

Bonnyrigg Primary Newsletter

March 2017



EARLY YEARS (NURSERY AND P1)

NURSERY

Help Please

Many of our children are continuing to enjoy making robots in the gluing area. They are being very creative. To support this please would parents and carers continue to bring in empty boxes. Thank you.

Visit to Vogrie

Recently some of our children visited Vogrie Country Park looking for signs of Spring. They loved the beautiful colours of the spring flowers such as crocuses and snowdrops.

Keeping Ourselves Safe

We have been learning all about Road Safety. Tom, the lollipop man came in and spoke to us about crossing the road safely.

Shrove Tuesday

We had great fun making pancakes for snack on Shrove Tuesday. The pancakes were delicious.

Home Corner

Our Home Corner has recently undergone some changes. Please stop by to see our new soft furnishings made for us by Mrs Algie, Abigail's mum. Thank you very much Mrs Algie for all your hard work. We shall also soon be taking delivery of a new washing machine, sink and microwave for the Home Corner.

Transition

Plans are underway for our transition activities for the children moving to P1 in August. Children will have several opportunities to go and play in the atrium with the current P1s. They will also meet their P6 buddies and have a wee play in the playground. In addition to this there will be a more formal opportunity for the children to spend some time in their new classroom and to meet their new teacher. We have a "Starting P1" booklet for all our children and Mrs Findlay and some current P1 parents are working to produce a "Starting P1" book for parents too.

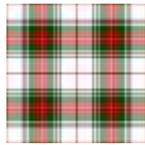
Questionnaire

Thank you to all of you who have already posted comments on our questionnaire which is on the wall in the cloakroom. We would encourage those of you who haven't yet responded to do so. Whilst we are delighted with all the positive comments, we really would welcome constructive feedback about things you feel we could do better. This will help us to improve our practice.

PRIMARY 1

P1 pupils have been enjoying learning about Scotland. We have been building castles in the atrium, making tartan and learning Scottish dances. We have even spent some time as a stage enjoying all things Scottish including sampling some of Scotland's tasty treats.

We are continuing to work hard on our double sounds, tricky words and addition in class.



FIRST LEVEL (P2, P3 AND P4)

PRIMARY 2

This month P2 and P2/3 pupils have completed a Money Sense workshop. They discussed the difference between needs and wants, the best ways to spend their money and the importance of calculating costs.

We have been doing lots of fun activities with our Read, Write, Count bags and we are looking forward to sharing these with parents. A letter will follow soon.

We have been learning about kindness and the different ways we can be kind. Our classes have been set a challenge to complete 100 acts of kindness. Every time we carry out a kind act we fill in and write our name on one of the 100 squares.



PRIMARY 3

P3 pupils have been very busy with their Ancient Egypt topic this month. We have been learning all about what it was like to live during that time, how they built the pyramids, what they were for, and even how to write using hieroglyphs. P3A recently led a fantastic assembly about what they had learnt so far in the topic. P3B pupils have been working hard this week for their World Book Day assembly to the rest of school on Friday.



PRIMARY 4

P4 pupils have continued to work hard this term. We wrapped-up the electricity topic, and presented our learning at a Friday all-school assembly. We have started our next topic all about the Roman Empire.

In Numeracy/Maths, we have been deepening our understanding of number through practice with fractions. We have also been exploring number and picture patterns. Most recently, we are discussing the topic of symmetry and discovering symmetry all around us.

In writing, we have been looking at elements of opinion writing. We have chosen a topic to write a review about to help us develop our opinion writing techniques.

In science, we will be learning all about solids, liquids and gases and we look forward to experimenting with changing states of materials.



SECOND LEVEL (P5, P6 AND P7)

PRIMARY 5

P5 have had a busy time putting together their project for the Bonnyrigg Historical Society. We have looked at the changing face of Bonnyrigg and have put together a trail around the local area, where participants are required to find information as they follow the trail. We had a rather cold but enjoyable walk around the trail, gathering information and generating questions.

We are very excited about the upcoming skiing lessons and we have had a visit from a member of the Ski Centre who told us what to expect, what to wear and identified which helmet to wear. We will be leaving at 9am sharp on Wednesday. We are to wear our skiing clothes to school and bring clothes to change into in case we get wet. Keep an eye on Twitter for photos of each session.



PRIMARY 6

Last term P6 enjoyed a trip to the Mining Museum to learn about engineering and how the new Queensferry Crossing is being built. At the bridge building we worked in two teams to connect panels to make a model of the new Forth Road Bridge on a smaller scale. To make it withstand our bodyweight we used the same cables as the new bridge but smaller. All in all we enjoyed this co-operative trip!

P6A

In Maths P6A have been learning to use a compass properly. During this exercise we created our own patterns to create a wall display for our classroom.

P6B

P6B have been lucky enough to get robotics kits sent to us. We have created robots for a competition. We will have to drive them manually around a selected course and also programme them using coding to manoeuvre past obstacles. We are excited for this opportunity.

Talks

In class we have been learning about Space. During this topic we have all created a presentation on a planet of our choice. We had to include colour, size, temperature, surface and a diagram. At some point in the week of 20th of February all P6 students have presented a talk. We have all enjoyed this homework.

Alexander (P6B) and Aimee (P6A)



PRIMARY 7

On Monday P7A had a workshop about cycling helmets. We watched a video about the Olympian James Cracknell, who suffered brain damage after a cycling accident. James was cycling when a lorry drove past, and its wing mirror hit James on the back of his head, knocking him to the floor and breaking his helmet in half. Luckily he was wearing a helmet, otherwise he could have died according to doctors. James took five years to recover from the accident. We also watched a video about Joe, who decided not to wear a helmet one day due to peer pressure. He fell off his bike and hit his head so hard that his brain began to bleed. After the accident, he had to learn how to talk and walk all over again, and was not able to pursue his dreams of playing football. This made us realise that this could happen to any of us. At the end of the workshop we were asked to design a helmet for an egg to save it from smashing. We were given a variety of materials and worked in groups. We then tested our protection on real eggs and dropped them from high up. Only one team managed to save their egg! The session really made us think twice about not wearing a helmet. At the beginning we were asked how many of us would choose to wear a helmet, and only half the class said they would. We were asked the same question at the end and all of us said we would. We now know how serious the risks are if we don't wear one. P7B will be having their session on 10th March.



GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS

DOGS IN THE PLAYGROUND

Please do not bring dogs in to the playground or around the Nursery doors or reception areas. Please also do not tie your dog up next to school gates. We had an incident recently where a child came into contact with dog dirt. We also have both parents and children who are frightened of dogs too. Your help with this is greatly appreciated.



PARKING

A resident in Laird Terrace across from the school contacted us to say they nearly knocked a child down who was getting out of their car on to the road. We would encourage you not to park in Laird Terrace to drop children off at school or nursery but if you do drop children off it would be better if you could let them out at the pavement side of the street to avoid things like this happening.



SPONSORED READ/LISTEN

Everyone should now have received their sponsor forms for our Ready Steady Read/Listen which takes place until Friday 3rd March.

All money collected should be returned to school by Friday 10th March. If you have any cheques please make them payable to Bonnyrigg Primary School. From the money collected we will be entitled to commission to allow us to buy new books for our Library. Many thanks.



PARENTS CONSULTATIONS

Parents Consultations this term will be on Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th March. You will shortly be able to book online as happened last term. Please look out for further information on this soon.

