



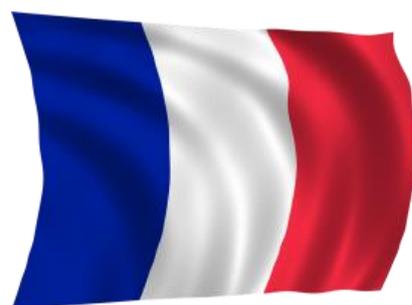
Newsletter Friday 29th March 2019 @TowerbankPS www.towerbankprimary.wordpress.com



Primary Cross Country Race results
Well done to all the amazing runners from Towerbank who took part on Monday.

Fergus came third out of all P6 boys in Edinburgh, Luke Davidson came 8th and Finn Middleton was 8th fastest P7 boy.

Primary 5 have been working really hard to prepare individual talks about an aspect of French culture. They have presented some amazing talks in front of their classes and they are really proud of their achievements. The topics have been completely of their own choice and what a variety there has been!



... landmarks... food... music... footballers... dance... elections (including a mock presidential election!)

...sculptors...philosophers...inventors... sports... castles... dog breeds... historical events... ice cream flavours!

Bonjour!

Our Class Promises to the Earth

Each class has made a promise to the Earth for Earth Hour. There were lots of important discussions taking place around the school about how we can limit our impact on the world. We are excited about our hour free of electricity on Friday 29th March between 11am-12pm.

P1A have promised to recycle paper and not to use too much paper in their creative area.

P1B have promised to try their best to reuse and recycle paper in their classroom. They have made a recycling bin to help them do this.

P1C promise to make little changes that make a big difference to the world!

P1D promise to look after our own and the schools belongings to make sure they don't get broken and have to be replaced.

P2A promise to always switch off lights when they are not needed.

P2B promise to take care of our toys so that they don't get broken and we don't have to throw away plastic.

P2C promise to pick up any litter that we see in the playground. We are going to make up a playground litter club!

P3A promise to turn off the lights when we are not using them.

P3B promise to always switch off our lights and make sure the computer plugs are always switched off at the end of the day.

P3C We promise not to waste water. We will turn off taps and bring in our own refillable water bottles.

P4A's class promise is turn off all electronics when they aren't being used in class!

P4B's promise for Earth Hour is that we will try to save energy at school and at home by reading more books and playing board games so we reduce the amount of technology we use.

P4C are going to try to bring snacks with less single use packaging in to school.

P5A will try to wash out and keep milk cartons in our class to turn them into art pieces and games. As they are currently not able to be recycled at school, some of us hope to volunteer to take them home to recycle at our houses as well.

P5B promise to re-use scrap paper and not waste their whiteboards pens to reduce the amount of wasted plastic. They also plan to research options of ways that they can use recycled materials in classroom art projects.

P5C We promise to think about each and every piece of paper that we use - we shall reuse where possible, then recycle responsibly. We shall strive to reduce the amount of plastic packaging we bring into school for snacks and lunches, to avoid unnecessary waste polluting our precious oceans. We promise to be mindful of our obligation to our planet, and to work hard to inspire and encourage others to care for our environment.

P5D We promise to put litter in the bin and not to waste food.

P6A want our earth to be here for future generations of people, plants and animals to enjoy. To help our earth we are going to: make our classroom 'straw free' and carry out another beach clean up to help look after our marine life; start opening our blinds to let in natural light instead of always switching on the lights and save energy; and encourage people to stop dropping litter by reminding them what happens to wildlife and marine life if they swallow it.

P6B We promise to reduce our litter in the playground.

P6C We promise not to use single use plastic bottles.

P7A We are going to use no electricity for an hour a day.

P7B's pledge is to open the blinds and switch off the lights and screens whenever possible.

P7C We promise to reduce our use of electricity in the room by turning off the lights and smartboard when not needed.

Primary 5 have also been learning the fine – and tricky! - art of managing our money sensibly. Eight volunteers from RBS spent the morning working with us on a workshop, “It’s Party Time!”, where we designed a party for one of the characters. We had to make choices about what food, activities, venues and equipment to include so that we could keep to our budget. Sometimes we had to agree as a group to change our plans or adjust the number of people invited so that we could prioritise what we felt was most important. It was certainly a fun way to discuss budgeting!



Sophie Morrison P5

Last Friday I did my first guitar solo in the Edinburgh Competition Festival. I played Summer Waltz and it was lots of fun. It was the best I’d played it.



Heidi in P4 took part in a roller-skating assessment on Tuesday.

“To pass it we had to do one foot glide for three seconds while skating. We also had to do jumps on our skates and a few other things. I feel really proud of myself.”

Towerbank Parents Group

Help needed:

- **Ideas Station:** The TPG will have an 'ideas station' in the playground shelter this Friday at pick up to find out what you think about Towerbank. Come and scribble down your ideas or chat things through - all welcome. The school is keen to hear what parents have to say so this is your chance to give feedback and say what you think. All feedback is anonymous.
- **Playspace lead needed:** Jo MacDonald is stepping down as Playspace lead and is looking for someone else to get involved. There is a core group of people who currently do various bits of work in the playground and wildlife garden who will continue to volunteer their time and energy. Jo would be more than happy to support anyone who is interested in getting involved. Please email jurcouf@hotmail.com or grab Jo in the playground to find out what's involved.

Dates for your diary:

- **Friday 29 March:** Ideas station in the shelter from 12-1pm.
- **Thursday 4 April:** Next deadline for ordering school uniform. Order forms available from the office or online <https://towerbankprimary.wordpress.com/parentinfo/school-uniform-order-forms/>

If you need volunteers or have key dates you would like included in the TPG's weekly update, please email Alisonapayne@gmail.com



Pondlife

This week Towerbank welcomed Catherine Wheels Theatre Company. All P5, 6 and 7s watched a stunning show called Pondlife. It dealt with issues of moving school, friendship and bullying leaving everyone wondering what happened next.



Over the last weekend, Merryn in P6 travelled to Poland with her brother and dad to take part in an international fencing competition. There were 190 competitors from 42 countries in her age group U11 Foil and Merryn finished in an amazing 38th place! The Challenge Wroclaw is regarded as an unofficial European Championship and Merryn had a brilliant time together with her clubmates; they all supported each other really well. Some of her fights were even streamed live on YouTube, what a brilliant experience!



This week P2 have been working in the wildlife garden. We have been adding bark, twigs, sticks and leaves to our floor in the bug hotel. It has already attracted ladybirds!

Some photos of the cross country runners

