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UPDATE FROM TOWERBANK PARENT GROUP (TPG)

The newly-formed Parent Group has had a busy term.

Class Reps

A meeting was held earlier in November with class reps, who are committee members who act as the conduit between parents and the Parent Group office bearers. A wide-ranging discussion took place and the minutes of the meeting are available at www.towerbank.wordpress.com We are still looking for more class reps, particularly for the new P1 parents. Please get in touch with Andrea Barlow at barleymowrites@outlook.com if you want to find out more.

Online safety

Last week also saw a very well attended online safety meeting for parents, run by NSPCC and O2. We will be carrying out a full evaluation of the meeting but the informal feedback has been very positive. Lots of information is available at www.net-aware.org.uk which gives advice and information about the appropriateness of apps for children and young people and at www.nspcc.org.uk O2 can also provide advice and support about parental controls for devices either by calling their helpline on 08088005002.

Fundraising

Thanks to the generosity of parents and carers, Towerbank Parent Group has been able to provide funds to the school to bring down the cost of the trip to the Lyceum to £5 per pupil. Any parent who needs any support to meet this cost should contact the school where any request will be dealt with in confidence. We have also funded parts for the new stage which will be used for the nativity for the first time.

Both these initiatives are based on feedback provided at the ideas meeting in March this year, where parents who attended said they wanted more cultural activities and a better performance space for pupils. They were also approved by the class reps.

Looking ahead, it is proposed that we support the new library as well as wildlife rangers, further playground developments and a P5 opera performance with Scottish Opera which will be an annual event. These will be discussed and voted on at the next TPG meeting.

In addition, any parent can request funding via the TPG's fundraising and events group at towerbankparentgroup@gmail.com or by downloading a request form on the website.

Don't forget to come along to the Christmas Fair on Saturday 2nd December and to buy your raffle tickets!

The next meeting of the group will be held on December 13 at 7.30pm at the school. All parents and carers welcome.

Ruth Jays on behalf of Towerbank Parent Group



Ella, Lucy, Miya and Molly (P7), Rose (P5) and Evie (P4) baked a great selection of cakes, scones and biscuits for a Children in Need bake sale on the Prom. They raised a fantastic £96.80! A big thank you from them to everyone who bought one of their baked goods!

The school raised a total of £722 on Friday from our collection. Very well done everyone!

Rights Respecting School

Towerbank are now keeping a blog on what we are doing to become a Rights Respecting School. Visit our blog here or on the main school web site

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/ce/towerbankrightsrespectingschool/>



Joseph in P3D is very happy to receive his yellow belt at his karate club

Art Exhibition

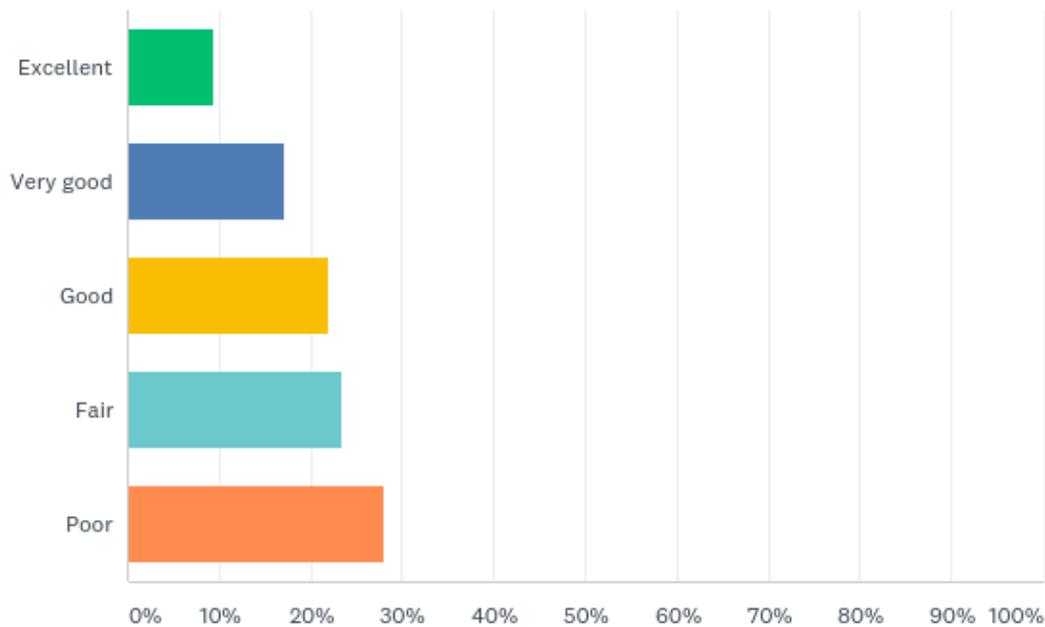
Thank you to everyone who responded to the survey on the art exhibition. The art exhibition was booked a long time ago and the event has received a varied reception from the 65 families who responded to the survey and from those who left feedback on the evening.

The school has raised £680 from the exhibition but many families felt this was a low percentage of the cost of each picture. In addition there were many questions about the affordability of the cost of each picture and a feeling that for some that it was difficult not to purchase the artworks. There were also concerns raised about creativity and some regarding overcrowding.

There were also a significant number of responses that were very positive about the event.

Staff do not feel that it is something that should become an annual event at Towerbank. If the school were to repeat this we think we could manage the process ourselves as both a celebration of artistic creativity and as a potential modest fundraising event.

Here are the responses to the question **How would you rate the event?**



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	9.38%	6
Very good	17.19%	11
Good	21.88%	14
Fair	23.44%	15
Poor	28.13%	18
TOTAL		64



Three P5s Josh, Rory and Merryn attended a Fencing is Fun Competition at Napier University on Saturday. All did extremely well.

Merryn won best p5 girl. Rory came third in his division and got another medal for best sportsmanship. Josh also got the referees award for listening and taking on board their comments and improving his game.

Attached is a picture of them (Amy in p3c was their team Towerbank mascot!). If you can also include a message to encourage other kids to take part in the after school activity that would be great.

There were around 30 kids on the day with a large contingent from Bruntsfield, North Merchiston and St Peter's.

The kids were very proud of their achievements as were the mums and dads.

P6A Class Assembly

On Wednesday the 22nd of November it was P6a's class assembly. Chairs were placed to make the gym hall look like a plane. Tables were placed around the outside of the room so that once we had finished our sketches we could move chairs around the tables like a café. Once parents were seated the cabin crew told them we would be taking them on a trip around France. The first destination was at a birthday party. In that sketch they opened presents, played Jacques dit Simon (Simon says) and ate a birthday cake all in French! Then it was time for the school sketch. They played in a playground, had a maths and English lesson and even learnt a French song (all in French.) It was then time to visit the hospital. They bandaged up broken arms and legs gave out crutches and cured sore heads!

Then it was time for the café. Parents helped themselves to baguette, pepito, crossaint and brioche all of which we ordered ourselves. The parents really enjoyed it and I would love to do it all again next year! By Eilidh 6A





Primary 6 have created a wonderful brain to show how we are using our growth mindsets in and out of the classroom. We are challenging ourselves to think of different ways we could accomplish something we may find quite tricky in the beginning. These happy faces show just how well we are doing.



Congratulations to Bethanie, P2, for getting her lovely Christmas picture in **Kids' Corner** in the latest issue of **Primary Times**.



On Wednesday night this week Towerbank were runners up in the Youth Film Festival in Glasgow. The group were runners up with their short film they made in P5 with Mrs Samson - Fortitude's Birthday. Here they are with their Nomination certificate.

An outstanding achievement and many thanks to the families for making the trip to Glasgow.

Monthly Maths Challenge

November 2017



Towerbank Primary School
Curriculum Evening
28th November 2017

Numeracy and Mathematics at Towerbank

This year's curriculum evening will take place on **Tuesday 28th November** between **6-7pm**. The focus of this year's event will be on **Numeracy and Mathematics at Towerbank**.

You are invited to visit the classrooms and explore a sample of the activities we use to support learning in this area. There will also be a short presentation at 6.15pm, which will be repeated at 6.45pm, to provide information on how you can best support your child's learning at home.

Introducing the all-new



This is the amazing Party-bellow. It is a firework which shoots into the dark sky as a single point of brilliant, red light.

After 5 seconds, at the peak of its flight, it gives off an ear-splitting bellow and that single point breaks into two dazzling sparks. One second later, each of these sparks split in two to give four sparks. After another second, these four split to create eight sparks. Every second, this pattern continues.

The Main Challenge

How many sparks will there be 10 seconds after the firework takes off?

Eager for more? *(this extension is optional)*

Astoundingly, the pattern continues until 15 seconds after the Party-bellow is launched when all sparks vanish into the night sky. How many sparks are there just before they vanish?

Make a connection *(this challenge is also optional)*

Finally, can you think of any other places in the real world where you would see this pattern?

*This month, I am looking for more than just your solution. On your entry, put your name, your class, your solution and your method (how you worked it out). Remember, maths is about more than just calculations – your method could be a picture, diagram or even a few sentences. Some of the most interesting methods will be published in next month's newsletter. **Entries close on 1st December 2017.***