

# PENCAITLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## *Healthy – Active – Happy*

June 2011

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### Dear Parents and Carers

It was good to see so many of you at the School Fayre. The PTA would like to thank everyone who attended and the parents and pupils who helped out. We will let you know about the final sum raised as soon as possible.

A signed Rangers football strip has been donated and will be going on e-bay soon to add to the Spring Fayre profits. At the main school entrance (next to the tractor tyres) there are still bikes for sale. If anyone is interested please contact Graham Wilson (eilidhandgraham@btinternet.com).

### STAFFING

We are losing two permanent members of staff at the end of term. Mrs Jones (PE specialist) is moving to another school and we will have Mrs Jackie Clapperton as our PE specialist. Thanks to Mrs Jones for all her service to Pencaitland Primary and we wish her happiness in the new school. Mrs Murdoch is retiring after teaching at Pencaitland for 11 years. I'm sure you will agree she looks far too young for somebody to be retiring. We will all miss her and wish her a healthy, happy future. I'd like to thank her for all she has done for pupils, staff and parents over her time at Pencaitland.

Best Wishes  
Mary McCall  
Head Teacher

### CLASSES FOR NEXT SESSION

I am happy to be able to tell you about the class configuration for 2011/12. We are lucky enough this year to have straight classes – due to a decline in numbers in next year's Primary 7. We are still operating with 8 classes in school and they are:

P1; P2; P3; P3; P4; P5; P6; and P7.

We will also have our nursery classes morning and afternoon.

At present I am unable to assign teachers to classes because there are still a few unknowns. I will contact you with this information as soon as I can.

### MEASLES INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS

There has been a recent increase in the numbers of measles cases in Scotland and the rest of the UK, mainly affecting teenagers and younger adults. Many of the cases have been associated with recent travel abroad especially to France. A number of current measles outbreaks have been reported from France, Belgium and Switzerland.

Measles is highly infectious and can be a dangerous illness. It spreads easily in schools, universities and summer camps. Those who are not fully immunised with two doses of MMR are most at risk of developing measles.

As we approach the time of year when many children and students are travelling abroad on summer trips and family holidays, NHS Lothian is urging parents to protect their children against measles. If your child has missed out on two doses of MMR vaccine please consider getting your child fully immunised with MMR before you travel abroad during the summer break. Please contact your GP or practice nurse to arrange MMR vaccination as soon as possible.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week beginning Monday 6 June is National Sports Week. (Each class will be recognising this with various activities)

Tuesday 7 June	P4 - Olympic themed event with other P4 pupils in the cluster at Sandersons's Wynd Primary.
Wednesday 8 June	Art Exhibiton in the school from 1.30 – 6.00 pm. All welcome.
Thursday 9 June	P6 event on Lifeskills, with other P6 pupils in the cluster at Windygoul Primary.
Friday 10 June	P6 Assembly
Monday 13 June	P7 Transition Event at Meadowmill
Tuesday 14 June	Sports Day. This year we are gong to do a mix of potted sports and races – all welcome. (The reserve date for this event if it needs to be cancelled is Tuesday 28 June).
Wednesday 15 June	P7 Induction Day 1 at Ross High School Parent Council AGM at 7.30 pm in the school hall. Only cold meals will be served in school due to the boiler being serviced.
Thursday 16 June	P7 Induction Day 2 at Ross High School. P4/5 Pow Wow project with P4B from Campie Primary. Talk for parents of next year's P1 pupils 7.00 pm in school.  P1 Assembly 9.10 am in P1 classroom
Friday 17 June	P4 Rugby Festival at Ross High Rugby Club
Monday 20 June	P3/4 outing to Yellowcraig and Seabird Centre
Tuesday 21 June	P7 Transition Day 1 at Knox Academy National Play Day
Wednesday 22 June	P7 Transition Day 2 at Knox Academy
Thursday 23 June	P7 Show – dress rehearsal and evening performance Nursery children (am class) visiting P1 classroom and meeting teachers.
Friday 24 June	P2/3 Assembly
Tuesday 28 June	Reserve day for sports
Wednesday 29 June	Treat for pupils with a responsibility
Friday 1 July	End of term assembly (venue and time to be agreed) Prizegiving (P7 (in school at 11.00 am ) P7 parents invited  Break for summer vacation at the normal time.

**At the School Fayre a scooter went missing. It has an S underneath. Could you please check to see that you haven't picked it up by mistake. Thanks**