

Bonnyrigg Primary Newsletter

November 2016



EARLY YEARS (NURSERY AND P1)

NURSERY

Autumn

Our current theme in the nursery is 'Autumn'. You will find lots of autumn colours around the room along with colourful leaves, different types of seeds and many autumn pictures. Some of the older children have been on a visit to Vogrie where they were able to look for signs of autumn and could collect evidence of autumn to bring back to nursery. Other children have been looking for/collecting evidence of autumn in our nursery garden.

Nursery Collection

Please ensure that all children are collected and away by 11.40am/3.35pm. In an emergency please contact the school office if you are going to be late.

Big Bedtime Read

We hope to launch Bonnyrigg's Big Bedtime Read early in 2017. We are currently collecting books for this. If you have any books suitable for children aged 3-5 that you no longer need, please hand them in to a member of the Nursery team.

One Way System

Please remember that, for safety reasons, we operate a one way system in the nursery. Please enter the nursery from the entrance on Cockpen Road and leave by the cloakroom doors. We appreciate your support with this.

Students

We recently had two PDGE students, Fiona Blaney and Elaine Hastings, from the University of Edinburgh working with us. They have now moved on to continue their placement in P1-3. We wish them both well.

Toothbrushing

We have had a visit from 'Childsmile' who talked to the children about keeping their teeth healthy. We plan to begin tooth brushing, as part of group time, shortly.

PRIMARY 1

P1 pupils have been enjoying learning about people who help us in the school and in the community. We have had visits from the Lollipop man and the Police and are looking forward to our trip to the library.

If you work in the community and would be happy to come in and talk to the P1 classes we would be grateful to hear about your experiences.

We have learned all our initial sounds and are currently revising these and our tricky words and are doing a fantastic job.



FIRST LEVEL (P2, P3 AND P4)

PRIMARY 2

P2 and P3 have been developing their learning and understanding of number and have explored different number patterns. They are finishing off their topic comparing Malawi and Scotland and loved learning about the differences between the two countries; particularly looking at the foods they eat and what the houses are like.



PRIMARY 3

All the P3 children have been practising hard this past few weeks to present both of their class assemblies. They have been learning presentation skills such as how to project their voices, slow down their speech and make eye contact with their audience. They have been busy painting the backdrops, making items for their costumes and learning their lines.

Using their learning about Malawi, P3A presented their assembly last Friday, first to parents and then the whole school. They included a powerpoint presentation, acted out the rhythmic poem 'We're Going on a Lion Hunt' and danced to the song 'The Lion Sleeps Tonight'. They all did a fantastic job! P3B will present their assembly on Malawi next Friday and it will also be one not to miss!



PRIMARY 4

P4A pupils have been very busy over the past 4 weeks. We have worked hard and not given up. In ICT we have recently been doing powerpoints and research.

In P.E. we have been doing some basketball and ball skills.

Over the past few Fridays we rehearsed for our class assembly. Primary 4 did a Harvest Assembly to which our parents came. We have also taken part in a drama workshop of 'The Sprightly Tailor'. We really enjoyed this!



SECOND LEVEL (P5, P6 AND P7)

PRIMARY 5

P5 pupils have had an excellent beginning to their year and everyone has settled in well. They have learned about different features of Scotland's landscape, they have used a variety of texts to find and use information and are enjoying regular use of the atrium Ipads to enhance their learning.

This term, we will be focusing on addition and subtraction, looking particularly at the different strategies that can be used to solve problems. We will also be learning to tell the time in French and we will continue with our reading and spelling rotations.

P5B pupils have recently started their own blog site and are very excited to be sharing their work, learning and achievements this way. They are now able to upload images and write text for their blog before submitting it for publishing. Your child will be able to access the Primary 5B blog using their GLOW username and password.



PRIMARY 6

So far this year Primary 6 have been very busy. Both classes visited the Edinburgh Mosque. During our trip to the Edinburgh Mosque we realised that Islam is very different from Christianity and learnt about some interesting traditions like their prayer sequence and when they pray. We learnt that the Imam (the prayer leader) stands in a dome called the minbar. We would like to give a big thank you to Sharon our tour guide. We would definitely recommend it to other pupils our age.

On Wednesday Caitlin and Jake from P6B went to Bilston Primary School to find out more about STEM and their Inspirational Learning Spaces project which means that they get to redesign their classroom. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths and during a teamwork project with Lasswade Primary School we came joint first.

This year we have been looking at direct speech. This is an example - "Hi Sally," said Jane. We have been looking at how this can improve our writing. In our imaginative writing we have been trying to expand our vocabulary (Happy - Content) and (Said - Exclaimed). P6A pupils have been looking at similes and metaphors in their writing like "as fast as a cheetah" and "it's raining cats and dogs". We are hoping to continue this throughout the year.

Caitlin (P6B) and Aimee (P6A)



PRIMARY 7

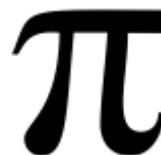
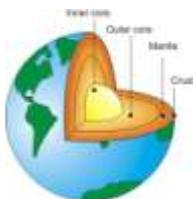
In P7 we have been learning about the 'Structure of the Earth'. We experimented using cornflour and water. This showed us what it would be like in the inner and outer core of the earth.

Also, some Primary 6 and 7 children took part in a Cross Country event at the end of September. Our school entered a very successful team. David from P7B won a gold medal and Abigail from P7B won a silver medal. We are very proud of them all.

We have also been learning about circles. We have been talking about the radius, diameter and circumference. We have been using π (pi) which we now know is 3.14 and can use this famous formula, $C=\pi D$ to calculate the circumference of any circle.

We have been working on our writing. Just now we are writing about entering a mystical land, like in *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S Lewis.

This is what we've been doing in Primary 7 so far. We can't wait to tell you what we get up to in the future.



GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS

POPPY APPEAL

We are again supporting the poppy appeal and will be selling poppies at the tuck shop each day. These are on sale until 11th November and will be limited to 1 per child. Suggested donation is a minimum of 20p.



PRIMARY 1 INTAKE

Letters have been issued by Midlothian Council inviting all prospective P1 pupils to be enrolled for school.

We will be holding an open day on Monday 14th November to bring your paperwork in to enrol for P1. Letters to new P1 parents explaining the procedures will be issued shortly

SPARE CLOTHES

In the early years when a child has an accident or falls and needs a change of clothing we usually have a small supply in school that we can use to change them.

If this happens to your child it would be helpful if you could wash and return the items of clothing for others to use. Many thanks.

SCHOOL GATES

For safety, the car park gates are now closed during the school day. If you do need to enter the car park please make sure that the gates are closed behind you.

FLU CLINIC

A reminder that the flu clinic will take place at Bonnyrigg Primary School on Tuesday 29th November.

DRESS DOWN DAYS

We intend to have dress down days at the end of each month. The idea is that one month the money will go to our chosen charity, which this year will be Cancer Research as chosen by our pupil council, and the next to the parents fundraising group.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have had a few requests from parents asking about Bonnyrigg Primary school ties.

We do not sell them. You used to be able to buy them from Clan House in Edinburgh but we have now been told that they do not stock them anymore.

They are not part of our school uniform. Our uniform consists of polo shirts and sweatshirts.