Assembly Dates
Our ESC assemblies begin next term. These are fairly informal occasions where individual classes take charge of the assembly and present an item or demonstrate something they have been learning. As in previous years, assemblies will take place in Room 5 and commence at 9:15 am. We recognise that it would be more convenient for parents if assemblies could begin immediately at drop-off time but we do need to allow time for those students who arrive on the bus to join us. C1 will be presenting the first assembly and I know Mrs Williamson is already being bombarded by suggestions from her students. We look forward to seeing how she manages to combine all those disparate ideas!!

Dates are as follows:
- C1 - 9:15 am Friday 9th May
- Rm 1 - 9:15 am Friday 30th May
- Rm 3 - 9:15 am Friday 13th June
- Rm 2 - 2:00 pm Friday 27th June (please note time change)
- C2 - 9:15 am Friday 1st August
- C1 - 9:15 am Friday 15th August

Oddysea Follow Up
The benefits of our participation in the Oddysea Residency are still evident. One of the classes involved has used the workshops as a stimulus to a sea theme. Their room is full of related art and the students have taken part in lots of exciting experiences. Aidan from C1 acts out the whole story each time he visits the Multi-Sensory Room. I love sitting in my office hearing him sing the songs, remembering all the words and actions.

The C7 students (and Aidan who was invited to join them) created an Oddysea area in their classroom.

The first step was to cover everything with hessian. Brock then carefully lined the ‘beach’ area with hessian and filled it with sand. (Here he is enjoying the feel of burying his hands in the sand.) It was then time to start filling the tray with shells and letting everyone help add sea creatures and other decorations.

C7 now have a lovely display which the children are able to admire, alter and interact with.
The Multi Skilled Students in Room 1
Last newsletter we saw the Room 1 students practising their ‘doctoring’ skills. The following week they were seen applying these techniques to animals and had set up a little vet hospital.

Mitchell bandages up poor Spot.

The nursing ratios are very high in this hospital. !

Free Kidsflix Movie Ticket Reminder
If you have not yet ordered free tickets for the screening of “Mr Peabody and Sherman” on Saturday 10th May at Grand Cinemas in Warwick, please contact Gaye in the front office by the close of business on Monday 31st March. These tickets have been kindly donated by the Arthritis Foundation.

School Council Representative
Thank you very much to Tabbatha Farrant (mother of Mitchell in Room 1) for very kindly volunteering to take up a position on the School Council. As you know it is very important that parents form the majority on the Council and this means we now comply with this requirement.

The Gardeners in Room 2
Room 2 have created a little patch of green to beautify the area outside their classroom. The project incorporated learning from a variety of different subject areas (Science, Technology and Enterprise, Maths and Speaking and Listening) and this will no doubt be extended further when they get to cook the corn they harvest.

The first step was to work out how to put drainage holes in the tubs.

Kathryn’s turn to water the plants.

Everyone hard at work during the planting stage.
The C1 students have also been hard at work with gardening projects. Each student carefully decorated a pot using decoupage techniques and then planted a herb. The basil plants are all flourishing as the students are doing a fantastic job of looking after them—making sure to put them in the sun each day and not letting them dry out.

Bike Project
The shed is now operational and most of the bikes have been purchased. Shayne Hutchings, the coordinator of the Project, has set up a partnership with Duncraig SHS ESC who run a bike maintenance program with their students. The Duncraig students will put together our bikes and then visit us periodically to do maintenance and repairs. Some of our older students will get the opportunity to take part and hopefully learn some simple maintenance skills. To get the ball rolling, a small group of our Year 7 students will visit Duncraig on Monday afternoon, to meet the high school students and help with the final assembly of the bikes.

Term 1, Important Dates
Monday 31st March (7pm) – School Council Meeting
Friday 11th April – Last day of Term
Tuesday 29th April – Students return for Term 2

Police Visit
There was much excitement on Thursday morning when a brand new police car pulled on to the grass in front of school. Room 1 had invited Police Officers Debbie and Alex to visit as part of their Community Workers theme. The invitation was very kindly extended to all of the classes in the Centre. The children were thrilled to get the chance to get inside the police car, speak to the police officers and most importantly, see the lights flash and sirens go.

Everyone in Room 1 was dressed the part in their special police hats. The children tried very hard to listen to what Debbie was saying but she was definitely upstaged by the shiny car behind her.
Collecting children during school hours:
It is a DoE requirement that all visitors to school report to the front office and sign in. If you are collecting or returning your child at times other than the usual, could you please ensure that you see reception. This is particularly important during break times as we need to know that children have returned and are now under our duty of care. We also need to know that you are on school premises should there be an emergency and we need to account for your presence.

In Term Swimming
Most of our students will be taking part in In-Term Swimming lessons at Craigie Leisure Centre early in Term 2. These are run through the Education Department and comprise 10 sessions over two weeks. The paperwork will be coming home nearer the end of this term.

Industrial Action Tuesday 1st April
As you would be aware from the media, the State School Teacher’s Union, CPSU/CSA and United Voice have announced a ‘community day of action’ on Tuesday 1 April, 2014. Children who attend school on this day will be supervised, but programs may need to be modified or postponed depending on the number of staff available. If you have any questions about arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact me on 9409 6344.

Kind Regards,

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