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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are loving this good weather (when the hair lifts!) and all that the summer term brings! As always, we have lots of news to share.

Good News to celebrate

Well done to:

- ★ Every child (and parent) who took part in the Race for Life and the Edinburgh marathon festival. We loved hearing about this and seeing your medals.
- ★ Mr Woodward who ran the half marathon on Sunday! 😊
- ★ Erin Rhind in P7 as she raised over £300 when she had her hair cut for the charity *The Little Princess Trust*. Well done Erin.
- ★ The Pupil Council reps who attended a Pupil Health and Well-being conference last Monday. They shared our Move It! programme and also brought back ideas from other schools. I was really proud of how confidently they represented our school.
- ★ Szymon, Rhianna, Ewan, James, Amy, Daniel, Evie from P7C who won a "Marty the Robot" in a City of Edinburgh competition! This is from their application form to the competition which we loved!

Dear Marty's Coding Party (Judges)

We are some of Queensferry Primary School's P7C pupils, and we would like to enter the Marty Competition. When we received your email, we were interested in entering your competition and, if possible, win your prize to improve our school's I.C.T. skills. Also, for the competition causes, we have answered your three questions. Here they are for you to read.

A1. By taking part in the competition, we would like to increase the amount of students who are interested in I.C.T. and technology. This would improve some pupils future career if they wanted to grow up to be a successful coders or game developers.

A2. By entering the competition, it will help the morale and learning abilities for coding and a variety of uses for technology. Moreover, we hope that the school will help other students with their coding and I.C.T.

A3. If we were to receive a Marty for coding and competition matters, it would keep most of our pupils interested and entertained while increasing their knowledge of coding.

Thank you for reading this. We hope you accept our entry for the Marty Competition.

Sincerely from P7 students,

Szymon, Rhianna, Ewan, James, Amy, Daniel, Evie

Once Marty the Robot arrived, the children had to learn how to programme him and the next stage of the competition was to make a 20 second video of him dancing. In a very exciting youtube clip on Friday, the children discovered that their entry has made it to the grand final at Forrester High School on Monday 18th June! Congratulations! And GOOD LUCK from all of us.

- ★ Freya Loughlin in P4 who won our art competition with this beautiful painting of our bridges:



- ★ And congratulations to the runners up – Georgina Bark in P4, Hayden King in P3, Isla Mucklow in p6 and Freya Henderson in P3. The paintings and drawings will be used regularly in school communication and displays.
- ★ To the children in P6 who performed the Heritage Trail 4 times last week. This was enjoyed by children, families and tourists who were visiting our town.
- ★ To Mabel Jeffries in P4 who organised a staff with a friend to raise money for Crisis. All the things sold were made by them and their total for charity was £90.50 – wonderful! ☺
- ★ To the P6s who asked fabulous questions of MPs whilst visiting the Scottish Parliament! Alex Cole-Hamilton then tweeted about this!
- ★ To the House Captains who read every Summer Challenge return from you – and then they chose their top 30 (well 27 so that there is space for you to make some choices too!). We hope you all enjoy these activities and in good weather! As always, feel free to send me a photo to share at assembly (one per child please!). Thank you.

Free school meals and clothing grants

As we plan for the new school year, I'd like to share some updated information. Children from low income families are supported with free school meals and money to help towards buying school clothes. More information can be found on this link or by googling 'City of Edinburgh Council free school meals':

http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20183/food_and_clothing/392/free_school_meals_and_help_with_schoolwear

You can claim free school lunches for your children if you are receiving:

- Income Support (IS)
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Any income related element of Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (CTC), but not Working Tax Credit, and your income is less than £16,105
- Both maximum Child Tax Credit and maximum Working Tax Credit and your income is under £6,420

- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Universal Credit, where take home pay does not exceed £610 per month*

If you match these conditions you can also claim assistance with school wear. The application form can be downloaded or you can collect a paper copy from our office. Applications for the 2018-2019 school year will open in June 2018.



HEALTH WEEK AND SPORTS DAY 2018

Our Health Week begins on Monday 11th June and throughout the week all the children will learn about, experience and enjoy many aspects of a healthy life style - this will include many opportunities for the children to be active.

For this reason, the children are asked to dress in outdoor PE kits for the week - shorts, t-shirts, joggers and sweatshirts (we need to plan for all weather). We would like the children to wear outside training shoes rather than gym rubbers (outside training shoes are useful throughout the summer term as many PE lessons are taken in Burgess Park).

Sports Day will be on **Wednesday 13th June** (or if the weather is poor, Thursday 14th June) in Burgess Park.

P1 to P3's Sports Day will start at 10am and P4 to P7 will start at approximately 1.15pm.

Traditionally we ask pupils to wear t-shirts/sweatshirts in their house colours on Sports Day.

As we are hoping for good weather, please send your child with a hat, sunscreen and a bottle of water.

We look forward to seeing you at Sports Day - we would appreciate your positive thoughts for a fine day ☺

The Queensferry Staff



Summer Shows

The children loved the Hobbit last Tuesday and we're looking forward to the Magic STEM workshops in June. If you've not yet paid, please do this as soon as possible. The total cost for both of these performances is £3 – and should be paid through Parent Pay under the heading 'Summer Shows'.

Scooters and bikes We welcome children riding to school on their bikes and scooters – we only have two rules that go with these. Children riding bikes must wear helmets and we ask ALL children and adults not ride in the school playground. We reinforce this constantly as it's just now safe in our busy playground. Mrs McLean shared this again at assembly last Friday and I'd like to ask that you take time to do this too. Thank you.

Our new bike racks are available outside the middle stages classrooms and new scooter pods are being put in place this week. We have reminded all of our children not to play with scooters which don't belong to them. We'd appreciate you reinforcing this too.

Planning for the end of term

Our staffing is nearly in place for next year and I'll write to you again before the end of term to share this with you. Reports should be with you by the middle of June.

The dates for the month are in our calendar and the term ends at 12 noon on Friday 29th June.

If you need to contact myself or Mrs McLean in the term ahead, please phone the school office or through email:

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With best wishes,

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May							June						
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3	Lowport Parents' Meeting	5	P6L visit the Scottish Parliament
4	Assembly with Rev. Cameron	5	PTA AGM
4	P3 show 'Cinderella' - P3 parents are invited	7	P3A/S - Lowport
7	May Day (school closed)	7	P6s - Bikeability
8	In-service day (school closed to pupils)	7	Area Strings Orchestra (evening event)
10	Dental check ups for P1 and P7	8	P1 Assembly (parents are invited)
15	2.45pm - P3 families are invited to class	11	Health Week
17	P2 visit to Dynamic Earth	13	Sports Day
21	Victoria Day (school closed)	18	STEM Workshops
22	Parent Council AGM	19	P6 Outdoor Day
22	P7 Information Event at QCHS	19-21	P7 Transition Days at QCHS
23	P6/7 Rugby Event (pm)	20	P6 World of Work morning
23	Summer Disco organised by our PTA	22	P7 at the Barony Theatre
24	P1 trip to the Botanics	25	P7 will visit QCHS to see the Senior Show (pm)
28	P6 begin the Heritage Trail this week	25 & 26	P7 show at the Barony (Fiddler on the Roof)
29	M&M Productions in school	27	P7 Day Out
30	Ukulele lessons begin for P4 and P5	28	Summer Service at the Church

31 and 1st June P3B/W - Lowport

29 Nursery Graduation and Leavers' Assembly