



## Newsletter 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018

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### Well done to the Towerbank Quiz Team



Team Towerbank were Eddie, Miya, Finlay and Rachel. They took part in the Edinburgh Area Semi Finals on Thursday night. Many thanks to Ms Duncan and all the families for their support.

**TPG meeting Friday 25th May 10-11.30am** We are mixing things up a little for the next few TPG meetings, holding them at different times to try and accommodate as many people as possible: we know that some meeting dates will not suit everyone but the next one might.

We'll be covering all the usual agenda items: an update from Mr Friend and from each of the sub-groups - fundraising and events, playspace and foodfocus, plus a look at any community matters affecting the school. If you have anything else you'd like added to the agenda please email me on the address below. The agenda for the meeting will be shared a week before it takes place.

Childcare will be provided by the After-School Club team if required, please let me know by Friday 18th May if you'll need it for your child.

Looking forward to welcoming you along: no membership required, open to all, tea and biscuits thrown in...

Andrea Barlow, Vice Chair, TPG [barleymowrites@outlook.com](mailto:barleymowrites@outlook.com)



Bobby in P4 attended his last Anchor Boys group on Tuesday night. He got a certificate to thank him for 'being a great junior helper'.

He feels sad to leave but proud of his certificate!

### 3 teams running the Edinburgh Marathon this year

Following the success last year of the staff Marathon team we now have two teams of staff from Towerbank and one parent team running the relay race on 27<sup>th</sup> May.



We have taken the decision this year to raise money for only our nominated charity – The Brainstrust. If you would like to make a contribution there are two just giving pages below for the staff teams and for the parent team. Thank you in advance.

<https://tinyurl.com/tbstaff>

<https://tinyurl.com/tbparents>



### Charlotte Reid from P4

I went to Manchester at the weekend with my dance school to the UKA performer of the year competition with lots of girls and boys from all over the uk. Our group were lucky enough to win 2 x 2nds and 1 x 3rd. I had a brilliant time



Samuel Fenwick of P7C is proudly showing off two trophies he won with his kickboxing club, Edinburgh Assassins. He won third place for individual point fights and first place with his team for point fights. 'I feel really happy because I've made good progress since the last competition'. Well done Samuel!



Well done to Ms Nelson who completed the Loch Ness Etap, a 66 mile cycle race around the whole of Loch Ness. She did this last weekend but we don't think it counts for the Big Pedal.

I started doing Taekwondo about two years ago. I do Taekwondo twice a week. On April 28<sup>th</sup> I went to a competition in Glasgow. About 150 children and 30 adults were competing. There were patterns and fights. Patterns are a series of moves put together and if done well enough, you will be awarded a new belt. I won a bronze medal for single fights and a silver medal for team. What I like about Taekwondo is that it is a competitive sport and I enjoy competition. By Alissa



## Flour Babies Project

In P6 we have been learning about Living and Growing. As part of this topic we all had to make a flour baby. A flour baby is a bag of flour that you can decorate to look like a baby. You need to look after it for four days. For this topic my Mum came in with my baby brother Jude. She was talking about how to look after a baby. You have to change their nappies, feed them a lot, burp them after a feed. If they have wind left in their tummy it might make them feel uncomfortable. When they are crying you need to cuddle them to make them feel better. My friends in P6A asked a lot of questions. I really enjoyed showing off my baby brother to the class. By David Todd

For our home learning task we needed to make a diary about how we felt when we had the baby and what we were doing with it. One girl in P6 had flour baby triplets. I think that must have been hard work! The project was really good fun but it also made me realise how much work looking after a baby is. Also I realise now that when you have a baby you have to always think what is happening with your child if you need to go somewhere.

By Sam Hunter



**Reminder. School is closed for the holiday on Monday. Tuesday is a staff training day. School is open for all again on Wednesday 9th.**

## Wildlife Garden Cats and a possible solution!



We have been increasingly concerned that cats have been using the wildlife garden as a toilet and the impact this has on children then using this area.

P1 and P2 have been discussing some of the solutions to this problem and evaluating the practicality of the various ideas. The various ideas have included spreading lion poo from the zoo or introducing mice or dogs to the garden!

One innovative idea came from Polina in P2 who suggested placing cucumbers in the garden as apparently cats think they are snakes.

A group of children then went and bought 4 cucumbers from the shops and have placed them in the garden area to see what happens.

### Volunteers needed 26th May

As you no doubt know, Towerbank is going to get a new library very soon. This is great news for all of us.

It's going to be housed in a room which is currently full of school equipment, books, stationery, and rows and rows of shelving.

We need to clear the room totally and put the resources to be kept in to a new resource room.

So - we are looking for 25 helpful volunteers to help with this. So if you can help on Sat 26th May please let Zoë Berry know on 07989985429 or [zoe@life-edit.me](mailto:zoe@life-edit.me).

It'll be a fun and rewarding day and really help move the library project on.

