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Dear Parent

Green Day – 1st May

A separate letter will be coming home today about Green Day. JGPS is an Eco School and we currently have silver award status. To achieve our Green Award we need to hold a Green Day which involves the whole school community. Mrs Borrowman and Ms Budge, the two organisers of our Eco Warriors, have put together some educational and fun activities which we hope parents will support us with.

Class Newsletters

Individual class newsletters will be coming home tomorrow from class teachers. I hope that parents find these useful and informative.

PTA Meeting

The next meeting of the PTA committee is Monday 28th April at 7.30 in JGHS. All parents are welcome to attend.

JGPS Council

The next meeting of our council is Tuesday 6th May 6.30-8.00 in the conference room here at JGPS. All parents and members of the community are welcome to observe the meeting.

Staff News

Mrs Janis Paolozzi, the school's clerical assistant will be leaving JGPS after eight years on Friday 2nd May. All staff and pupils wish her every success in her new career. Mr Tony Barraza, Business Manager, will also be leaving to begin winding down to retirement after five years at JGPS. We all wish Tony good health and happy days in his retirement.

Dental Inspections and Toothbrushing Packs

Our P1 and P7 pupils recently took part in a dental health inspection. 76% of P1 pupils and 39% of P7 pupils were found to have nothing obvious needing attention. 24% of P1 pupils and 61% of P7's were found to have evidence of tooth decay and/or poor oral hygiene. This is disappointing as the number of pupils requiring treatment has increased since our last inspection over a year ago.

Tooth decay is still the most common disease which affects Scottish children today and I hope that school and home can work together to improve the statistics of tooth decay here at JGPS. All P1 pupils will receive a pack with a special toothbrush, toothpaste and information for parents which we hope parents will find useful. I would also ask for parents' support in ensuring pupils do not come to school with sugary snacks and sweets. Your help with this is appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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