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Providenciales Primary School

January Newsletter

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Welcome Back

With a highly eventful and successful festive season over and our new term well underway, we wish you a very happy new year and welcome you all back to Provo Primary School.

The Spring term promises to be full of activity and excitement and the children have all returned keen and positive about the term ahead, settling quickly back to their studies. The school calendar dates box on the left has all the latest upcoming events so that you can find out what the term has in store, but please remember to keep an eye on future emails and newsletters for new events and updates, as some events will have more details to come as the term goes on. Please also refer to your class newsletters for information of what is happening in your child's class this term. We look forward to a very productive and hard working term and hope that you will find the time to visit our blog each week to see what is happening along the way.

Happy Memories from the End of Last Term

The end of last term was full of festive events and we would like to thank everyone for their help and support of these. The younger members of our school captured the audience's hearts with their performances of festive songs and 'The Landlord's Cat' show. The older children's 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' was full of 'piratical style' and the audience was thoroughly entertained. Well done to all our talented children and teachers for these wonderful productions!



We were also fortunate that Santa once again visited us, arriving on the fire truck, bearing a gift of a book for all. A big thank you to Santa and to the Fire Service for bringing him to us.



We would like also to pass on a huge thank you to Krys for taking some wonderful photographs which will feature in this year's Yearbook, and a special thank you to all our PTA members who helped organise events for the children, provided show refreshments, and decorated our Christmas tree.

New Toddler Sessions

Our new toddler sessions started this week, so you may notice some really tiny feet walking out of school on Monday and Friday afternoons. Miss Claire Marie and Miss Keira are excited to be introducing this programme and welcoming new families into our Provo Primary community. Sessions run from 1:45—3:15 pm at \$20 per session and are for children who will turn 2 before 31st August. Please see Miss Sian or Mrs. Stef for further details and feel free to pass on information to friends with young children.



School Calendar	
January	
Tuesday 24th	School Photos PTA Meeting 6pm
Friday 27th	Dress Down Day
Tuesday 31st	Monthly Tuition
February	
Saturday 4th	Yard Sale - 9am
Monday 13th - Friday 17th	Mid Term
Friday 24th	Dress Down Day
Tuesday 28th to Thursday 1st March	Parent Consultation Meetings
Wednesday 29th	Tuition Due (Monthly and 3rd tri-yearly installment)
March	
Monday 5—9th	Theme Week— 'A Day in the Life of...'
Monday 12th	Commonwealth Day (Public Holiday)
Monday 19th - Friday 23rd	Keep Healthy Week - Healthy Hearts
Thursday 22nd	PS-Yr2 Sports Day. 9am @ Sports Centre
Thursday 29th	Yr 3—6 Gym Showcase / Basketball Tournament. 9am @ Sports Centre
Friday 30th	Monthly Tuition Due Dress Down Day Bonnet Parade PTA Egg Hunt Term 2 ends at 12:30pm
April	
Tuesday 17th	Term 3 Begins

School Photos

(Tuesday 24th January)



Brilliant by Tropical Imaging will be taking our **School photos on Tuesday 24th January**, so plan ahead with any needed haircuts, etc! New school uniform is also available in the office if you need any new items to help your child to be dressed their best for the event.

Keeping Healthy Week (19th-23rd March)

Healthy Heart



Healthy You

For this term's 'Keep Healthy Week', we have decided that we will focus on Healthy Hearts. Look out for details of activities and events for this week, later in the term.

Hearts certainly will be pumping at our **Preschool, Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2 Sports Day which will be held on Friday 30th March at 9am at the Sports' Centre.**

General Reminders

- ⇒ Please keep children at home when they are not well. Also ensure that your telephone numbers are up to date in case we need to contact you during the day.
- ⇒ Please remember to check your child's hair regularly every week for headlice. Treat any outbreaks promptly and inform the school. **Take a peek once a week!**
- ⇒ For health and safety reasons **no jewellery** should be worn in school; the only exemption are stud earrings which must be taken out for PE.
- ⇒ Please ensure that your child wears school uniform (K up) and has their PE kit and school uniform on PE days, with appropriate sports footwear. Your child should always wear **suitable shoes and a hat** for playground activities at school.

Theme Week! (5th-9th March)



At the beginning of March each year, we have a theme week at the school during our national 'Education Week'. This year's theme is 'A Day in the Life of...' and we are in the midst of planning a variety of activities and events for this exciting week.

Traditionally, we start our theme week off with a fun dressing up day. Your child's class teacher will let you know some ideas for costumes next week.

Year 6 Trip Fundraisers— Our Year 6 class is fundraising for an residential trip later in the year. They would like to pass on their thanks to everyone for their support so far. Look out for further fundraising events as the term goes on.

Birthdays— We are happy to celebrate children's birthdays at school. These are celebrated by singing 'happy birthday' in class, in assemblies and at the lunch tables. If you would like to bring in something special to eat or drink on your child's birthday, please tell us a few days beforehand.

As we recognise that some parents wish to monitor the food their child may be eating, we ask that you bring a small, healthy snack individually wrapped. These will then be distributed and taken home to share at the end of the school day. Fruits and veggie treats can be shared with the children together during school time.

Late Collection Fees—School finishes at 3.00 pm and children should be picked up promptly. After this time, teachers are involved in clubs, meetings or preparation and are not available to supervise. A late charge applies to children picked up after 3.15pm or 15 minutes after the end of an after-school club.

The **charge for 'late collection' is at a rate of \$15 per 15 minutes**, so 15 -30 minutes late = \$15 and 30 – 45 minutes late = \$30, etc.

Please call the school if an emergency is preventing you arriving on time.

Remember to keep checking our School Blog to see a glimpse of what is going on around the school.

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Physical Education (P.E.)

At Provo Primary, it is our policy to promote and develop the physical fitness of all of our children through our PE curriculum. We are fortunate to have access to a range of excellent facilities and resources which mean that activities can take place both onsite and within the nearby community. We also offer physical activities, this term within our after school clubs and hope to enter a girl's and boy's team in the upcoming TCIFA "under 11" soccer tournament.

Below is a brief outline of the curriculum the children will be following this term. Please look out for photos of the children taken during their P.E. lessons on our notice boards in the next few weeks.

Preschool and Junior Kindergarten

Teachers in the early years provide children with opportunities to develop a range of skills that promote their physical development within the school environment. These may take place in the classroom, in the EY playground and on our grass area. Activities focus on developing fine and gross motor skills, spatial awareness, control and coordination and developing an awareness of health.

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 PE (Monday and Thursday)

This term, each class is rotating through the following activities this term at the Sports Centre and on the TCIFA Soccer Field.

Gymnastics (K – Yr. 2)



In gymnastics, the children are investigating movement, stillness, and how to find and use space safely. They will copy, plan and repeat short movement sequences which include balancing, travelling, rolling and landing actions. They will be encouraged to describe what they and others have done and to say why they think gymnastic actions are being performed well. We are using the studio equipment at the Graceway Sports Centre. Class teachers are working together with Miss Shara, and activities will be planned in accordance with the abilities of the different age groups.

Soccer (K – Yr. 2)



In soccer, all children are working towards playing a small scale soccer game by the end of the term. The basic skills children are learning are: to stop the ball, kick the ball correctly (with the inside of the foot, not the tip of the foot) and to pass the ball to a partner. Children will practise moving with the ball (dribbling), and receiving and passing the ball from/to various directions. They will then progress onto match skills such as defending, scoring, tackling and playing as a team. Lessons take place on the TCIFA Soccer Field using our brand new soccer balls.

Sports Day (K-Yr. 2)



For these sessions, a variety of team games will be played, involving listening skills, concentration and being part of a team. Emphasis will be on positive participation and team support. Activities such as obstacle courses, races (skipping, running, relaying) and movement to music will be practised. Skills learnt during last term's athletics programme will also be incorporated. All of these will be displayed in our Sports Day (9am on 22nd March) at the end of term. Lessons take place at the Graceway Sports Centre.

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 PE (Monday and Friday)

This term, groups are rotating through basketball, volleyball and gymnastics activities at the Sports Centre.

Basketball (Yr.3—6)



This term, we will be focusing on the team game basketball and all the skills it comprises. The sessions will be dedicated to learning and honing the skills of dribbling, passing, pivoting, shooting and stopping, individually, as well as understanding how to unite these skills in order to play a full game.

We will also be looking at team communication, positioning on the court and how to play offensively and defensively.

In lower KS2, the focus will be more heavily on developing the necessary ball and positioning skills needed for the children to enjoy a game of basketball with confidence. In upper KS2, the focus will extend to developing their ball control, ability to dribble, pass and score when under pressure from an opponent, marksmanship, ensuring they can vary passes and shots, and their ability to travel around the court as a team with communication.

These sessions will culminate in a tournament at the end of both half-terms where the children will have the opportunity to display all they have learnt in a friendly match among their peers. Come and watch us play on Thursday 29th March (9 am @ the Sports Centre).

Volleyball (Yr.3—6)



In Volleyball this term, each year group will be learning the basic techniques of a setting/volleying, digging and serving, as well as the fundamentals of how volleyball is played. For all age groups the court size and net will be adjusted accordingly. Progression/ level of challenge for each age group:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Throw and catch over a net; • Change positions correctly when directed where to go by an adult; • Perform the set, dig and underarm serve, showing some of the key technical points; • Assess their own and others' performance; • Accept the decision of the referee. 	<p>Combine throwing and catching with digging, setting and serving;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Usually change positions independently, with some help from teammates; • Perform the set, dig and underarm serve, showing many of the key technical points; • Aim to land the ball in a space; • Assess their own and others' performances. 	<p>Play the game digging, setting and serving, without catching and throwing;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change positions independently and direct teammates where to stand; • Perform the set, dig and underarm serve showing most of the key technical points; • Land the ball in a space and get back into position to defend their space; • Assess their own and others' performances.
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Gymnastics: (Yr.3—6)



This term, we are preparing for our 'Gymnastic Showcase' with a focus on two key areas of the curriculum. With an emphasis on control, balance and strength, the children are learning about body control and gymnastic movements.

In body control, we will learn about how to use our muscles to make and hold a range of body shapes. Children will learn how their core muscles are vital in order to adopt, hold and present these positions effectively. Whether it be in a head-stand, pike or shoulder stand, children will be increasingly aware of the strength and stamina required to create a routine for performance. In their gymnastic movements, we will look at how to use the body's suppleness and momentum to perform a range of skills, including forward/backward rolls, cartwheels and round-offs. We will understand the importance of control when presenting these movements.

As the children progress, they will begin to plan their own routines by combining elements from both areas of the curriculum. In this stage, children will become more aware of how to present their movements with a partner. Children will be taught to hold and complete every skill by using their entire body, extending their movements from their heads to their toes. We are looking forward to seeing the outcomes and sharing them with an audience on Thursday 29th March (9 am @ the Sports Centre).

PTA Corner

A huge thank you to everyone that attended the Term 1 PTA meeting in September. Parent involvement is a large part of what makes Provo Primary such a wonderful school! Please join us this coming Tuesday, January 24th, in the library for this term's PTA meeting.

Agenda items will include the principal's report, requests from the student council, upcoming school events and fundraising needs/initiatives. The meeting will begin at 6pm sharp and end at approximately 7pm. Childcare will be provided, please let the office know in advance if you'll need it!

PTA TREASURER NEEDED—Please contact Vickie Chaplin or Haley Weldon if you are interested in finding out more about the PTA Treasurer position. We are looking for someone to serve in the position until the end of the school year and ideally into next year.

Parent Volunteers

We would like to thank Ted Weldon and Dale Nickason for putting up our new school basketball hoop. With the ability to raise and lower the hoop height for different age groups, it is a big hit with all the children.

This term, teachers are already starting to plan for field trips with their classes. Without your support, these field trips would not be possible so thank you in advance for your assistance.

We would like to extend a big thank you to all the class volunteers, who come into help with guided reading, computers, the library, individual reading and a variety of lessons and also, to everyone who helps out in any other way. We are very fortunate to welcome Miss Nancy, a Canadian teacher, who is volunteering in classes this half term, too.



Yard Sale

Our next yard sale is booked for **Saturday 4th February**. 9:00 - 11:30 am. Set up is at 8 am. If you would like to have a table to sell items, please contact Karina on 231 7187. Each Table costs \$20. With Guille away, Karina is looking for someone to help on the day collecting the money and "guarding" the gate until opening time.



As always, thank you to the children, staff and parents for all your hard work and continued support. If you have any questions or queries concerning the school or your child/children, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher or contact me.

Alternatively you can always email me at principal@provoprimary.com or our director, Alison at director@provoprimary.com

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