

Towerbank Primary School

Newsletter Friday 13th January 2017

Welcome to the first newsletter from Towerbank Primary in 2017. I hope everyone had a Happy Christmas holiday and I want to wish everyone a very happy New Year for 2017.

This newsletter will come out every week. It will include photos where we have permission. This newsletter will only be distributed by email however there will be a small number printed available from the Office each week.

The newsletter will be sharing many of the wonderful learning opportunities going on within the school and some of the achievements out with the school. I hope the majority of the articles will eventually be written by your children. Please do let me know if your child has achieved something that should be featured here.

I want to thank staff, parents and children for the very warm welcome I have had in my first week at Towerbank as Headteacher. I have a lot to learn about the school but it has been a real pleasure meeting everyone, answering and asking questions and beginning to get to know about all the high quality learning that happens here.

Mr Friend



This week all of P7 visited the Art of Listening workshop at the Hub. We learned about classical music and how to listen to the story of the song. We also explored how music can make us feel and that we all interpret it differently.

We really enjoyed learning about composers like Mozart and we also liked the sound of the piano.

The musicians and singers did a wonderful job of presenting the workshop and we would definitely go back again. **Mae and James P7.**

Collection

The P3 Nativity collections last year raised an amazing £261.59. This money was donated to the Bethany Trust for helping homeless people throughout Scotland.



Orangutan Triathlon

Last year Oscar in P6 organised a fund raising Triathlon. He wanted to raise money for the Orangutan Foundation. He promised that he would dye his hair orange if he collected £200 but in the end he managed to raise over £500! Very well done.



Portobello Park Run.

Robert in P6 has been taking part in the Park Run on Saturday Mornings at 9.30 in Figgate Park
The 5K run is free and open to everyone each week. Because Robert has now taken part in 10 runs he was presented with this fine t shirt as a reward.

Niamh P7 had a very exciting and rewarding time out of school in November when she went to Belgium to compete in the European Karate Championships.

She won the gold medal in the 10-11yrs Under 35kg bracket., adding to her medal collection as she is currently also the British Champion. We are all very proud of her and hopeful that we may see her in the 2024 Olympic Games!



Reminders

PE KIT – It is important that your child has a PE kit in school at all times. The kit should include shorts, a plain t-shirt (no football colours please) and indoor shoes which should be checked regularly for size. Items of clothing must be labelled and bagged and in the interests of health and safety, long hair should be tied back and jewellery removed. Thank you for your cooperation.

BASKETBALL CLUB - The club resumes as normal on Wednesday 18th January in the Gym Hall from 3.30-4.15pm.

SCHOOL CEILIDH - The children from Primary 1 – 6 will be taking part in a ceilidh on Tuesday 24th January in the Gym Hall. Pupils are welcome to wear kilts or any other tartan/checked item on the day; however, this is not essential and sashes will be provided! Thank you for your support with this event.



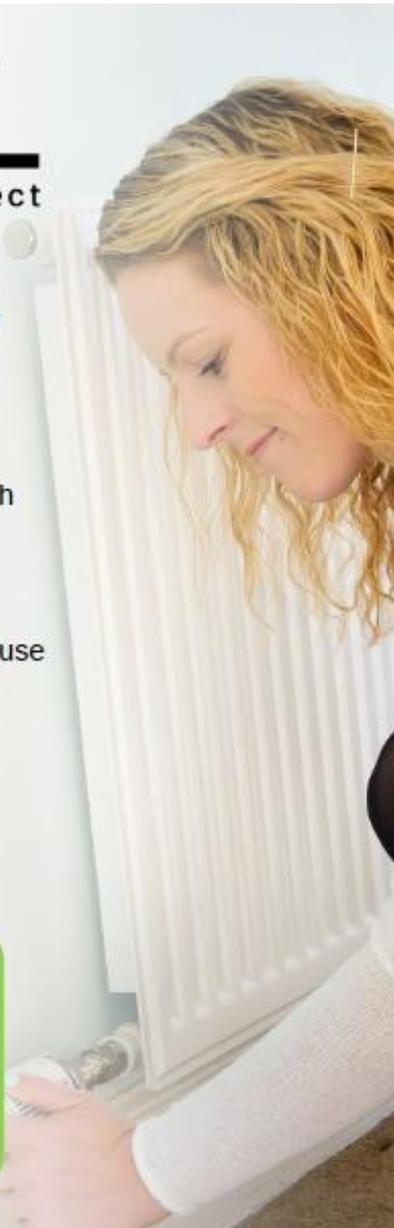
IDEAL is a University of Edinburgh research project investigating how smart technology can help people find ways to use less gas and electricity in the home

We are looking for households in Edinburgh with gas combi boiler heating and home broadband to participate until June 2018

Benefits of participating include:

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- Hopefully **saving money** on gas and electricity bills

To register your interest please send your name, address, email and phone number to:
IDEAL@changeworks.org.uk
or call 0131 539 8610



University of Edinburgh research participants needed

[ChangeWorks](http://changeworks.org.uk) has partnered with the [University of Edinburgh](http://www.ed.ac.uk) to deliver IDEAL, a cutting edge research project exploring how smart technology can help save energy in the home. They are looking for Edinburgh households (EH1-17) with gas combi boiler heating to participate.

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