



Newsletter 22nd June 2018

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All the P5 classes have visited the Palace of Holyroodhouse to finish off their learning about the life of Mary Queen of Scots. There were some expected and unexpected learning moments!

“A new thing about the Palace of Holyroodhouse that I did not know is that there are over 80 rooms. A thing that I already knew was that there is David Rizzio’s bloodstain in one of the rooms by the window. It’s funny that I might have stood on a queen or king’s footsteps! I had a great time.” Iris

“We got to hold some replicas of things Mary used in her day to day life and we had to guess what it was. I learned that they had hot water bottles back then made from clay! My favourite part was when we got to smell the candles - one box was made from beeswax and the other with animal fat!” Cora

“It was interesting that when Mary was in prison her hair turned white by the age of 44. One thing I already knew was that when her head was chopped off the executioner picked up her head and her wig got pulled off.” Sophie



“I really wanted to see Mary’s bedroom and we did. Then we got to see the bloodstain.” Mia

This week we hosted a basketball session for girls with 6th year students from The City of Edinburgh Basketball club.

On Thursday 21st June all of P2 went on a summer trip to The Figgate Park. We had lots of fun doing activities there. First we met the park rangers, Natalia and Russell. Natalia took us pond dipping and Russell took us on a nature walk where we got to feed the swans and ducks. We also fed the cygnets. Afterwards we went on a nature hunt with all the parent helpers and teachers. It was a fantastic day for everybody. A huge thank you to all the helpers and the rangers!

'I liked doing the pond dipping best.' Maisie.

'Everything was great fun!' Matteo

'We caught lots of pond creatures and looked at special mats to tell us what animal we had caught.' Holly

'I really liked playing with my friends.' Gregor



Reminder.

Next week School finishes for the Summer Holidays at 12 noon for everyone - Friday 29th June.

MONTHLY JUNE 2018 CHALLENGE

Mr Rand has a pond in his garden.
On the first day of the summer holidays, he spots a lily pad on top of the pond. The next day, there are more lily pads.
In fact, each day the amount of the pond covered by the lily pad doubles in size.



48 days later, the whole pond is covered in lily pads.
How many days does it take for the lily pads to cover half the pond?

All solutions should be submitted by
Friday 29th June 2018.

(If you said 24 days, I'm afraid you've not cracked it yet!)

10th
16th

MATHS WEEK SCOTLAND 2018

September 2018

Do you want to get involved?

In September this year, the school will take part in Maths Week Scotland. This is a national, government-backed initiative which aims to help give everybody a positive experience of maths and numeracy.

As we pull plans together for this event, we wanted to involve the broader community...

Would you like to get involved in this initiative?

Do you make use on maths in your job or as part of a hobby?

Do you have expertise, experience or sheer enthusiasm which you'd be happy to share with pupils?

If you think you have something to offer – no matter how creative or unusual - please get in touch. We'd love to hear all of your ideas.

Please email admin@towerbank.edin.sch.uk before the end of term.