

# Saltoun Primary School December 2009 News Update



## Christmas Festivities



What a busy time we have ahead of us!

We start off with P1 to P7 going to the King's

Theatre on Thursday 10th December to see Robinson Crusoe.

We then have Carol Singing with Reverend Lyon on Monday 14th December. Let's meet at the village shop at 6pm and sing our way down the street towards school where there will be mulled wine, hot chocolate and mince pies to warm us up! All proceeds towards Shelter.

P1-P7 and Staff Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 16th December.

P1-P7 and Pre-School Nursery children take part in our Winter Show on Thursday 17th December at 9.30am in the village hall. All welcome. No tickets necessary. Coffee and homebaking will be served back at school, Christmas crafts, hand crafted by the children, will also be on sale— all reasonably priced! More information to follow.

P1-P7 Christmas party on the afternoon of Monday 21st December. Nursery Party is on Tuesday 22nd December, 9.30am to 11.30am. All welcome to come and see Santa Claus and enjoy a coffee and a mince pie from 11am onwards.

**School closes at 3pm for all children on Tuesday 22nd December.**

## Eco Success!

Saltoun Primary has successfully achieved it's first Eco Green Flag!

We will have a celebration morning and raise the flag early next term. A huge thank you to Miss Brown, Chair and her Eco

Committee for collating the

evidence necessary to be awarded with our flag. We are very Eco aware at Saltoun and have lots of new ideas to implement next term.



## Snack Shop Launch

Thank you to all the parents who returned our questionnaire about healthy snacks.

The Pupil Council would like to invite you to the launch of our new healthy snack shop on **Thursday 7th January 2010**. The shop will open at **8.30am**, allowing parents the opportunity to preview the snacks that will be on sale. We hope to see you there.



## Benmore Trip

A huge thank you to Mrs Leslie for taking 4 Saltoun girls to Benmore. Mrs Leslie voluntarily gives up her free time to take the children. This year activities included: mountain biking, caving, gorge walking, canoeing and lots of other fun activities. Benmore cluster camp gives the children an opportunity to mix with other children in the Tranent cluster. As it went so well, St Martin's are sending invitations out to all P7 children inviting them to a Christmas disco.



**Remember Christmas Cards, Raffle Tickets and Eco Bags on sale from School Office.**

**2 Packs of card for £5—a bargain!  
Raffle tickets £1 each.**

**Eco Bags—£6 each**

**Thank you!**

**We managed to raise £140 for the Meningitis Foundation from our Harvest Service and Nursery Coffee Morning.**

**Children in Need, dress down day, raised £33.50.**



## Saltoun News

P3 to P7 have been busy preparing their first copy of the Saltoun News.



This brand new paper will keep you up-to-date and abreast of issues that the pupils have chosen to report on. The first edition will be available to buy at the snack shop for



## Saltoun Parent Council Update

Remember it is getting chilly outside. A hat, scarf and gloves will help keep out the cold.

Thanks to everyone who attended our AGM, the draft minutes are available on the school website [www.edubuzz.org/blogs/saltoun](http://www.edubuzz.org/blogs/saltoun) or the school notice board. If you wish to contact any member of the parent council please use the following mailbox [parentcouncil@saltoun.elcschool.org.uk](mailto:parentcouncil@saltoun.elcschool.org.uk).

Our new parent council members are Fiona McCaskie- Chair, Rebecca Salt – Vice-chair, Lesley Cowan – Treasurer, Lesley McKenzie, Shirley Macdonald, Karen Aris, Gwen Watt, Suzanne Finlayson and Jane Valentine, our new Health and Eco representative.

## Help!



Following on from discussions at our AGM we are looking for some parents to assist with one of the school's new projects. As you will be aware the eco committee and pupil council are setting up a new healthy snack shop. We would like to help with the running of this project and have offered to set up a rota of parents to help the children run the snack shop on a Thursday morning between 8.30 and 8.50. If you can help with this please let us know either by contacting the school or emailing the parent council mailbox noted above.

### Reading

Can we remind parents of the importance of reading with and to their child/children. For nursery children, in particular, this helps with their vocabulary and early reading skills.

Take time to enjoy reading with your child.

## Parent Council Website

We are looking for someone who might be interested in updating the parent council section of the school edubuzz website. We have our own page on this site however it could do with a makeover. If you have a little time to spare and would be interested, we would be grateful for your help. Contact one of the parent council members or email [parentcouncil@saltoun.elcschool.org.uk](mailto:parentcouncil@saltoun.elcschool.org.uk).

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm in school.

## Class News

**Nursery** –are getting ready for Christmas. Making Christmas cards and crafts and learning about the Christmas story. The children have turned their house into Santa's grotto.

**P1-P3**—enjoyed a visit to the RNLI in Dunbar. They also enjoyed seeing life saving techniques at Dunbar pool. They have welcomed the local Police and Fire Services into school.

**P3-P5**—visited Edinburgh Central Mosque as part of their topic—Islam.

**P6-P7**—took part in their draft day activities at the Museum of Flight and experienced the luxury of Concorde.

The whole school has been making a Christmas display with Mrs Henderson in the open plan area of the school. Feel free to pop upstairs and have a look!



All staff would like to thank parents for their support this term.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We look forward to seeing pupils return to school on Wednesday 6th January 2010.

## Paired Reading

*Thanks to all the parents who have volunteered their time for Paired Reading this term. I know that the pupils have enjoyed it.*



**Christmas Pupil Post—starts Monday 7th December.**

Remember to check out the school website to keep up to date with events etc:  
<http://edubuzz.org/blogs/saltoun>