



Newsletter Friday 8th September 2017 @TowerbankPS [www.towerbankprimary.wordpress.com](http://www.towerbankprimary.wordpress.com)

There have been two enquiries from parents about this newsletter and it being shared on Twitter, website etc. The aim of this newsletter is to share positive news about the achievements and learning of the whole Towerbank family as widely as possible. There is a great deal to be proud of at this school.

All photographs taken in school are checked to ensure that we do not include children who do not have photograph permission. All individual photos are either submitted by the parents of the child or are taken by the school with permission.

Children are only named with their first name and the class information is removed.

If any family do not wish their child to be featured at all in the newsletter can you please contact us to let us know at [admin@towerbank.edin.sch.uk](mailto:admin@towerbank.edin.sch.uk)

### Our Play Pod

The Playpod opened its doors on Monday this week and is already proving to be a huge success with the children. We put various restrictions on children for the first week but hope to remove some of these when the initial enthusiasm has reduced.

The levels of cooperative and creative play have been amazing to see.



Thomas P4 and Rachel P3 took part in the Queensferry Crossing Experience on Sunday 3rd September, walking over the new bridge.

On Sunday we walked over the Queensferry Crossing with our mum. We were told it was a once in a lifetime opportunity because it has no pavement so people will not be able to walk over it again. The bridge was 1.7miles long which took a while to walk but was good fun

## Hibs Girls Under 11 Squad

Last year Hibs Community Development came to run some sessions for girls at Towerbank. As a direct result Zoe from P6 has now been moved up to play for the Under 11 team and was awarded player of the week last week. She loves going to training and playing the games on a Sunday.



## Rugby news

Some of the TB P7 boys (half the 10 man side to be precise) had a great start to the season on Sunday when Portobello Minis were invited to Musselburgh RFC to play the hosts (twice) and the other guest side, Stirling County RFC. Porty P7's ran out winners in all three of their games and below is a post-match snap of the team. TB boys include Nathan, Michael, Will, Jamie and Corgan.



Portobello Mini Rugby has long been an established feature of Porty life and

many children have pulled on the famous Blue and Gold of the mighty Portobello Hornets. The Club offers Mini Rugby for P2-P7 boys and girls, and provide an early years grounding in the fundamentals of rugby.

The kids make friends, enjoy outdoor exercise two or three times a week and as a way of making long lasting friendships rugby has few equals in sport. The inclusive nature of the mini rugby set up ensures the transition from primary to secondary school can be so much easier with friends across all the feeder schools in the area. The Club would love to welcome your child to Porty Rugby – *please contact Fraser McCowan on 07549994584, Ewan Regan on 07538 938188 or Allan Brown on 07450870013 for further details.*



On Saturday, Donald from P4 took part in an athletics competition at Meadowmills in East Lothian. He entered the long jump, the 60m sprint and the 400m race.

“I feel good about my results. I think I could have done better in the long jump. I’m proud of the results in the 400m. I came second in the 400m race and second in the long jump and third in the sprint.”



At the weekend I received my dancing exam certificates and trophies. I did 4 UKA exams. 2 were in modern, 1 was tap and 1 was in ballet. I passed them all. Katie P7



At the weekend we did a gymnastics competition in Perth with our club Meadowbank. We went around all 4 pieces – vault, beam, bars and floor. I came first for my vault, Eilish also did really well and came 3<sup>rd</sup> for vault.

## Sumdog

We are continuing to use the Free versions of Sumdog this year and all pupils have been issued with their individual login this week.

If your child would like to, they can login at home either on a laptop, computer or tablet device and play maths games. This is not mandatory; it is just an option if they wish to do so.

There is a special Sumdog contest that starts tomorrow, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September and runs for one week. Schools across Scotland are taking part. If your child would like to join the contest, they can login, play games and answer maths questions. Scores are based on accuracy and questions adapt to each pupil's level, meaning everyone has a fair chance of winning.

If there are any queries, please contact Miss L Macdonald or Mr Rand.

Happy Sumdog-ing!



## Lego News

Towerbank has entered the First Lego League competition this year. So far the interest has been very high and it has had to be restricted to P7 for the moment. The children are currently building the models that form the basis of the challenge board. They will then move onto more interesting and challenging phase to build and program a lego robot to score points on the board.

The library are running a lego build session this **Friday 8th September from 2pm - 3pm** as part of their weekly craft session.

They are keen to see if children are interested in participating as they are considering setting up a lego club if there is enough interest and they can secure the staffing.

Children of all ages welcome to session, little kids and big kids!



Congratulations to Gregor in P2 for winning a medal in gymnastics this week.



Edinburgh 17<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017

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## Parent Consultations Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

### Appointments

These will be managed again through this web site

[www.schoolinterviews.co.uk](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk)

Parents need to log in with the following code. **5y2zy**

Parents will then be able to select appointments for all teachers.

Each appointment is for 10 minutes only.

If you are unable to access this booking system you can do this through the school office in person.

Any families who have not selected appointments through the website will be offered meetings according to remaining availability.

The web site will be opened to parents at 10am on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

### Children at meetings

We would like your child to be at the meeting.

We believe children should have a voice in their own learning. We also want the discussion to be focused on your child's learning to date and their next steps.

Parents/carers can however choose if they do not wish their child to attend.

10 minutes is a short time – Teachers, parents/carers and children need to prioritise areas for discussion to ensure that meetings keep to time. Thank you for cooperating with this.

If parents or teachers wish to discuss anything confidential then children can sit outside the classroom.

If parents or carers need to discuss any complex issues out with these consultation meetings we would like these to be arranged through the school office. This will allow us to identify a suitable time and arrange cover for the teacher if necessary.