Hamilton Tennis Tournament coming up in April/May.

Both our Boys’ and Girls’ Football Teams participated in several tournaments over March and made us proud. The children demonstrated great sportsmanship. Thank you to our parents who accompany and support us.

We are looking forward to an additional training session on Thursdays for boys and girls.

Our Netball team participated in a local tournament at the Jock Stein sports centre.

On the 14th March we had a very special visitor, Mr Steven Kidd who came to inspect all the wonderful work we have been doing attempting to attain the Gold Award for being a Rights Respecting School. He left us by saying the childrens’ knowledge was ‘outstanding’. We will not know the result for another 5 weeks but while our fingers are crossed we are quietly confident.

Our Easter Service took place in St. John’s Church in Duke St on the last day of term, This was led by Primary 4 children who volunteered to take part. Thank you to Parents and Carers for walking with us and supporting us over this term.

**School Lunches** from 23.4.19 South Lanarkshire Council are increasing the cost of a pupil in P4-P7 meal to £1.70.

**Dates for Your Diary**

15th April School reopens

23rd April Increase in cost of school lunch to £1.70 for P4-P7 pupils

24Th April Box Soccer after school club starts

26th April Annual Swimming gala at Larkhall Leisure Centre. 6.15pm

28th April P4 tennis tournament at Hamilton Tennis club

8th May P7 residential trip to Auchengillan

11th May Garden fete / Plant Sale

17th May Eco Day

21st May P7 Rotary Club quiz

24th May School closes 3pm reopens Tuesday 28th May

28th May P7 Induction Day at Hamilton Grammar

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29th May P7 Parents’ Night in Grammar