

Towerbank Primary School

Newsletter Friday 3rd March 2017



The playground shelter underwent a transformation during the February break, thanks to the generous support of contractors P1 Solutions. (The repair work was undertaken at no cost as part of their Edinburgh Framework Suppliers Community Benefit contribution. This means that PSA funds saved can be directed to other playground developments.) There are many more exciting playground plans in the pipeline and we hope to see many of these introduced over the coming weeks and months. Follow the **Towerbank Playspace Group Facebook page** for more information and to get involved as a volunteer. We will soon need people to help water the trees in the circle, so please let us know if you'd like to help.



Curriculum evening – Celebrating Scottish Culture

The curriculum evening on Tuesday this week was very well attended. The purpose of the evening is for parents to be able to see how the curriculum makes progression across the school. Interdisciplinary learning enables the school to plan learning that covers many different subject areas. The evening also gives the children involved the opportunity to talk about their learning with adults. The feedback from all the visitors was very positive. Many thanks to all the staff and children who put such a huge amount of hard work in to making it possible.

World Book Day Book Swap

We enjoyed the book swap because we were able to swap books that we didn't want any more. (Milly)

The book I got is called, "Snow White and the Seven Aliens" and I'm excited to read it because it looks funny. (Lois)

I am really looking forward to reading the book "Kensuke's Kingdom" because it is a chapter book and it looks like a book that adults would read. (Beth)



Amsterdam

Gracie, Olivia, Jess, Sam and Ben visited Amsterdam and showed their classes some great souvenirs from the Van Gogh museum.



In the February holidays I went to Amsterdam in Holland. I went with my brothers (Sam and Ben), my mum, Gracie and Olivia and their mum. We went to the Van Gogh Museum and it was interesting. By Jess

We went to the Van Gogh museum and we went on a treasure hunt. After we got a prize. I got a picture and it was Van Gogh's bedroom. We had an epic time. By Sam

We went swimming and there was a massive slide. The Van Gogh museum was really fun and we got a bag of sweets. I really enjoyed our trip. By Gracie

What's your child's dream?

Future Me is a place where children's dreams for all over Scotland are being shared and celebrated. It's about finding out who and what is shaping Scotland's future and making sure that all children's dreams are heard.

Every child that takes part gets a certificate and a space on Scotland's giant digital dream wall. To join in, help your child bring their dream to life in a sentence, letter, drawing, selfie or video and then upload it to futureme.scot

Let's all play our part in helping make the hopes and dreams of Scotland's young people come true. Share your child's dream at futureme.scot

If your child enjoyed Future Me, share it with your friends and family too! For more info on how to take part, watch this www.youtube.com/watch?v=u1yCtZulrGs

PSA News

We are pleased to say that with some of the money raised at the Christmas fair and raffle, the school have been able to buy replacement toys for the playground, new equipment for the basketball team and 30 Ukuleles, totaling £1,100!

In addition we funded the band for the class ceilidhs last month - £360.

Thank you to everyone who supported the fair and raffle. We'll keep you updated on further spend.

Towerbank pupils compete in Denmark



On Friday 24th February we went to a karate competition in Denmark. It took an hour and a half to get there by plane. The next day we went to see the older members of C.E.K. (Chris Ewing Karate) fight for 12 HOURS! After a long day of cheering on our team, we went into Copenhagen for dinner with some friends.

The next day we woke up at quarter to seven to get ready for our fights. When we got there we went into the warm up hall and stretched. Then we were called up to fight. Rosa was first up against a girl from Denmark and she WON! After that Lottie was up against a girl from Denmark but sadly she lost by 2 points. Then Rosa had her second fight but she lost by 2 points. After watching the finals, we went out for dinner with the squad and made a short speech saying why we like doing karate. On Monday 27th February we came back home.

We had a great time and it was such a fantastic experience. In the end we had so many people who were so close to getting a trophy, like Rosa who was 1 fight away from getting bronze! By Rosa and Lottie P6A

On the 18th of February P7 Fergus Tillbrook went to a C.E.K Grass Roots Karate Competition and won a gold medal. Fergus has been doing karate for two years and is a brown belt with a yellow tag.

The Competition took place at Holyrood High School from 1pm – 4pm.

Fergus also went to a karate camp which took place all through the February break and on the Friday there was a small competition in which he won a silver medal. He goes to a class every Saturday and Thursday. Every 4 weeks he goes to a team pool class. If you would like to start karate the training class is at 10am – 11am on a Saturday morning at Holyrood High School.





P6 went to the zoo as part of our Living and Growing topic, to learn about the cycle of life. We took the 26 bus and we got off right outside the zoo. We went up to the education centre and dropped our bags off. After, we went to see some of the animals. Then we had a talk in the centre about living and growing and the cycle of life.

Next we had lunch outside on the picnic benches in the spring sunshine. After that we went to see even more animals including pandas and koalas. "My favourite part was seeing the cute koalas!" (Charlie.) "My favourite part was seeing the gibbons and learning about their call." (Idun.) "I liked seeing all the animals especially the penguins." (William.) "I learned that penguins give pebbles as gifts and I liked the monkeys!" (Lutfi.) Overall it was an informative trip! By Idun and Charlie P6B

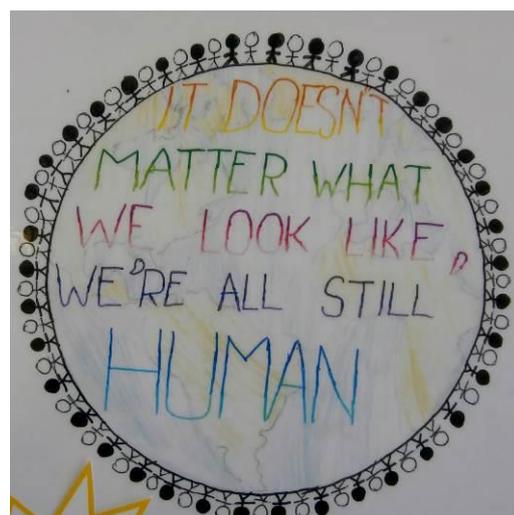
Quote from member of the public: "Everyone I've met from Towerbank has been very polite and answered any questions I've had for them well."

School Peace Logo Competition

The Tanzania Council had the exciting challenge of choosing a winner for our recent whole school Peace Logo Competition!

Our overall winner is Sylvie P7C.

Runners up are Jamie P1C, Joseph P2A, Alexandra P3C, Merryn P4A, Fleur P5C, Ella P6B and Roisin P7B. Miss Hawkins and Miss Bicheno say thank you to all who took part and well done to our winners. A special thanks to Jamie, Miya, Eva and Iain for being excellent judges.



Parent Council Meeting

The next Parent Council meeting will be held on March 8.

The committee will be trying a new format. We need YOU to get involved to help identify priorities and feed into the vision for the school we all want Towerbank to be in the future.

The meeting will be an ideas session with discussion in groups around the following themes:

-literacy

-numeracy

-sport/physical activity

-performance - music, drama, the arts

-outdoor education - school trips, camps, use of local environment

-community involvement - both the school in the community and the community in the school.

The outcome of these discussions will feed into the school's priorities going forward. It will be informal and all ideas are welcome.

It will also be an opportunity to meet your Parent Council committee, class reps and Mr Friend.

Wine, tea and coffee will be served.

Please email Parent Council Chair Ruth Jays at ruthjays79@gmail.com or Vice Chair Andrea Barlow at barleymowrites@outlook.com by Friday, February 24 to confirm attendance, specifying which group you would like to be involved in, if you have a preference.

Where: school dining hall

When: 7.30-9pm Thursday, March 8.

Parent Consultations Reminder

To make appointments please visit www.schoolinterviews.co.uk

Then enter the code – pcdnx

As of 3rd March 87% of appointments have been made already and the feedback on the system is very positive.

News from the Nursery

The children have a new cart in the nursery. They have been taking turns and using their gross motor skills to pull their friends around the garden.



The children have been using a hammer, nails, wood and other media to create amazing models.



We've had our first Nursery Parent Action Group this week.

Lots of feedback from the Curriculum Evening – thanks to everyone who contributed.

