

# Towerbank Primary School

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## Playground

Many thanks to the Playspace team for organising the painting of the running lines on the playground during the holidays.

The tracks have been used a lot this week for a range of creative games and running. The sprint track is exactly 50m long and the main running track is approx. 185m.

The Wildlife Garden area now has a new gate so classes and children can use this space more easily as an outside classroom.

## Next Parent Council Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> June 7.30 – 9 pm

### Parent Meeting Feedback

Many thanks to all the families who provided feedback on Parent Teacher and Child Consultations. There were lots of good points and suggestions. 88% of families thought having children at the meetings was a positive development. We are aware that 10 minutes is a very short time and will look at ways to improve these meetings next school year.



### Well done Daniella

I grew my hair really long then had it cut during the Easter holidays. I am donating the hair I had cut off to The Little Princess Trust, a charity who makes wigs for children with cancer. I also raised over £300 which I am also donating to the charity.- Daniella P4



Romey sponsors a dog called Kylo who lives at the Dogs Trust centre in Darlington. She read in a recent newsletter about what donations to Dogs Trust are used for and wanted to raise money for them. She made dog themed biscuits, iced and decorated them and then sold them to friends and neighbours. Romey raised £22.50, which we doubled for her, raising an amazing £45 in total. During the Easter holiday we made a surprise visit to Dogs Trust in Darlington on Romey's 8th birthday and she was able to hand over the money in person. She met Kylo and learned lots about what happens at the centre. She's already thinking about her next money raising scheme.



During the Easter Holidays I attended a three day Taekwondo Course. It was fun and I got a new belt (red stripe) Cameron P4B

On Wednesday, we got to spend some time with the Wildlife Rangers. We learned about John Muir and the John Muir Trust which is a charity dedicated to protecting and enhancing wild places. We also created our own National Parks in the outdoor classroom which helped us to understand why it is important to protect plants and animals. By P3B



### **P5B visited Joan Eardley exhibition at the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art**

By Charis, Georgia, Jesi and Lily from P5B

Joan Eardley was an artist who was born in 1921 and she died in 1963.

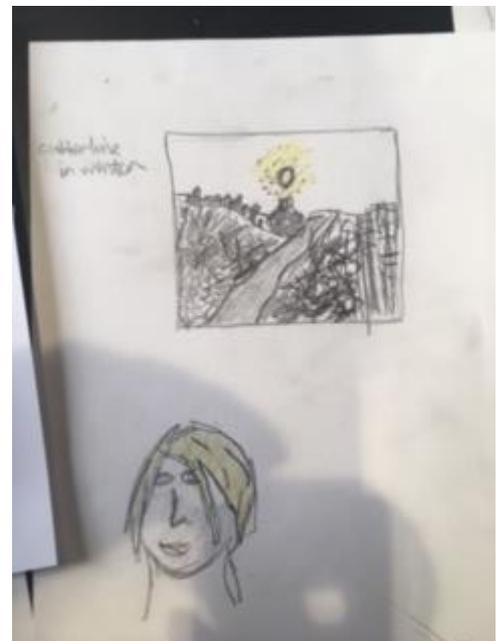
Our teacher Mrs Samson taught us about Joan Eardley in class. Joan Eardley lived by the sea in Catterline in Scotland. She painted pictures of landscapes and the sea and also the street children in Glasgow.

When we arrived at the Gallery of Modern Art our class was split into two groups. One of the tour guides was called Duncan and the other one was called Tess. Firstly we were taken into different rooms and they told us facts about the paintings.

Joan Eardley liked to paint the Samson children who were a family of fourteen (not related to our teacher Mrs Samson). She painted them many times. She would also find children on the streets in Glasgow and she paid them and gave them rewards like treacle and cheese sandwiches for posing in her studio.

Later in life she had to get a neck brace because she spent a lot of time looking down at the children she was sketching. She pulled a muscle in her neck so her friend Audrey Neil took photos for her which she copied. She used grass, mud, daisies, sticks, hay, sandpaper, bits of rubbish, and sweetie wrappers on her paintings. Anything she could find really. She layered her paintings. She used wall paint, chalk, watercolours, crayons and oil pastels to create layers in her paintings. Someone who put on an exhibition in London of her paintings cut all of the extra bits off with a knife – like daisies and grass. She was ahead of her time. It was in the 1980s when a Russian painter began to use her layering techniques in his work.

We got to do our own sketching. Charis sketched Joan Eardley's knives, paintbrushes and street children. Georgia did one of a boy sitting down and reading a newspaper. Lily and Jesi drew Catterline in winter and salmon fishing nets, and one of the faces of two Glasgow lasses. After lunch we got to see a film about her life.



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We are planning to have a whole school photo taken on the morning of 15th May.

Children will be photographed making the letters TOWERBANK by a registered drone company.

The photo will then be available for families to buy for a modest cost. The image will also be then used on the school web site and in school publications.

If you do NOT want your child to take part in this photograph please let the school office know by Friday 28th April. You can email the office at

[admin@towerbank.edin.sch.uk](mailto:admin@towerbank.edin.sch.uk)

or phone

669 1551

or

drop in and tell us.

We only need you to tell us if you **do not** want your child in this photograph. If we don't hear anything by the 28th of April your child will take part in this photograph.

## **Nursery Families**

The photograph is likely to be taken in the morning at approx 11am. If your child attends afternoon nursery you can bring your child to take part - more details will be sent out nearer the time.