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Maths Curriculum Evening

Many thanks to the nearly 300 parents and carers who came this week to the Maths Curriculum Evening. Here is a link to the presentation from Mr Rand

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Here is the feedback we received

- Very interesting night. Thank you.
- Home Learning Walls ideas are great and so helpful
- Enjoyed my visit and especially all the creative ways in which maths is now taught. Very different from my school days + better
- Helpful presentation from Mr. Rand
- It was good because it was all about maths but I liked the P1s area the best
- Great to see the positivity, diversity of approaches and use of visual methods. Thank you! P3 Dad
- Fantastic evening! Great talk - friendly, helpful teachers - polite, informative kids. Thanks.
- Very good. Some hand outs of key techniques for each year would help parents to help with homework.
- I have enjoyed this evening very much.
- Very useful, informative talk by Mr Rand. Interesting displays - perhaps slightly too many? Maybe have a year's in hall downstairs with fewer tasks/exhibits you might be able to fit them all together - time was limited so I couldn't see P3 + P7
- Very informative
- ***** liked the bee-bots best. Thank you for your hard work.
- I was really surprised to see "Growth Mindset" in school.
- Great initiative! We need more problem solving and numeracy skills in industry! Thank you to all!
- Very helpful! Thank you.
- Great night. It's fantastic to see how the children are learning.
- Great evening - really helpful! Really positive approaches from teachers.
- Well done - good effort. Love Growth Mindset!
- Thanks for the examples of maths games for home learning!
- Presentation from Mr Rand was very good and offered support to parents.
- Love the Growth Mindset concept.
- Would love more written handouts of strategies kids are using so we can better support them. Thanks.



- Absolutely fantastic evening - great, fun and educational!
- Very informative - loved the positivity
- I thought it was well organised and fun.
- Very good.
- Really interesting to see how they are taught multiplication and the tools that are used.
- Really interesting. Well done.
- Good to learn more and get home learning ideas and apps.
- Great way to find out about maths at school
- Impressed with the learning methods in P2. Thanks.
- A very informative evening! Great to see the practical activities that are going on in the classrooms.
- Mr Rand's talk was helpful and informative.
- Really enjoyed seeing all the great ways of learning maths - all very colourful and varied.
- It's always great to find out more about the ways children are learning. Thanks!
- Great - really useful to see the tools used in the classroom.
- Thank you.
- Brilliant evening! Thank you.
- Fascinating! And thank you for instructing us.
- Love the P1 classrooms.
- Nice to see all the activities in the different classrooms.
- Thank you very much - great fun with numbers but quite annoyed I failed one of the challenges
- Good work
- Very informative - lots of ideas. Thank you.
- How about more mental arithmetic?
- Mr Rand's presentation was excellent. Very inspiring.
- Like a bit more time but I love it.
- Very interesting. Great speech from Mr Rand
- I loved it - if anything, I'd like a bit more time (though I know the children are tired)
- I enjoyed "hit the button" the most!
- A really interesting evening! Very informative.
- Thanks - some interesting points to consider. Great we focused on one subject! Easy to digest.
- Brilliant! Especially the 'mindset table' and P2 numeracy!
- Some useful ideas!
- Very good and I loved it was about maths.
- Lovely to see the activities in the actual classrooms!
- Really nice to spend time after school playing math games. Very nice.
- Great classroom interaction.
- It was great to come into the school and visit the classroom. Also great to get a clear steer on positivity around maths.

Helpers and tour guides

- Very helpful and friendly P7 helpers
- All the helpers I met were keen and enthusiastic
- Such lovely, confident, friendly children
- The children were excellent, as usual
- Lots of lovely helpful kids too full of enthusiasm!
- Pupils acting as tour guides and as information guides - excellent.
- Fantastic.
- Children were enthusiastic.

It was great how the helpers were demonstrating the games and our learning

Scooters and Bikes in the Playground

Can we please ask that children of all ages do not cycle or scoot around the playground at drop off or collection time when the playground is busy with many people waiting. Thank you for your cooperation.

Welcome to Ms Hutt
She began this week as PE specialist teacher at Towerbank.



Cancellation insurance for residentials

If your child is unable to go on one of the residential visits to Lagganlia or Bemore due to illness or any other reason the school is unfortunately unable to reimburse any of the cost of the camp. Costings are worked out with the centres based on an exact number of children taking part. The school does not take out insurance on behalf of parents/carers for these events. Parents and carers are of course welcome to explore their own insurance arrangements for these events.

The Primary 4's are learning about water in their Science lessons with Mrs Omand.

In Science we have been working hard to make water filters. We have been filtering the water once every day for two weeks. We noticed that every time we filtered the water it got cleaner and cleaner. We hope you enjoyed hearing about our water filters as much as we did making them. Charlotte and Joe from P4



Towerbank Ski Team

This is the team of 6 from Towerbank who will be representing the school on Monday 4th December in the Boyd Anderson Novice Ski Race at Hillend. Good luck!



Basketball news

On Friday the 24th November, around 25 P7s travelled to Portobello High School to take part in a basketball cluster event between the Portobello cluster and beyond. It was done in a round robin style with every team playing against each other, even Towerbank B played Towerbank A.



It was great fun as Towerbank B won all six games and Towerbank A won 1, drew 2 and lost 2.

“It was a great achievement; the fact that we won all our games was great!” (Sam).

“It was a good experience for everyone and it was fun to talk to people from other schools. Overall a fun Friday!” (Finlay R).

“It was really fun for everyone and a good team experience!” (Jamie).

The top scorers were Charlie (20 points) and Will (18 points).

We can't wait for the next game! By Charlie, Max and Idun.

Swimming Gala

We are part of Portobello Swimming Club. We had a gala at Porty Pool. Cora won a Bronze medal for butterfly. Fleur won a Bronze for fly, a silver for junior and senior relay and a gold for the giant relay. Cora and Fleur.



Adam entered many of the races and got into every final. He really enjoyed the experience.



Jack had an excellent time at the gala. He won a gold and a silver which he thought was “absolutely amazing”.

This was Ella's third gala and she won 5 medals! She really enjoyed it and is looking forward to next year.

MSPs visit Towerbank P7s

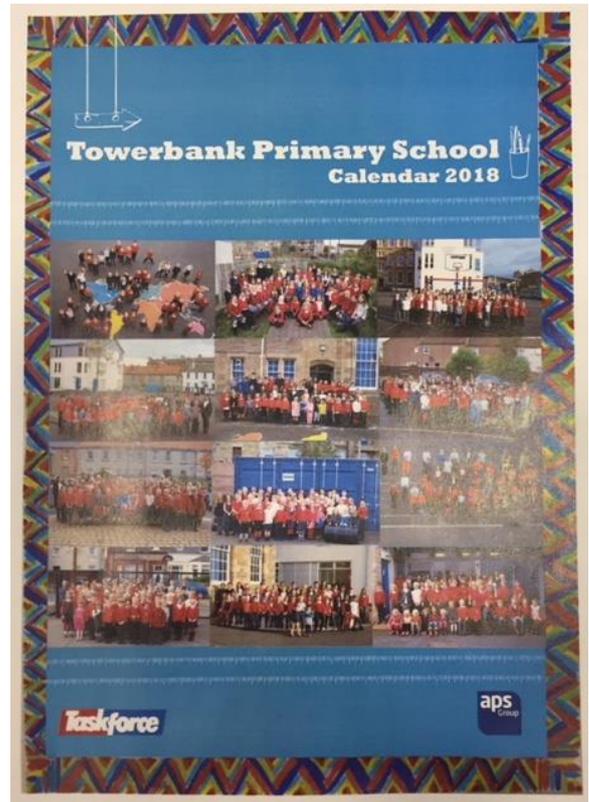


The Primary 7s have started to learn about Democracy & Elections. Last week we were visited by Mrs Millar who works at the Scottish Parliament. She told us a bit about how the political system works in Scotland and we held our own mini election. It was lots of fun and everyone learned something new!

This week, we were visited by local MSPs Ash Denham and Miles Briggs. They told us about life as an MSP and we had the opportunity to ask them questions about their work. It sounds like a busy job!

Additionally, we have also started to form our own political parties and over the coming weeks we will be holding an election in our constituencies (i.e. the P6 classes!). It has been a great start to our learning!





Towerbank Calendar 2018

These wonderful calendars are being printed and will soon be ready for distribution.

The calendar is being professional printed in full colour and is A3.

Each page features a photo of all the children who have a birthday in that month.

The borders of each month have been designed by children at Towerbank.

The calendar will be very useful as it includes all the school holidays for 2018.

It is perfect as a Christmas present!

The school will be raising money for the School Fund through the sale of the calendars.

Towerbank Parent Group will be raising money through the sale of adverts and sponsorship in the calendar.

The Calendar is now available on Parent Pay. You can order between 1 and 10 calendars. We will then send these home with your child, each in an A3 envelope.

The Calendar will also be on sale at the Christmas Fair on Saturday - £5 each

Please note – children who were absent on the day the group photos were taken will not be in the calendar.

MONTHLY CHALLENGE

DECEMBER 2017



The calendar in this photo can be used throughout December. It is made up of two cubes, each with six faces. These cubes can be placed to show all of the numbers between 1 and 31.

Can you work out which numbers need to go on the 12 faces of the cubes to create a calendar that will work for the whole month. Be careful – this challenge is trickier than it first looks. Remember, single digit numbers need to have a zero in the tens column. For example, 1 should appear as 01.

The images below show the net of a cube – these could be a helpful way of laying out your numbers.

