



Newsletter Friday 9th February 2018

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P7 Burns Supper



Another year, another successful Primary 7 Burns Supper! On Wednesday 31st January 2018, P7 pupils performed a Burns Supper for parents, invited guests, P7 teachers and some Towerbank staff to celebrate the life of Robert Burns. After 2 weeks of preparation, we did not fail to cause mixed emotions throughout the event during our comedic and serious performances. This exciting event took place at Portobello and Joppa Parish Church. By Duncan

There were songs, dances, poems and much more. Firstly, the hosts Lottie, Idun and Jackson introduced the supper and then everyone stood while Sam was piped in with the haggis. This was swiftly followed by the Selkirk Grace and the Address Tae The Haggis. Magnus and Cristina were brave, being the first people up and performing in front of nearly 200 people. Secondly was the Burns Supper with traditional and delicious haggis, neeps and tatties. It was followed by the Immortal Memory, a fantastic speech about the life of Robert Burns. By Adam

Every poem was amazing with every word and every action. There was spectacular dancing and beautiful singing. One of my personal favourites was the performance of 'The Gruffalo in Scots' as the story was brought to life! One of my highlights was also the Toast to the Laddies and Lassies. The Drama (Tam O'Shanter) was fabulous, funny and well-performed. By Rosa



After Bob Lawson piped in the haggis with Sam Gardener carrying it in, Cristina Elliot recited the Address to the Haggis. 'Her Scots accent was on point,' commented Finn McLaughlan. Then we all dined on haggis, neeps and tatties with Irn Bru, tablet and shortbread. By Elspeth

There were poetry recitals, dances and a drama, all performed by P7s. One of the most memorable parts was 'Tam o'Shanter's Big Nicht Oot'. 'It was nerve-wracking but generally exciting', said Robyn Hill. The P7s are still amazed at the event and will be talking about it for a long time. By Cristina

One of the most memorable events of the afternoon was the drama production, Tam o'Shanter's Big Nicht Oot. It was a truly wonderful take on Burns' traditional poem. By Miya.

Lots of people were talking about the dancing. What amazed people was how Michael found himself dancing by himself at one point but he kept the beat and kept on dancing. By Noe.

All the parents said they enjoyed the Burns Supper and that it had been very impressive. They all agreed it was a triumph! By Rosie

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped in the planning, preparation and the actual event on the day! We could not have done it without you! From Primary 7.

P1-6 Ceilidhs

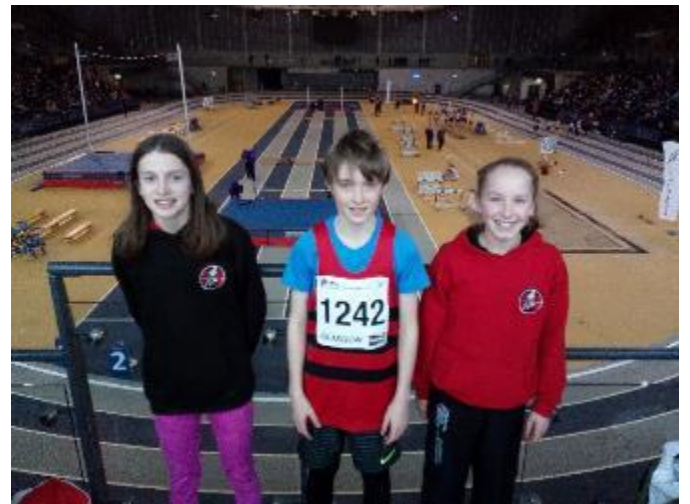


Looking super in tartan, this week P1-6 thoroughly enjoyed a wee jig at their ceilidhs! Each stage also performed a Scottish poem or song. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the 2018 ceilidhs possible.



Charlie (P1B) helped the Portobello Timebank conduct a litter survey in Magdalene Glen with a fellow young Timebanker Leonardo (Towerbank next year). Litter picking was great fun, helped by great weather and the nearby zip wire! A big litter clean of that area will be on Saturday 24th April at 2pm, all helpers appreciated, refreshments will also be provided.

"Cristina, Jamie & Stella (P7) represented Musselburgh Athletics Club at the Scottish Athletics Indoor Relay Championships, at the Emirates Arena in Glasgow. Great running all of you!"



The Tanzanian flag is flying over Towerbank Primary for the next 10 days to mark the visit by Ms Bicheno and Mrs McGroaty to Msufini Primary School. They are keeping a blog on our website.



<https://towerbankprimary.wordpress.com/msufini-link/>

Towerbank Ski Trip



There will be a full report after the holidays but 56 children from Towerbank took part this week in a spectacular outdoor learning opportunity. More details on our web site at <https://towerbankprimary.wordpress.com/outdoor-learning-2/>

Update on Heating in Dining Hall.

A fault has been identified with the heating system in the dining hall. This means the room is remaining cold and the radiators are unable to warm the space up for children. The department have installed 4 temporary heaters in the space as an interim measure while the heating issue is examined.

Primary Three had a very exciting visit from PC Lauren Mitchell. We have been learning about People Who Help Us in our Community and we learnt that the most important job for a police officer is to help people.

“I thought it was really interesting to hear what PC Lauren does as part of her job as a Community Police Officer.”
(Mairi)

“PC Lauren asked us to learn our address, postcode, colour of our door and a mobile number, just in case we are lost.” (Sophia)

“It was great learning about the special equipment PC Lauren had on her belt. She had a baton, handcuffs, pepper-spray, torch, walkie-talkie/radio, notepad, police law handbook and she was wearing her Kevlar vest, her police hat and police Scotland badge.” (Alice, Cameron and Arthur)

“Even police officers learn new things every day.”
(Bertie)

“When PC Lauren handcuffs someone, she must be careful not to damage the persons wrist bone.” (Daisy and Sophia)



Valentine's Choco-Challenge

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JILLY
JOPPA'S



It's nearly Valentine's Day and the local chocolate shop, Jilly Joppa's, are preparing a special pack for the day. They sell 20 chocolates per box, as shown here. However, for the Valentine's special they would like to increase this to 24 per box. As a result, they need a new box!

The Challenge

Your challenge is to find and show all of the ways that these chocolates could be packaged. Once you have found them all, say which box you would recommend and why. You could also decorate your delicious chocolates to make them look amazing!

Remember, all packets must be square or rectangular in shape and must have spaces for 24 chocolates - no more, no less!

Not sure what to do? Look at this example...

Jilly's usual packet has 20 sweets and looks like the one above. However, they could have arranged this packet like this...



Or even like this...



So, there were three ways that Jilly could have arranged 20 chocolates. How many can you find for 24?

BONUS CHALLENGE – FOR ONE DAY ONLY!

Today's date is 9.2.18 – have you noticed, $9 \times 2 = 18$

Can you find any other dates this year that would make a number sentence like this? You could use +, -, x and ÷.