

Towerbank Primary School

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Really well done to all the P6s and P7s who took part in the Cross Country races on Monday. Towerbank did really well in all the categories and many of the runners will be invited back for the finals later this month. Many thanks to all the parents who helped out on the muddy meadows. Kyle came first in the P6 boys race and these children all achieved top 20 places – Max, William, Sam, Cristina, Idun, Stella, Hari, Esme and Lily.

Buddies

The Nursery and P4 children enjoy being buddies. On Fridays a small group of P4s are visiting the Nursery to play together. All of the children in P4 will have an opportunity to do this.

“Some of us played with the children outside. We went on the bouncy hoppers and played with the hula-hoops. I really enjoyed playing together.” Cora P4b

“A few of us went down to the Nursery and we played with the sand and water.” Iris P4b

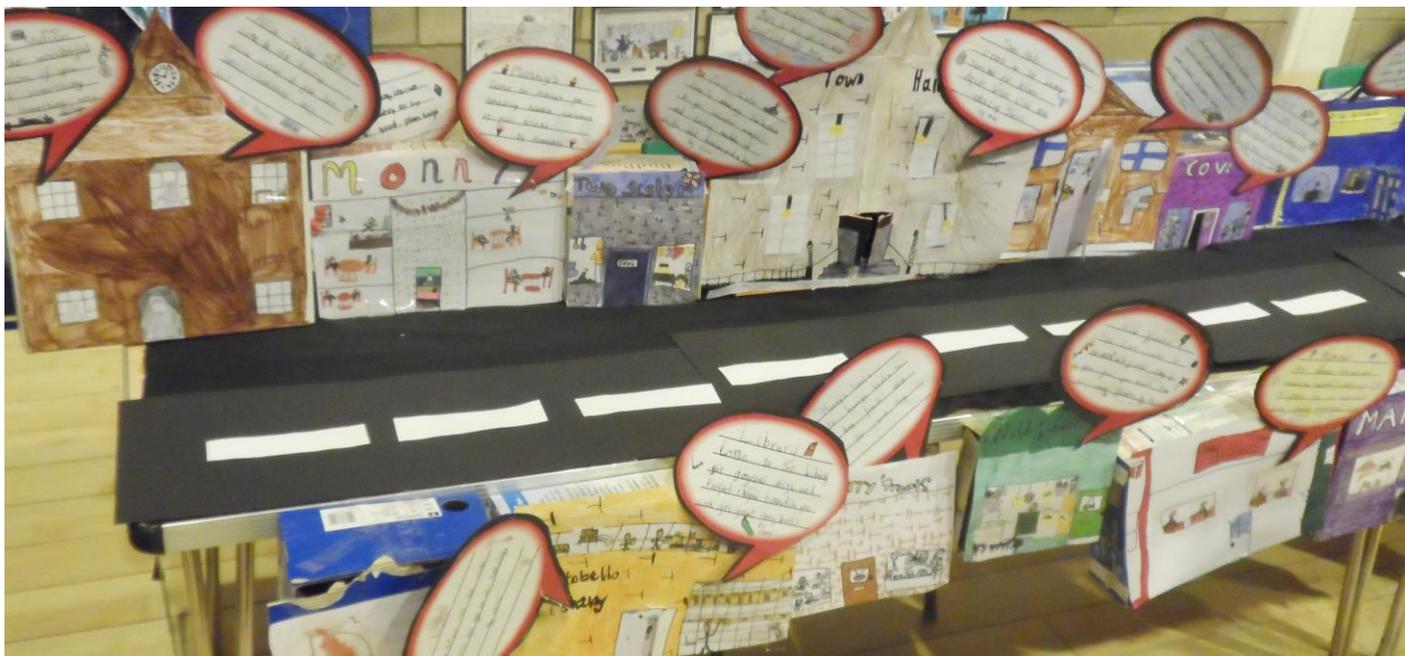


Red Nose Day

Friday 24th March

This day will be a non-uniform day as suggested by the Pupil Council at their meeting this week. We would ask for £1 please as a contribution. All money collected will be sent to Comic Relief



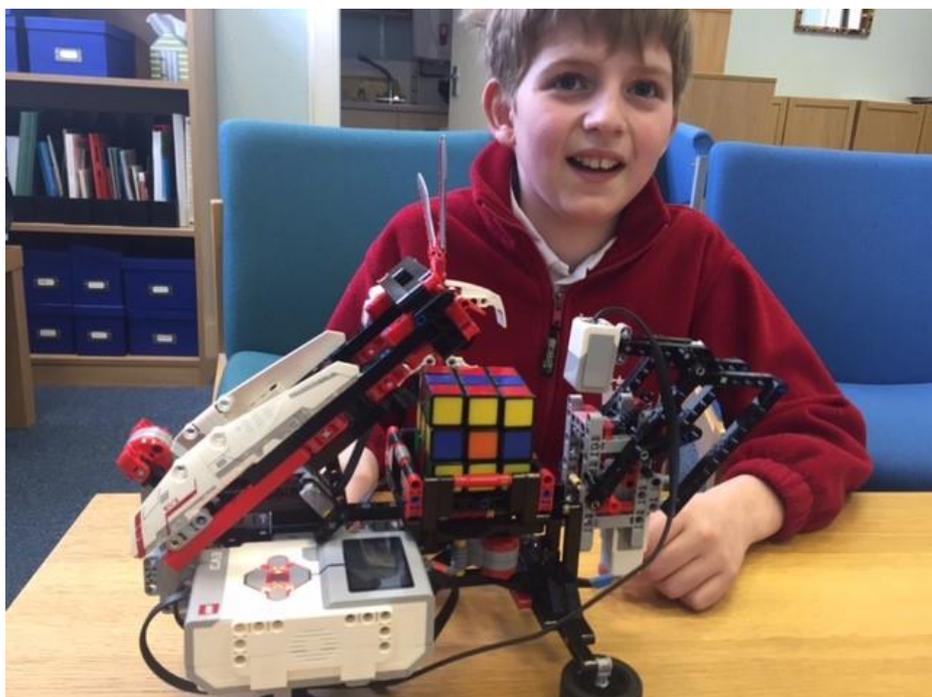


We had a fantastic time at the Curriculum Evening, telling everybody what we had been learning about in class. We showed them models of our favourite buildings in Portobello and our wonderful paintings of Mr Walker on Duddingston Loch. From P3

Pedro in P5C was in a piano competition today and out of 10 competitors he came joint 1st place and was highly commended by the judges! He played 'Piper in the Forest' in the Under 19s level 1 piano solo category at the Edinburgh Competition Festival (7th March). Out of 40 players he just missed the one medal but was one of two who were 'highly commended'.

For anyone interested in the competition they can visit the website www.ecfest.org.uk

Nathan P6 Lego Robot



P6a got a surprise when I brought in a LEGO Cube Solver! It can solve, scramble, and do patterns such as checkerboard, six-spot, cube-in-cube, snake and superflip. We tried to do a test to see who was faster, Oscar, a cube solving prodigy or the robot!

Oscar's time was 1min 20seconds! But the robot, named Mindcub3r, sadly could not scan the cube properly when put up against Oscar! By Nathan P6a



P7 and P3 Buddies Meet for Paired Reading

As part of World Book Day celebrations last week, P7 paired up with their buddies for a joint reading session.

It was fun to see our buddies and read to them.

Olly

I loved seeing all my buddies and I enjoyed reading to them. Paige

I enjoyed having my buddy read to me and I liked teaching them words I didn't know. Rowan

I liked watching them learn. Rory

I liked reading to my buddy and having him read

to me because it shows how much he has learned since P1. Shayne

I was proud of how much they have come on since P1. Toni-Leigh



Towerbank Spring Fair, Saturday 13th May, 2-5pm

URGENT REQUEST

We are looking for an enthusiastic volunteer to co-ordinate this year's spring fair. The fair is a popular social event, bringing people together from the school and community, and helps raise funds.

It's a team effort with lots of established stalls and regular helpers, so we're not starting from scratch. But we really need someone (maybe two people) who can pull it all together. Both Liz Henderson and Ruth Bowen have been involved in organising the spring and Christmas fairs in the past and are happy to give guidance and support.

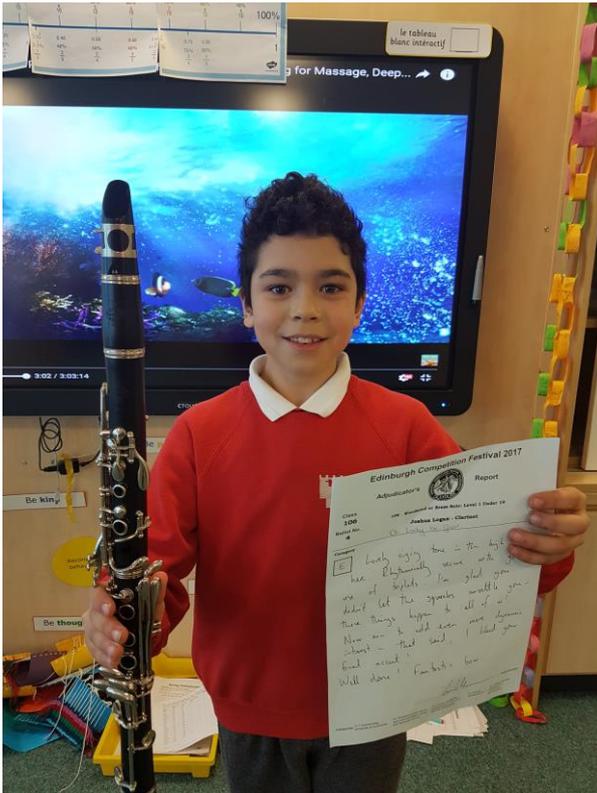
If you're up for this exciting challenge, please do get in touch with Ruth Bowen via towerbankpsa@googlemail.com or Towerbank School Community Group on Facebook by Wednesday 15th March. Thanks.



Fencing

On Saturday Rory and Merryn from P4 went to a Fencing Competition in Edinburgh. They had lots of fights and fun, putting into practice what Prof Andy taught them on Mondays after school. Rory won a trophy and medal for best in his division and Merryn won a bronze medal for technique and a gold medal for best girl in P4. It was a great day! Merryn, P4A

E for Excellent



Last week (28th February), I did a clarinet competition at the Stockbridge Parish Church Music Awards 2017. Obviously there were a lot of musical instruments there like: flutes, trumpets and clarinets. When it was my turn I stepped up on to the podium with my clarinet and played my competition piece which was called: *oh lady be good* from the musical *oh lady be good*. My friend Corrie played his tune which I thought was very impressive and the piece was called *Sssssssh*. After my tune the adjudicator made his report and it said: "Lovely singing tone in the high register here. Rhythmically secure with good use of triplets (which is a type of musical note). Glad you didn't let the squeaks unsettle you, these things happen to all of us! Now aim to add even more dynamic interest, that being said, I liked your final accent! Well done! Fantastic bow[!]" The certificate ended and I was very pleased about it and also the fact that I got 3rd out of 15 people and my category was E for Excellent. However, I could not have achieved this without the support of my very encouraging and important friends. Josh P6



Parent Council Meeting

There was a very well attended Parent Council meeting on Wednesday this week. There were a number of very productive discussions. Thank you to everyone who came.