

KS/AK

May 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

Our Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL) week will take place from Monday 14th to Friday 18th May 2018 and will provide your child with an opportunity to achieve their Discovery level, John Muir Award. The John Muir Award is an environmental award scheme focused on conservation and wild places. It supports people to connect with, enjoy and care for nature, landscape, and the natural environment. The award presents 4 key challenges; discover a wild place, explore it, conserve it and share the experience. John Muir is a wider achievement award, recognised by both further education establishments, and potential employers.

There are many benefits to the activities being delivered as part of Hyndland's IDL week in addition to achieving the award itself. The activities are being delivered to encourage and develop an understanding of responsible citizenship and sustainable development. The sessions will be delivered by teaching staff and external agency partner groups including; Glasgow Park Rangers, RSPB, Polli:Nation, EPA, TVC, and Woodlands Community Garden. The activities will take place both inside and out with school.

Every young person's experience will vary depending on the activities they are involved in and they have been issued with a timetable for the week. Please read over this with your child and ensure they have appropriate clothing, equipment and a packed lunch where required.

During the week all students will visit Lambhill Stables which is a community project based in the North of Glasgow. The group is offering a range of three different activities which include mountain biking, a nature walk or bush skills. So that we can plan for this excursion we require students to complete the tear off slip below indicating which activity they would most like to take part in. The numbers are limited to 10 per place so it may not be possible to give all students their first choice. **Please ask your child to return the attached tear off slip along with their completed consent form as soon as possible.**

Pupils will require a packed lunch when visiting both Pollok Park and Whitelee Wind Farm as there will not be an opportunity to purchase food while on these visits.

The weather forecast is looking very changeable for our IDL week and we advise to check the forecast on a daily bases and ensure your child has the appropriate clothing. Layering of clothing eg, t-shirt, hoodie and a light weight waterproof jacket are advisable. Walking boots or old trainers are also recommended for Pollok Park and also Lambhill Stables as the pathways may get muddy.

We are confident this will be a rewarding and enjoyable week for all involved and encourage you to follow and engage with the experience of the young people through the school's twitter feed and website.

Please find attached a consent form which we require to take the students out of school. Can you please complete this at your earliest opportunity and ask your child to return this to their **PST teacher** by **Friday 11th May at the very latest (along with the tear off slip as indicated above)**

Kind Regards

Ms K Samuel

Teacher of Biology

Lambhill Stables Activity Slip

Name of student: _____ Practical Class i.e. 1P1: _____

Please tick the box for your first choice of the activities below:

Mountain biking

Nature Walk

Bush Skills

**SLIP TO BE RETURNED ALONG WITH COMPLETED CONSENT FORM TO PST TUTOR BY FRIDAY 11TH
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