

Towerbank Primary School

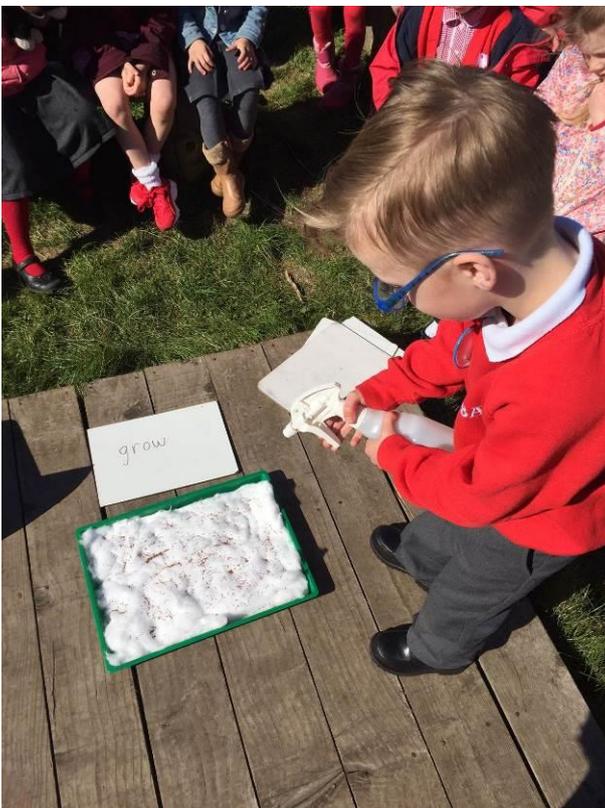
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Towerbank Choir at Moray House

Well done to the choir who performed last Friday at Moray House.



P1C enjoying literacy in the Outdoor Classroom this week. We are learning the 'ow' sound - like blow and grow!



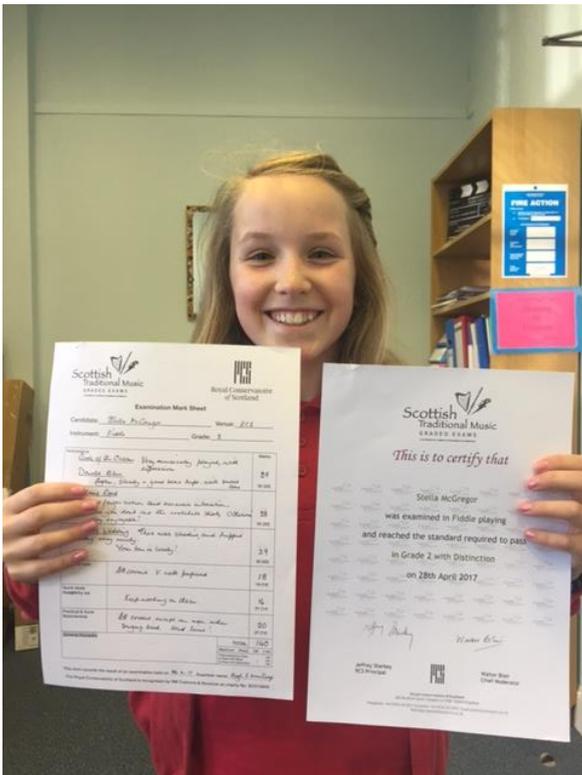
Well done to Joseph for getting a medal as Player of the Week at the Yard.

Thanks for feedback on Pupil Equity Fund (PEF)

Many thanks to all the parents who have responded with thoughts, ideas and suggestions on how the school should make best use of the Pupil Equity Fund at Towerbank. There have been over 60 responses. We have also consulted with all the children in P5, P6 and P7. P7 classes have responded with their own priority list.

Having taken on many of the suggestions we are beginning to focus in on the teaching of maths across the school and how to best improve the quality of support for children who struggle with some of the main concepts.

The school is also looking at options for additional funding to support children taking part in outdoor learning opportunities. More details to follow.



Fiddle Exam

On Friday 28th April I went with Ishbel to Glasgow for our Grade 2 Fiddle exam. It was at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. I was quite nervous however at 2.00 pm I went for it anyway! Ishbel's exam was straight after mine at 2.20 pm. I got my results not very long after and I passed with a Distinction! I was really happy and I enjoyed the experience very much.
By Stella P6A



Luke P2A was awarded his Red Judo belt last Saturday. He feels really happy and proud to have achieved this level. He goes every Saturday and really enjoys it. He like learning new throws.

Towerbank Staff Marathon Team Funding Update

To date we have raised £290 for the goals and £415 for Winston's Wish. Many thanks for all the donations so far.

We want to raise money for a charity called Winston's Wish. This charity supports bereaved children.

We also hope to raise money to help fund the new football and basketball goals for the playground.

The pages are here if you are able to donate -

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/TowerbankPrimary>

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Towerbankgoals>

Nursery News

The nursery children have been listening to the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and Jim and the Beanstalk. The afternoon children planted some seeds before the weekend and when they returned to nursery they discovered what looked like the remains of a chopped beanstalk, giant sized boots and teeth. The children have been thinking hard to solve this mystery and have made posters to gather more information.

Freddie found a note from the giant and discovered some gold and more magic beans. Jessie knew the giants mobile number 445568910 and his e-mail @gianthome.com. The afternoon children were thinking about calling the giant to tell ask if he was missing boots and teeth. Do the adults have any ideas?



Bringing together the Parent Council and Parent Staff Association

At last month's Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the PC and PSA, the committees of both organisations proposed that a new structure be introduced combining the Parent Council and the Parent Staff Association. The proposed aim would be to offer more coherence and streamline the structure of the volunteer groups as outlined in the proposal issued via Parentmail on 17th March.

At the EGM it was agreed that in order for these changes to be passed, the whole parent body must have the opportunity to vote on the proposals and at least two-thirds of respondents approve them. A new constitution must also be proposed and consulted on.

To this end, we are asking all parents/carers to:

1. vote on the proposal whether or not to merge
2. view the revised draft constitution and give any comments or feedback.

A further Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) will be held on Thursday, May 18th at the school at 7.30pm to discuss and agree the revised constitution, subject to the outcome of the proposed vote. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Please find attached:

- Minutes of the last EGM available at www.towerbank.wordpress.com
- Proposal for merging the PC and PSA
- Draft revised constitution
- Link to the Survey Monkey to vote on the proposal.
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WD6JQT9>

The survey will be open from today until Friday, May 12th.

Please let us have any comments on the draft constitution by emailing towerbankparentcouncil@gmail.com by Friday, May 12th.

Thank you on behalf of the committees of the Parent Council and Parent Staff Association.