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Alicia, Leila, Lachlan, Cameron, Rebecca, Cora, Louisa and Eilidh from P7 did a fantastic performance in the Queen's Hall last week. It was an especially amazing achievement for them since they've only been learning to play their instruments for 3 years, unlike the rest of the orchestra with 4 years behind them. Massive congratulations to all of them!

House Point Competition

On Thursday the points were counted again and the results are as follows

Brighton 722

Figgate 703

Quarry 602

Rosefield 587

School Streets and Towerbank REMINDER

School Streets

The City of Edinburgh Council took the decision in 2015 to limit traffic in the streets directly outside the school at key times, meaning that parents will not be able to park right at the gates to drop their children off.

The aim was to create a safer, more pleasant environment. The scheme promotes active travel to school by walking and cycling, in turn reducing congestion and pollution in the area.

The police are able to enforce this restriction with fines.

What does School Streets mean for parents?

The street immediately outside the school is closed to traffic at specific times at the beginning and end of the school day.

For those who still need to drive to school then we ask that they park a short distance away from the school and walk the last five or ten minutes of the journey.

The streets around the school will not be completely traffic free however. Residents will have permits to drive when the flashing signs are on and there are certain others who have exemption – blue badge users, taxis collecting children and the emergency services for example.

There are a few parents who have blue badges and an exemption because the car is the only way they can get their child to school. Some of them have experienced some hostility while driving. Please bear in mind that some people have every right to be there, and allow them to drive to school.

Refuse lorries are not allowed to enter the restricted streets during the hours of operation. The recent violations of this have been reported to the Council. This should not happen again.



Amelia recently took her Grade 1 Ballet exam and passed with Merit, with excellent marks. She worked really hard to practise the ballet as well as french theory for the exam.

She's very pleased with the result and is busy practising for the upcoming dance show at the Brunton Theatre in May.



On the 9th March a group of P6's and P7's went to the meadows to compete in a cross country race against other Edinburgh schools. There were four groups, the P6 girls, P6 boys, P7 girls and P7 boys. Towerbank had 10 pupils in each category. Towerbank won 3 medals! Two were from the P7 boys and one from a P6 boy. It was a great experience and we are really looking forward to the next stage at Inverleith Park which will consist of the top five finishers from each category. Well done everyone! Many thanks to all the parent helpers and volunteers. Written by Charlie and Fergus.



Towerbank Parent Group

School uniform deadline: The next school uniform order deadline is Wednesday 18 March. Forms are available from the school website (<https://towerbankprimary.wordpress.com/parent-info/school-uniform-order-forms/>) or hard copies can be collected from the school office. Please ensure you complete the form fully, including your child's class and enclose payment (cash or cheque only). The aim is to have orders fulfilled and to your child's classroom before the Easter break. Thanks to everyone last time for meeting the deadline - it really helped to speed up the process and is appreciated.

There will be a final order in mid-May - date to be confirmed - for uniform for the next school year.

Bake sale success: Thanks to all the bakers, helpers and buyers. Last week's bake sale raised £655, which will go towards the playground memorial in memory of Sol Barrie Douglas.



Dates for your diary:

- **Wednesday 18th March:** School uniform order deadline.
- **Thursday 26th March:** TPG Big Ideas Meeting 18:30 – 20:00 in the school
- **Friday 22nd May:** Bake sale/ 50p Friday
- **Friday 29th May:** TPG meeting 9-10.30 in the school.

- **Every Friday:** Tidy Fridays in the Library. If you'd like to find out more, drop into the library on Friday morning or email the Library group at towerbanklibrarygroup@gmail.com.

You can keep up to date with all TPG meetings and dates, as well as information about sub-groups, parent-run activities and fundraising by checking out the TPG website: <https://towerbankparentgroup.wordpress.com/>.

If you need volunteers or have key dates you would like included in the TPG's weekly update, please email Alisonapayne@gmail.com

Congratulations to all those who took part in the Edinburgh Sumdog Contest between Friday 28th February until Thursday 5th March!

221 classes from Edinburgh entered the contest and 2204 pupils took part.

Over 461,000 questions were answered in total and Towerbank answered 34,569 of these questions!

All Towerbank pupils who took part in the contest were awarded a certificate and prize at school this week. 😊



Well done to P2C, P3B, P1B and P6C who were the top classes from Towerbank!

13th	P2C, Towerbank Primary School	294
35th	P3B, Towerbank Primary School	177
37th	P1B, Towerbank Primary School	159
56th	P6C, Towerbank Primary School	98

Nation Contest: 8th May – 14th May
Edinburgh Contest: 15th May – 21st May
Until then, keep up the super maths on Sumdog!

Miss L Macdonald



Poppy Morton (P4) took part in a community clean-up organised by residents in Gilberstoun. Poppy said: "There has been so much litter recently so we decided to go out and pick it all up. It was so much fun and we felt really good doing it. We cleared all the rubbish in the woods near where we live. We collected about 30 bags of rubbish in total, and even found an old child's bike that looked like it had been lying there for years. I can't wait until we do another one!"



P2A and P2B enjoyed a funny science show about 'Day and Night'.

"I loved it!" Iver

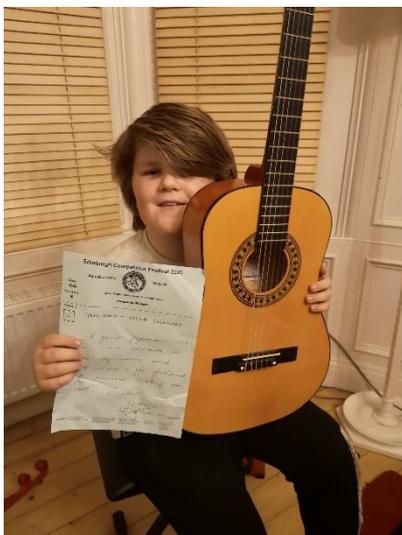
"The hide and seek game was funny. I learned that the surface of the sun is about 15 000 degrees." George

"Everything was really really really funny!" Cosmo

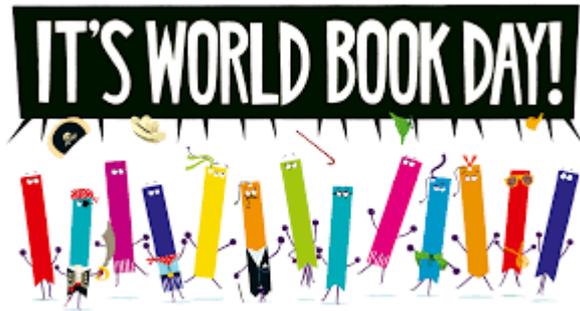
"I liked the daytime and night-time songs." Joe

"I liked the facts about the sun being so hot it can burn anything to death." Matty

"The only thing I liked about it was everything!" Ernie



On Monday morning Alex Wishart (5), Lucas Ballard (6) and Alexander Scott-Watson (6) played guitar in the 100th Edinburgh Competition Festival. They were all very impressive, playing solo in front of quite a big audience!



We went to the Portobello Bookshop to choose a book for World Book Day. We got hot chocolate and muffins. Yum! I chose a book about kindness.
Chantelle - P6B



We went to the bookshop and picked some books. I chose a Captain Underpants book because I like Captain Underpants. He's my favourite. We had some hot chocolate and some muffins. They were nice.
Darren P3A

I got The Gruffalo book and I love it.
Alan P1C

On Monday we went to the bookshop to choose a book with our friends for World Book Day. We had to give the bookseller a special token for the book. I chose a Tom Gates Puzzle Book. We got muffins and hot chocolate.
Kash P4A



Many thanks to Portobello Book Shop for opening early for this visit.



Over the past few weeks P6 and 7 have been learning foods in French and then designing menus and coming up with names for their own creperies. They then went on to act out a role play in a creperie, ordering from a menu and asking for the bill. Bon appetit!



Lucas Ballard of P6 played guitar at the Edinburgh Competition Festival.

Book Recommendation for School Newsletter
from Mrs Hambelton and P3A

Our recommendation for a book is "What really Happened to Little Red Riding Hood - The Wolf's Story" by Toby Forward and Izhar Cohen.

Published by Walker Books

Miss Cownie, our student teacher, introduced this book to us, we thought it was funny and it really made us think.

It retells the traditional tale of Red Riding Hood from the wolf's point of view.

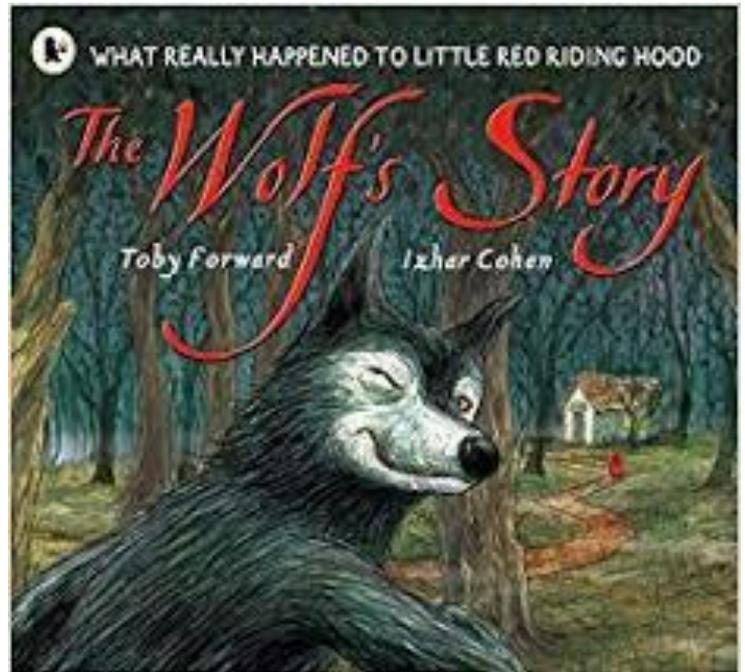
The humour comes from the wolf's portrayal as a rather helpful (although a little clumsy) handyman who does odd jobs for Grandma.

Occasionally, however, he is called upon to put up with visits from Red Riding Hood. This slightly annoying girl treats him rather badly, pretends to be scared of him and tries to stick Grandma's teeth together with unsuitable sticky toffee.

The illustrations are great and there are plenty of talking points on each page.

The children are called upon to look at different perspectives. Are things always as they seem? Does Red Riding Hood treat him fairly? Is the wolf telling the truth?.....

We would recommend this book to children aged from 5-8.



P1/2 have been practising washing our blow up hands as we know it is a very important skill. The children used soap and water to wash the gloves with sponges and cloths.

"I liked practising washing my hands" – Etta

"It is important to keep our hands clean" – Ava G