



Newsletter 11th May 2018

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The Big Pedal



BIG PEDAL SUCCESS

Thank you to all the children, parents and staff who participated in the Big Pedal over the past two weeks by cycling and scooting to school.

Our best five days gave us a total of 3011 journeys, leaving us in 12th place in Scotland and 89th out of the 518 participating schools across the UK.

Congratulations should go to Ms Younie's P2 class who accumulated a massive 230 journeys over the fortnight, closely followed by Ms Gow's P6 class with 222 journeys Mrs McGroarty's P1 class with 217. Well done everyone!

The Big Pedal may be over, but we would love to continue to see the cycle and scooter racks filling up every day.

Many thanks to Carla in P7 who worked so hard to collect and record all the data each day



Football Team News

This week the P7 team took part in the next round of the Inspectors' Cup. They all did brilliantly and were a credit to the school. They drew 2 matches and lost 2 and thus won't be through to the next stage. They should be very proud of their teamwork and skills.

The P6 team took part last weekend in the P6 competition. The Towerbank team were drawn in a tough group with 2 previous winners of the whole competition. Huge thanks to Mrs Walker for organising both teams and for all the families who supported both events.

There is clearly a strong desire for more organized football teams at Towerbank and these events might provide the spark. If any parents would like to help with establishing a sustained football team structure at Towerbank please contact the school office and we will try and if there is sufficient interest we can set up a meeting to discuss.

The group results were

ESMS 9 points

Edinburgh Academy 6 points

Towerbank 3 points

Canal View 0 points



3 teams running the Edinburgh Marathon this year

Following the success last year of the staff Marathon team we now have two teams of staff from Towerbank and one parent team running the relay race on 27th May.



We have taken the decision this year to raise money for only our nominated charity – The Brainstrust. If you would like to make a contribution there are two just giving pages below for the staff teams and for the parent team. Thank you in advance.

Update. The just giving page has so far raised £500 but we would love to reach £2000. Many thanks for all the donations so far.

<https://tinyurl.com/tbstaff>

<https://tinyurl.com/tbparents>



Freya (P2) has sponsored a guide dog puppy, Poppy is a labrador golden retriever cross, she loves rolling around with her siblings and her favourite toy is a stuffed teddy bear!

<https://www.guidedogs.org.uk/sponsor-a-puppy-today/>

TPG meeting Friday 25th May 10-11.30am We are mixing things up a little for the next few TPG meetings, holding them at different times to try and accommodate as many people as possible: we know that some meeting dates will not suit everyone but the next one might.

We'll be covering all the usual agenda items: an update from Mr Friend and from each of the sub-groups - fundraising and events, playspace and foodfocus, plus a look at any community matters affecting the school. If you have anything else you'd like added to the agenda please email me on the address below. The agenda for the meeting will be shared a week before it takes place.

Childcare will be provided by the After-School Club team if required, please let me know by Friday 18th May if you'll need it for your child.

Looking forward to welcoming you along: no membership required, open to all, tea and biscuits thrown in...

Andrea Barlow, Vice Chair, TPG barleymowrites@outlook.com

TANZANIA

TIME TANGLE

MAY 2018
MONTHLY
CHALLENGE

In February this year, Miss Bicheno and Ms. McGroarty went to Tanzania to strengthen the school's link to Msufini. This month's challenge is based on the real details of the flights they took to get to Tanzania and back. There are three levels of challenge – if you're feeling confident, why not try them all?

Miss Bicheno & Ms. McGroarty's Travel Plans

| Date | Time | Route | Time Difference |
|----------|-------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 09.02.18 | 05:50 | Leave Edinburgh, Scotland | UK time |
| 09.02.18 | 08:25 | Arrive in Amsterdam, The Netherlands | 1 hour ahead of UK |
| 09.02.18 | 10:15 | Leave Amsterdam, The Netherlands | 1 hour ahead of UK |
| 09.02.18 | 20:40 | Arrive in Kilimanjaro, Tanzania | 3 hours ahead of UK |
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| 19.02.18 | 00:45 | Leave Kilimanjaro, Tanzania | 3 hours ahead of UK |
| 19.02.18 | 10:10 | Arrive in Amsterdam, The Netherlands | 1 hour ahead of UK |
| 19.02.18 | 11:05 | Leave Amsterdam, The Netherlands | 1 hour ahead of UK |
| 19.02.18 | 11:35 | Arrive in Edinburgh, Scotland | UK time |

- ☆ If Miss Bicheno and Ms. McGroarty were away from the morning of 9th February until just before lunchtime on 19th February, how many nights did they spend away from Edinburgh?
- ☆☆ When they arrived in Kilimanjaro on the 9th February, what time was it in Edinburgh? *(For an extra challenge, write your answer in 12-hour format)*
- ☆☆☆ The flight from Edinburgh to Amsterdam on the 9th and the flight from Amsterdam to Edinburgh on the 19th do not take the same length of time. Which one took longer and by how long? *(This may be trickier than it looks)*

**All answers should be dropped into the Monthly Challenge box by Friday 1st June
Good luck!**

To read more about how Miss Bicheno and Ms. McGroarty got on in Tanzania, check out their blog at the following link - <https://towerbankprimary.wordpress.com/msufini-link/>

You are invited to the first ever

Towerbank Maths Circle

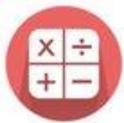
at Towerbank Primary School
on Friday 25th May, 1-3pm

A Maths Circle is a very relaxed, drop-in session where children aged 5 to 16 and their families can take part in exciting mathematical activities, games and puzzles. No mathematical expertise is required – teacher volunteers and volunteers from The University of Edinburgh will be on hand to help.

Tea, coffee and juice will be available.

For more information on Maths Circles, which The University of Edinburgh have been operating for some time, please visit

<http://www.maths.ed.ac.uk/school-of-mathematics/outreach/maths-circle>



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