



Newsletter Friday 7th December 2018 @TowerbankPS [www.towerbankprimary.wordpress.com](http://www.towerbankprimary.wordpress.com)

## Christmas Fair

It's the Christmas Fair tomorrow from 2-5pm. We are looking forward to seeing you all there. We have fantastic games to play, arts and crafts, face painting, tattoos and gingerbread decorating. You can bag an amazing bargain at the toys and books stall or try your luck at the tombola. We've got delicious waffles, refreshments and homebaking for you to sample. Santa is busy getting ready to come along and the fabulous raffle will be drawn.

We will be in the school setting up from 12 if you have any last minute donations. We are accepting second hand toys and books as well as new items for the tombola.

Home baking is especially appreciated. The home baking stall always sells out so the more the better!

TOWERBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL  
**CHRISTMAS FAIR**  
Saturday 8th December 2 - 5pm  
**£1 per child** (adults free)  
HOME BAKING **waffles**  
Santa's grotto  
RAFFLE  
GAMES  
tombola  
ARTS AND CRAFTS



Abi, Upkeerit and Sandy spoke last week with great confidence at the launch event at Towerbank of Connecting Classrooms. The event was organised by the British Council and attended by Mr Mundell MP.



Towerbank Tigers had their first netball matches this week. Full report next week.



### **Towerbank P5s have their first ever match.**

A football team has just been set up for P5 pupils. They played their first match against St John's primary school last week. They lost unfortunately but played exceptionally well given they had not played together before and they created several great scoring opportunities. Aaron O'Donnell scored the Towerbank goal.



Students from Edinburgh University Maths dept worked with P7C this week. Everyone had a great time learning a lot about parabolic curves.



Well done to all the Towerbank string players who played at the High School on Tuesday this week in an amazing Christmas Concert.



On Friday the children in P4C had an especially fun start to the day! The classroom had been transformed into a games hub and the children spent the morning playing maths games they had made for a home learning task. We couldn't believe the number of different addition and subtraction strategies we had to use to meet the challenges of the games. Ms Bicheno was so impressed with how well everyone helped and encouraged each other.



On Wednesday Alice and Niamh in P4C took part in a gymnastics competition called the Christmas Cracker Competition. Alice came third and said she "couldn't believe it!" It was Niamh's first competition and afterwards she said "I felt proud". Well done Alice and Niamh!

	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 13th	Wednesday 14th	Thursday 15th	Friday 16th
am	<b>Freetime</b> Face painting Board games Uno Extreme, Jenga, LUNCH	<b>Freetime</b> Outdoor Play (Weather Permitting) Fish Park/ Rosefield Park LUNCH	<b>Freetime</b> Crafts & Cards Valentine Days LUNCH	<b>Freetime</b> Pyjama Day (onsie, favourite pjs) Den Making LUNCH	Freetime Chinese New Year Arts/Crafts LUNCH
pm	Gymhall Games Parachute Games Team Games Free time	<b>Trampolines</b> 1 – 2pm D.V.D	Continue Crafts Make Biscuits – Yum Yum* PS 4	Continue den making Freetime in gymhall D.V.D	<b>Wonderworld Soft Play</b> Return Approx 4.-45-5pm



## Towerbank After School Club February Holiday Activity Programme 2018

The club will run between 8.45am and 5.45pm. The afternoon session starts at 1.15pm. We provide snacks in the morning and afternoon (all stated allergies catered for). Lunch will be at 12.30pm - please provide a packed lunch each day and on trip days pack a drink! We have use of the gym hall every day so if weather does not permit an outdoor activity we will still manage a good run around.

The TASC February holiday club is now open for registration and you can find full details on our website:

<http://tasc.towerbank.org.uk/holiday-club/>

**Contact us to book:** 07796597976 or tasc49@gmail.com

**Costs:** full day £22 and half day £11

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\* Our baking activities will also consider any allergies.

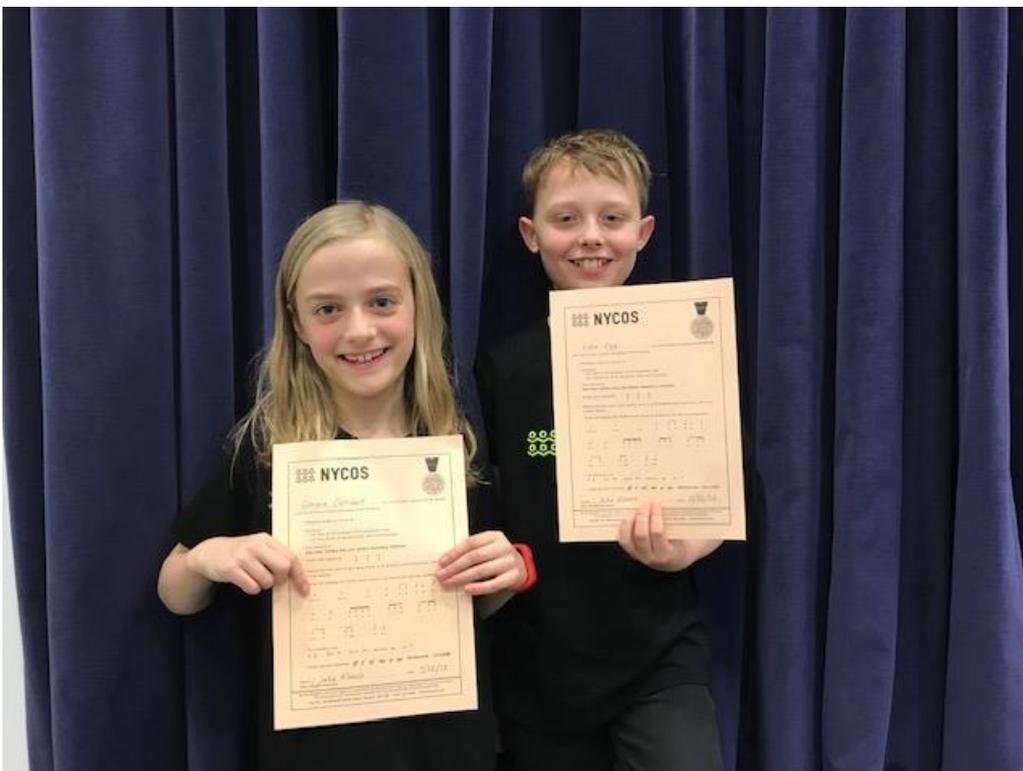
## MAKE YOUR OWN ANIMATED CHRISTMAS CARD!

Animate your own Christmas message, put it online and email a link to your loved ones!

### WHEN?

**Saturday 15th December at Portobello Library.  
2-4pm**

**Animation workshop with Mark Carr, Blip Films.  
Cost £5. Book at Porty Library!**



Luca and Georgia (7b) were delighted to receive their Go for Bronze awards, which is the first stage in the NYCOS musicianship training programme, at the Midlothian Choir Winter Concert this week.

## Towerbank school calendar for 2019 is on sale NOW!

*This year the whole project has been coordinated by Zoe Berry. Huge thanks to her for all her amazing hard work on this very important project for Towerbank.*

This year we have had help from a local graphic designer and parent Esther Gray from **ec design studio**. She has worked incredibly hard with us on the calendar and the results are amazing! [www.ec-designstudio.co.uk](http://www.ec-designstudio.co.uk). The calendar looks really great (because of Esther!) and will be a lovely addition to your wall. It's a great Christmas present for family members too. This year the calendar features photos of the children taken in their birthday month by a drone in the playground. Also school holidays are included in the main calendar for easy viewing.

This year, as last it was kindly printed for the school at no cost by APS group and the binding was gifted by Taskforce.

A huge thank you to our wonderful sponsors:

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And a special thank you to our headline sponsor Busy B – providers of beautiful stationery from organisers, diaries, calendars, wedding stationery and much much more. Their website is here: <https://busyb.co.uk/>

**The calendar is available to buy on Parent Pay now at a bargain £6.50. We will also be selling it in the playground and the lovely folks at Cove (252 Portobello High St) will also stock it, but please bring cash only to Cove!**

Here's to selling many copies of the calendar and making as much money for Towerbank as we possibly can.



# MONTHLY CHALLENGE CHRISTMAS 2018

## The Magic Advent Calendars

Hidden away through a forgotten archway at the very end of Diagon Alley, there stands a shop. Amongst its wares, the shop sells advent calendars. But these aren't typical advent calendars. Like muggle advent calendars, these have 24 doors, however each has special properties. Have a look below and decide which you would choose.

### Calendar 1

Behind door 1 of this calendar, you will find 1 Bertie Bott's Every Flavour Jelly Bean. Behind door 2, you will find 2 jelly beans. Behind door 3 there are 3 beans, and so on...

### Calendar 2

Behind doors 1-16 in this calendar you will find no jelly beans. Instead, you will find a letter behind each door, spelling out the words:

M-E-R-R-Y-C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S!

Behind door 17 you will find 1 jelly bean. Behind door 18, there are 2 and behind door 19 there are 4. The number of jelly beans continues to double each day until the final door, number 24.

### Calendar 3

Behind each and every single door on this calendar, you will find 12 jelly beans. 12 jelly beans every day! Yum yum!

## Which calendar would you choose and why?

Make your choice, explaining why you have come to this decision, and post it into the monthly challenge box by **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December**. All entries providing a good reason will be entered into a special Christmas prize draw.