

# Bonnyrigg Primary Newsletter



March 2016



## Staffing

We are saying goodbye to Miss Howson, one of our P1 teachers, this term. She is going to Danderhall Primary School as a permanent class teacher. Miss Brady will take over the teaching of her class.

We will also be interviewing shortly for the vacant Depute Head Teacher position in school. We will let you know the outcome as soon as we can.

## Euroquiz

Miss Stark took 6 children from P6 on 4<sup>th</sup> March to Stobhill Primary to take part in the Euroquiz heats for all Midlothian schools.

We are delighted to say that Bonnyrigg came 1<sup>st</sup> in the heats. We will be put forward to the finals in the Scottish Parliament later in the year.

Well done to all the pupils involved.



## Bake Sale

P7's had a great time recently organising a Bake Sale in school to raise funds for their upcoming camp.

They raised £267.77 in total.

Thanks to all who contributed and bought.



## Drumming

Pupils in P1, P2, P5 and P6 have been having African Drumming lessons recently and hope to put on a performance for the rest of the school to show off their new talents.



## School Holiday

The last day for School and Nursery before the Easter holiday will be Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Normal finishing times will apply. All pupils will return to school on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April. Happy Easter.



## Primary 1 News

P1 are building on their Scotland topic by studying books all about 'Katie Morag.' We have arranged a 'dance a book session' linked to one of the stories. We are finishing a block of gymnastics where the classes have been mixed up, giving children the opportunity to work with friends from other classes.



## Primary 2 News

P2 have been working very hard this term. We are focusing on subtraction this term as well as working with money.

In writing we have been concentrating on imaginative stories and have had fun creating characters, settings and writing about wonderful adventures.

Both classes have been learning all about People Who Help Us and in particular people who have roles within the emergency services. We have been organising visits from police, doctors and road safety officers. However, it would be great if anyone working within the other emergency services could give up some time to give an insight into their role, the children would really enjoy this.

P2A and P2B have both successfully presented their learning to the school in their separate school assemblies. The children had great fun learning lines, making props and showing everyone how much they have learned. Well Done Primary 2!



## Primary 3 News

In P3 we have been exploring different landmarks in Edinburgh and have been comparing them to landmarks in Paris. We have also explored families in France and learnt how to describe our own families in French and made a family tree.



## Primary 4 News

Primary 4A thoroughly enjoyed preparing a French picnic last week to mark the end of learning about France. We had crepes, croissants, pain au chocolat, baguette and French cheese. We are learning to talk about our likes and dislikes in French and have been working very hard on leaflets all about France, some of which you can see outside our classroom. As part of maths we have looked at different ways of recording numbers, including using Roman Numerals which we found challenging but enjoyed.

For the last part of the term we are learning about news articles, writing our own and also using drama skills to create a news story which we will film using the Ipads.

In Reading and Writing, P4B have looked at playscripts over the last few weeks and have now moved onto mystery and adventure stories. For Art we have all enjoyed printing and collage and are now looking at drawing before tackling painting (any old shirts or overalls you have, might be a good idea). We have also managed a number of Outdoor Learning sessions and hope to continue this, weather permitting!



## Primary 5 News

Primary 5 have had a really busy few weeks. Our main focus has been the history of the local railways. We spent a lot of time researching this topic and creating timelines. We also looked at the local landscape in the past and we compared it with how it looks like today. We developed our mapping skills and looked at the social impact of the railways. We then worked together in teams to create an iMovie documentary to show our learning. You will be able to see our iMovie during our P5 Assembly on the 18th March. Primary 5 have also started skiing at Hillend. Everybody has approached learning this skill with a growth mindset by showing lots of determination and resilience. The instructors have been very impressed by the childrens' listening skills and enthusiasm.



## Primary 6 News

Primary 6 children are continuing with their Space topic this term, and have already had an exciting day trip to the Glasgow Science Centre to explore the exhibits and then visit the Planetarium. They all had a fantastic day! The children have also been given the opportunity to explore Biking with the Midlothian Outdoor Education team, and have been learning how to use gears properly on mountain bikes. This month, both classes will be visiting Rosslyn Chapel, tying in with the Religious and Moral Education aspect of the curriculum. The P6 Euroquiz team competed against other schools from Midlothian on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Both teachers look forward to seeing as many parents/carers as possible at Parent's Consultations before the Easter break.



## P7 News

P7 enjoyed a visit from The Royal Zoological Society of Scotland called 'Beyond the Panda'. We learned a great deal about panda's habitat, food and history. We were able to handle panda skulls, skin from different animals, play panda related games and even learned a little Mandarin. One part we all enjoyed was finding out about panda poo!

Reminder - Some of P7 have biking on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Check your letter to see if you need to be in school early or if you need a packed lunch.



## Parents' Appointments

Parents' appointments will be held in school on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March. You should receive you time slot on 9<sup>th</sup> March.

The book fair will also be open on parents evening for you to look at and buy books if you like.



# Bonnyrigg Nursery



## Newsletter



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### World Book Day

We had great fun in the Nursery on World Book Day. The children loved having the opportunity to dress up and it was great to see so many different costumes. Thank you for supporting this day.

### One Way System

Please remember that, for safety reasons, we operate a one way system through the Nursery at the beginning and end of each session. In addition, also for safety, we have arranged for the door into the Nursery to remain closed but unlocked at the beginning and end of the session.

### Ante Pre School Appointments

Parents/Carers of ante pre-school children are invited to sign up for a parents' consultation with their child's key worker. These appointments will take place week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March. Sign-up sheets can be found in the cloakroom.

### Head Lice

Just a reminder to check your child's hair regularly. Further information about head lice can be found on the school website

### Fairy Tales

This is proving to be an enormously popular focus. The children are enjoying opportunities to listen to stories, watch animations, use puppets and props, learn songs and even play instruments as we explore the magical world of fairy tales.

### Friday Afternoons

Please remember that on a Friday afternoon there is nobody in the school office. If you need to contact the Nursery for any reason on a Friday afternoon, please do so on this number 271 4571.

### Light Table

The children have been engaged in some lovely play and learning at our new light table in the Nursery. Please have a look next time you are in.

### Outdoor Play

Thank you for voting for your favourite Nursery Garden improvement. Work will begin soon on the mud kitchen, water wall and music wall which were the most popular features.

### Fair Trade

Bonnyrigg Nursery children will be participating in this year's Fair Trade event 'Sit down for breakfast, stand up for farmers'. We will be finding out about Fair Trade products and hosting our own Fair Trade breakfast at snack time. You can find our Fair Trade breakfast on the breakfast map on the [FairTrade.org.uk](http://FairTrade.org.uk) website.