

Towerbank Primary School

Newsletter Friday 20th January 2017

Scottish Cup comes to Towerbank.

On Thursday the Scottish Cup came to Towerbank as the final school of a tour that began last year. Towerbank was the 114th school visited, clearly a number of significance!

All children took part in assemblies during the day and were able to ask questions and watch a short film.

Then each class had their photo taken with the Cup. (Only if children had permission). These photos are available on the Hibs Flickr page.



<https://www.flickr.com/photos/143397735@N08/albums/>

P5 Animations

After October half term, 5B started doing an animation workshop every Thursday afternoon with Mark Carr. The first thing to do was to get into four groups of eight. Our group was Ross, Jasmine, Levon, Matthew, Joe, Andrew, Jesi and Omar. Our idea was that there was a magician shark who was quite bad and gave up. But a sea horse told him to never give up so he started practising again. He then entered a competition and won. For our scripts we wrote what each other were going to say and once we had decided we started to draw the characters. Next we worked on the backgrounds. It took at least half an hour to film. Before we saw our film we were feeling a rollercoaster of emotions. When our creations sprung to life we felt giddy with happiness. Our group didn't know it would go so well.

All the groups animations can be seen at:

<https://youtu.be/eHohOLhYMM8>

<https://youtu.be/HGeHqqMKCXw>

<https://youtu.be/v5V1ly6Ee3s>

<https://youtu.be/q2PCZhu26kU>

Last week we were thinking of some New Year's Resolutions for ourselves for school and home.

We have also had our first lesson with Mrs Cross from the National Youth Choir of Scotland (NYCOS). It was good fun and Emilia liked the Oliver Twist song because she got to work with a partner. Leah loved the way we changed partners during the song. Ellis liked it when we found a heartbeat in the Hello song and Oliver is looking forward to listening to music at home and finding a "heartbeat" in that.
From Mrs Hambelton and P3A



Athletics Achievements

On Saturday 7th January 2016, Max Evans, Esme Slifer and Lily Middleton took part in Super Team Best of Scotland Athletics Competition at the Emirates Stadium.

I beat my personal best in the 60m with a time of 9.07 beating my previous by 24 milliseconds. In the high jump I also got a personal best adding 10 cm to my previous record with a jump of 1metre 30cm.

I came second in both events and finished fourth overall in the 60m. High jump results have not yet been released. *Max Evans – P7*

I took part the 200m metres and shot putt. I do not know what place I came in the 200 metres because it was a really close race. It was my first time doing crouch start and it worked very well. In shot putt I was only able to have one throw because I was doing the 200 metres whilst everyone else was throwing but I got a personal best which was 3.99 metres. *By Esme Slifer – P7*

Lily Middleton also took part. She came in 1st place in her 60m race with a time of 9.40 seconds which was good enough for 7th overall. This is a new personal best. It was her first time doing crouch start which seemed to help a lot. She also competed in the long jump, leaping 3.63m. *By Max Evans and Esme Slifer – P7*

Well done to Will in P6 who was awarded 3 medals by his swimming club - Portobello Swimming Club. He won a Bronze, Silver and Gold medal and then won this fine cup for 12 and under Fly.

Congratulations also to Oliver P6 who passed his Grade 1 Piano Exam last week.



The Art of Listening

P7C really enjoyed their visit to The Hub for the Art of Listening session. The instructor Sally talked to us about silence. We said we felt quite awkward about being quiet but by the end of it we were completely comfortable with silence, because of a calming exercise that included listening to classical piano music (played by pianist Andrew) and soft talking by Sally. Afterwards we did a drawing on a paper human template about how we felt. Most of us felt calm and relaxed afterwards; we all really enjoyed



it. Some professional soprano singers sang some songs to the piano music. It was a really good opportunity to hear someone else singing instead of yourself or your class mates. Rowan and Elin

News from the Nursery

We've been learning about coconuts. The children used their senses to explore the coconut. We used a bottle opener to drill holes and a hammer to crack it open. We tasted the coconut milk and Leo thought it tasted 'bleuh!' and Sarmad said it 'tastes like yummy'. We followed instructions, took turns, used technology and our senses. We visited Mr Friend to show him the hairy bits, shell and flesh of the coconut.



In **P5A**, as part of our reading challenge, we have decided to revisit some well-loved fairy and folktales, and to explore some new or less familiar tales, alongside a look at a range of myths and legends. We are also planning stories of our own to share with and work on with our P1B buddies. As a first step in this we visited our buddies this afternoon and had a lovely time chatting about some of our favourite fairy tales, and we were really impressed by the excellent drawings the P1s made of the witch's cottage in Hansel and Gretel! We also really enjoyed spending time with them during their afternoon break, and would like to say a big thank you to Miss Bicheno and all of her class for having us visit.

Reminder for Tuesday next week - Ceilidhs for all children.