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THE ORCHAPOD

What is the orchapod?

The orchapod was created by P6b.

Members of the orchapod try and find random bits and bobs to play some music.

We meet at the side of the pod every lunch break.

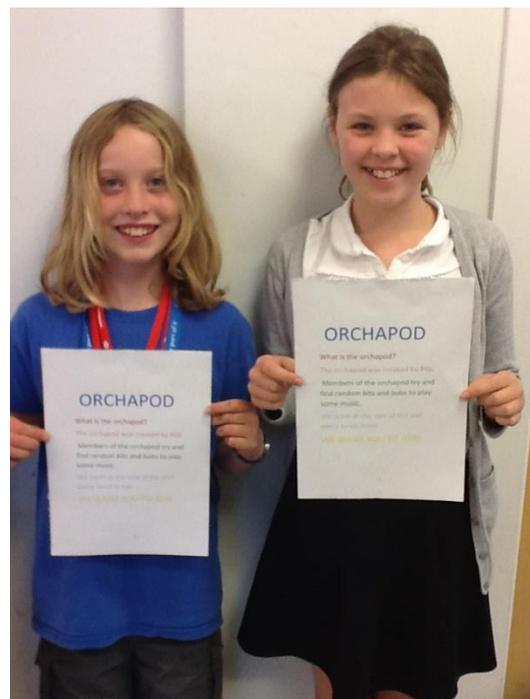
The orchapod has a conductor .

Everybody loves it.

No rules.

WE WANT YOU TO JOIN! Rowan and Skye P6

We are really excited to see how the introduction of Loose Parts Play has transformed break-time. The playground is full of chatter from kids telling each other and their parents all about their creations and inventions out of tyres, crates and pipes. As the pilot has been so successful we are now looking to expand what's on offer in the PlayPod.



Can anyone please help with the following additional donations?

- Car tyres – KwikFit or any of the local garages have a surplus of these. We need volunteers to contact the garages, pick some up and check they aren't too damaged for play
- Scrap steering wheels
- Cable Wheels – these look a bit like large cotton reels. BT seem to use them a lot if anyone has any contacts?
- Large bike parts – wheels/ handlebars etc. Any volunteers to check with bike station/ local bike shops?
- Scaffolding boards – any volunteers to cut these into interesting shapes?
- Corrugated pipes/ other plastic piping – any volunteers to go back to barratts or other building sites to ask for contributions?
- Guttering, School chairs, Pallets, Tarpaulins, Clothes pegs, Buckets, Number plates, Crates, Ropes, Dust bins and brooms, Old traffic signs and cones

If you could please have a hunt at home, ask at work and think of local businesses who may be able to help out with donations it would be much appreciated. Please contact the School Office if you can help with any of these.

Many thanks

The Playspace team



Esther Hilliam-Cook in P3 is a member of the Musselburgh Athletics team and last week she got a medal for taking part in the long jump, sprints and long distance running events. She came 3rd in all of these events. Well done Esther!

Libby in P3 completed British Tennis' 'Tennis for Kids' course. She learned lots of new skills including forehand, backhand and overhead shots. She had lots of fun too. At the end of the six week course Libby was presented with a tennis racket and a certificate.



On Sunday, I went to a Dance Competition in Falkirk. I do Latin and Ballroom styles of dancing. For this competition, I danced the Jive and Cha-Cha-Cha (Latin Dancing) with my dance partner Mya. The Jive is an extremely fast style of dancing and I was exhausted. Mya and I also did the Quick-Step and the Waltz (Ballroom Dancing) and we were lucky to win 3rd place out of the whole of Scotland. We felt really proud. We are still awaiting the results from the Latin Dances and we will find out soon. If we win 1st-6th place, we will win another medal and we will collect this at the next competition which is at the end of October near Halloween. It was also really good to watch the Scottish Champions on Sunday because they dance so well. By Cameron, P3

Ms Hewat classteacher in P2B got married recently and is now officially Mrs Elder. Many congratulations from everyone at Towerbank.

On the 9th of September I held a coffee morning for Cancer Research

I invited friends and family to come along and enjoy themselves .

Everybody got a piece of cake, coffee, tea or juice.

It was lots of fun and we raised £156 70 for Macmillan.

Eva P6



WW2 Experience

Over the past few days, Primary 7 have had the experience to talk with a World War 2 expert. At different points in the week, Captain Dean came in to talk to our classes. He came in for the full day. Up until lunch time we did various activities including: Dressing up, looking at rationing items, examining war equipment and more. After lunch time we watched an interesting video on how to put out a fire bomb then he took us outside to do it without water or fire and a fake bomb.

Afterwards we went marching around the playground and learned different commands. Next, we got to try out an air raid siren which would have gone off if German planes were overhead. It was extremely loud! Throughout the day we learned lots of interesting facts like that there was a radio show called the Ovaltineys which was made to keep kids happy.

Here are a few quotes:

'I thought it was a brilliant experience and I also thought it was amazing that he had been collecting all of these items since he was 12' –Stella

'I thought it was a once in a lifetime experience'-Oscar

'P7C particularly enjoyed looking at the rations and dressing up.'

'This is my best day at school ever!' – Oisin

By William, Aidan and Idun



Well done to everyone who took part in the first Towerbank Monthly Maths Challenge. You worked out that you would have to climb our main staircase **150** times before you could say you have climbed the height of Ben Nevis. If you do this three times a day, this will take you **50** days.

If you have managed this every school day since August, you will conquer Ben Nevis on **1st November!**



Some of you even worked out that it would take **984** trips to climb Mount Everest, taking you **328** school days to complete.

If you submitted an entry, you should be able to find your name here.

Congratulations and thank you for taking part. This month's challenge is below and it is aimed at younger pupils. However, they may need some help. Why not support your buddy and make a joint entry

October 2017

Monthly Maths Challenge

One cold, autumn morning, Old MacDonal and his sheep-dog, Bruno, walk into the barn on the farm.

Inside there are:

- 5 cows
- 3 sheep
- 2 hens
- 1 horse
- and a spider who has made its home in the corner.

Old MacDonal says, "Before winter, I am going to knit woolly socks for every animal and creature in this barn!"

How many socks will Old MacDonal need to knit altogether?



Get your entries in before
winter!
Entries close on
Friday 27th October