

Towerbank Primary School

Newsletter Friday 27th January 2017

The day a cat came to our Assembly.

On Friday 20th January we went to our Assembly with P1 and the Nursery. When we walked along the corridor to the hall we saw a black cat in the playground.

Mr Friend was telling us a story when there was a surprise visitor!!! The black cat came into the gym hall and it walked right up to the top of the hall. All the children thought it was VERY funny and started to laugh. Then Mrs McCart gently shooed the cat away out the fire door and the children were STILL laughing.



We think the black cat wanted a shiny merit sticker like our bronze winners! by P2A

Ceilidhs

As you know, all the classes have been practicing their dancing as well as some special performances because on Tuesday 24th January, the P1-6 Ceilidhs took place in the gym hall throughout the day. All the A classes were before break, the B classes were after break and the C classes were in the afternoon. During the Ceilidhs we all had lots of fun dancing and performing our songs and poems as well as watching other people perform! There should be a special shout-out to Mr McConnachie for organising it all and also to 'Fun Fiddle' for playing the music. At the end of each Ceilidh we all got together and sang Auld Lang Syne. Everyone had a great time and we can't wait until the next one! Adam W., Jen and Stella P6





It was the school Ceilidh on Tuesday. We got dressed up in our super tartan Ceilidh outfits at home and made rosettes to wear. Our class sang Katie Bairdie and we did lots of different actions for the animals then we read The Elephant poem by J K Annand in our best Scottish voices. Our favourite bit was when we all sang Auld Land Syne at the end. It was a spectacular afternoon !
By Evie, Samuel and Mairin in P3

Twitter

Towerbank has joined Twitter. We will use it to send out some of the many items of good news happening every day. Find us at @TowerbankPS

Swimming Awards

On Friday 13th January Portobello Swimming Club hosted a ceilidh and awards ceremony. Many children from Towerbank took part and a lot of them were awarded trophies and medals. These winners included Robyn, Ellie, Lily, Aaron, William, Mae, Sam and Iaian. By Lily.

Homework – Home Learning

After a great deal of work by staff, parents and children the new Towerbank Home Learning policy will be revealed next week.

Following an extensive and very positive trial with 9 classes the whole school will be moving to a menu option for home learning from Monday 27th February. Children and families will be able to choose tasks from a range of options prepared by teachers.

This will then be reviewed later in the year.

Ski Residential and Hillend classes

The school has made a provisional booking for ski or snowboarding lessons after school on Thursdays at Hillend from August 2017.

Towerbank have also now provisionally booked for a snowsports 3 days, 2 nights residential in February 2018 using wonderful Lagganlia Outdoor Centre. This will be limited to 48 places. More details later in the year on both these exciting opportunities.

Stage

We have managed to acquire a modular stage system for the gym hall that will be used for special events and performances.

WWF Donation

Leila in P4C had a birthday party at the weekend. Instead of asking her friends to bring gifts for her she asked them all to make a donation to raise money for the WWF Polar Bear charity. Leila and her friends raised £100 for the charity. Well done.

Basketball Team



On Monday 23rd January the P7 basketball team went to the Craggs Sports Centre to try to defend the Hope Trust Trophy. 12 pupils from the club went to the actual tournament. We lost the first game by 8 points against James Gillespies which put us down but then we won our next game against Brunstane, 29-5.

Our last opponents were Sciennes and unfortunately, we lost by 3 points (which in basketball is one hoop and one foul). It was a very close but a very rough game with a lot of injuries and a lot of fouls. Sadly, we didn't get through to the finals this year but we did well and we now just need to keep on training (perseverance)! By Alex (7A) and Max (7B)

P3 Library Visits



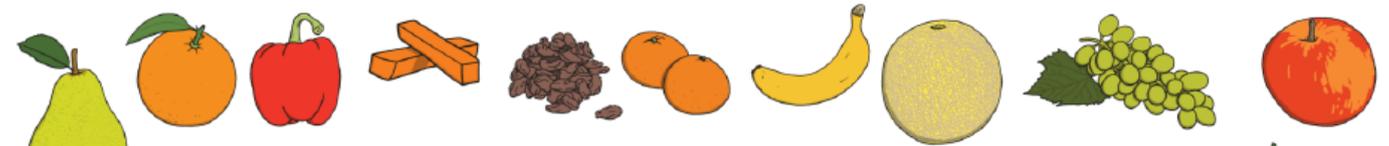
We enjoyed visiting Portobello Library and learning about the history of our local area. Paul, the librarian, also read us 'The Gruffalo' in Scots!



Nursery

Nursery children have been busy celebrating Burns Day and are beginning to learn about Scottish culture and Scottish words. The children have eaten haggis, neeps and tatties. We invited Euan to sing traditional Scottish songs and danced to Scottish music.





Towerbank's Fairtrade Tuckshop is back!

Every Friday break time
in the playground.



Choose from a range
of Fairtrade snacks
and juice for only
50p!



Let's put Fairtrade in our break!

