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### **Sol Barrie Douglas**

Sol attended Towerbank Primary from Nursery until Primary 3.

We were all so proud to know Sol and work with him at Towerbank. We are better for having met him and Towerbank is richer because of him.

We were all so sorry to hear of his death. As a school community we will all miss him very much and we will continue to do our best to offer support and comfort to his family, friends and classmates. He was a much loved member of the Towerbank family.

Many school staff at Towerbank remember him well.

One of my favourite memories of Sol was during our snowy days when he was in my P1 class. He and his classmates came to school dressed for the snow and the whole class went out to explore. Sol had a great time lying on the playground floor making snow angels. His infectious laugh, as he did this, was lovely to see and hear. Mrs Galbraith

Sol was a special friend to all the children in P2A last year. He was a strong, resilient boy who was keen to join in all activities and play with his friends. He particularly enjoyed listening to music and signing songs. He lit up our classroom with his laughter and fantastic sense of humour. Mrs Russell

Sol was hugely loved in our school community and his gentle nature and mischievous sense of humour were always evident, even when he was poorly.

The children in the class have all been sharing their special memories of Sol and have sung his favourite song about "Tiny Tim the Turtle" a number of times in the last few weeks.

Sol's love of music, especially the Beatles) and the happiness it brought him and all his family will be my lasting memory of him. Sol also knew every word of the Beatles songs and him singing them joyfully will always be with me. Mrs Hambelton

Sol was such a happy, friendly little boy and had so much love for everyone he knew. He never complained.

He was loved by everyone who knew him.

I will always remember Sol for his huge smile and his cheeky laugh.

He always made my day better with his smile. I will miss him dearly. Mrs Gordon



# The Towerbank Calendar for 2020 is ready!



This year the calendar has been beautifully professionally designed and printed is the best ever! Many thanks to Zoe Berry for coordinating and to Vicki Watson for the brilliant photos.

The calendar features all the children (and staff) at Towerbank photographed professionally in groups that represent the month of their birth.

This calendar is a very important fund raiser for the school – Towerbank Calendar generates funds through both advertising and sales. All money generated goes to buy books for the library or for resources that benefit all children at Towerbank.

Please do consider buying one or more calendars. They make excellent Christmas presents!

Priced at only £5 each this year they are available for everyone on Parent Pay, at the Christmas Fair or in person at Cove.

# Towerbank Parent Group

**Christmas fair & raffle:** Towerbank Christmas Fair is taking place on Saturday 7th of December 2-4pm. To help make this a success we would love you to donate a gift or your time.

## Donations

(Donations can be left at the school office from Monday 2nd December. The school cannot take donations before then.)

- Tombola prizes - Chocolate is always popular with the kids, and bottles with the adults, but anything you might have to keep the tombola going for the 2 hours.
- Toys and children's books - any good condition second-hand toys, books or games. Have a clear out in time for the new Christmas pressies.
- Home baking - whether it's a showstopper or something you have made with the kids, all is gratefully received. Please no nuts!

## Volunteers

We still need a few more volunteers to help with the clear up (4-5pm) as well as with the arts and crafts stall (different time slots). If you can help please email [towerbankchristmasfair@gmail.com](mailto:towerbankchristmasfair@gmail.com).

## Don't forget about Santa.....

You'll be able to book a time to see Santa as well as buying raffle tickets at the raffle stall in the playground at drop-off from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## Dates for your diary:

- **Week beginning Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December:** Donations for the Christmas fair can be handed into the office and slots to visit Santa at the fair can be booked at drop-off.
- **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December:** School Christmas fair
- **Every Friday:** Tidy Fridays in the Library. If you'd like to find out more, drop into the library on Friday morning or email the Library group at [towerbanklibrarygroup@gmail.com](mailto:towerbanklibrarygroup@gmail.com).

You can keep up to date with all TPG meetings and dates, as well as information about sub-groups, parent-run activities and fundraising by checking out the new TPG website: <https://towerbankparentgroup.wordpress.com/>.

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



P5B practicing with their wands at their sharing assembly this week.

Congratulations to all those who took part in the Edinburgh Sumdog Contest between Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November – 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019! 255 classes from schools across Edinburgh entered this contest and 3167 pupils took part. Towerbank answered 28,890 questions and over 700,000 questions were answered in total!

All Towerbank pupils who took part in the contest were awarded a certificate and prize at school on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Congratulations to P2C who were the top class from Towerbank!

31st	P2C, Towerbank Primary School	224
49th	P6B, Towerbank Primary School	180
60th	P3B, Towerbank Primary School	159

Look out for the next contest: The Wee Sleep Out Contest starts on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 8am until Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm. Towerbank will be competing against other schools from across the UK. Until then, keep up the super maths on Sumdog!

Miss L Macdonald  
P2C Class Teacher



## Holidays and regulations

### From the Council Procedures for Promoting Attendance and Managing Absence

Sometimes families ask for children to be authorised to be absent from school during term time. The procedures for this are very clear and have been printed below. The full procedures are available on the school web site here.

[https://towerbankprimary.files.wordpress.com/2019/11/promoting\\_attendance\\_and\\_managing\\_absence\\_procedure.pdf](https://towerbankprimary.files.wordpress.com/2019/11/promoting_attendance_and_managing_absence_procedure.pdf)

#### 4.10 Family Holidays during Term Time

4.10.1 The majority of family holidays taken during term time should be categorised as Unauthorised Absence (code G). However, it is acceptable under exceptional circumstances, and provided the parent has made a written request to the Head Teacher, for schools to authorise a family holiday of not more than two weeks duration, during term time. Such circumstances may include:

A family holiday judged to be important to the wellbeing and cohesion of the family, following serious or terminal illness, bereavement or other traumatic events.

4.10.2 A family holiday classified under the 'Authorised Absence (code E)' category should **not**

include such reasons as:

The availability of cheap holidays

The availability of desired accommodation

Poor weather experienced during school holidays

Holidays which have overlap at the beginning or end of term

Parental difficulty obtaining leave (with local judgement applied in cases where evidence is provided by the employer that leave cannot be accommodated during school holidays without serious consequences).

4.10.3 Family holidays with the above or similar characteristics should be classified as Unauthorised Absence. The decision on recording absence as authorised and unauthorised, should be based simply on whether the school has given prior agreement to the absence or not, using the criteria outlined above. Where a school's prior agreement has **not** been sought, the absence should automatically be classed as unauthorised.

# FACT NO 1 ABOUT CANADA

- Le Canada est un pays semi Francophone semi Anglophone.



TOUCH

Katam in P6 created a powerpoint in French and English about Canada for the class.