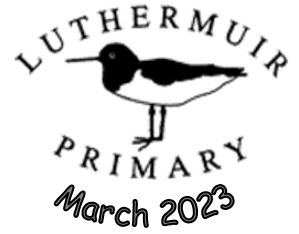


Luthermuir Primary Newsletter



Happy Easter

Yet again it has been a busy term even with all the broken weeks. The staff and children have been working hard and deserve their Easter break, ready for the final term.

Mr I Clarke
Head Teacher

Enterprise Day

On Friday 31st March the children will be working on an Enterprise activity for the whole day. I had previously sent a letter out inviting parents to work with their children on this day. If you intend coming and have not returned the slip, please let us know so I can work out teams. Also, on the day the children can come dressed as they please to make the day more relaxed.

Rotary Quiz

On Thursday 15th March Jenna, Lidia, Eilidh, Erika and Flynn represented the school in the local Rotary quiz held at Mearns Academy. The children were great ambassadors for our school. I would like to thank the staff and parents who gave up their time to be there for the children and the school.

Maternity Leave

Next term Miss Harrison will be leaving us to have a baby. She starts her Maternity leave on 9th June. I know we all wish her well. Luckily Mrs Balmer has agreed to cover her maternity in the short term.

All Round Success

At school we love hearing about what happens in the children's lives and celebrating their achievements. If your child has gone up a level in swimming, been the best player in a football match, taken part in a competition, received a badge at cubs/brownies, then we would like to know. Send in a picture or certificate and we will take a picture and put it up on our achievement wall with a small explanation for all pupils, staff and visitors to see.

Emergency Contacts

It is very important that you keep all your details up to date with the school, just in case we need to contact you about anything. Please if you have recently changed mobile etc. let us know so we can update our records. Also up-to-date emails are required.

Medical

Please can I remind you that school is not a good place for your child if they are unwell. If your child is ill, please keep them at home until the symptoms subside. If they have been physically sick, then they should not be back in school until 48 hours after the last bout of sickness.

Can I also request that you phone or email the school before 9.30am to inform us if your child is not going to attend school and please give us a reason why they are unable to attend.

Curriculum News

It has been a busy term for Primary 1-4.

Numeracy Primary 1 have been learning how to add up to 10 and have enjoyed many practical activities to learn and consolidate their knowledge in this area. The rectangles focused on different strategies used for subtracting within 10, 20, 100 and beyond! Pupils have found using number lines and concrete materials most useful when subtracting. We have looked at solving word problems and the language associated with these, as well as applying this to addition from previous learning. The pentagons have also continued to work on methods for subtraction and have started to focus on single digit multiplication through times tables work. The hexagons have been looking at strategies for multiplication and division and applying these to solve word problems.

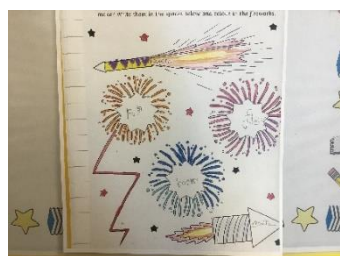
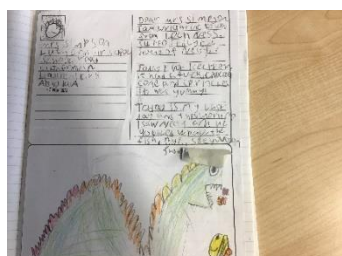
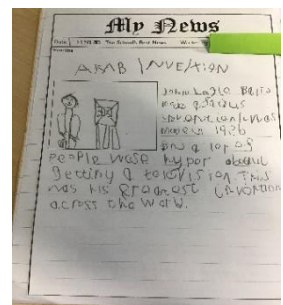
We have been learning about money in maths. We have enjoyed playing in the shop to practise the coin recognition, addition and subtraction skills learned in our lessons.



Literacy

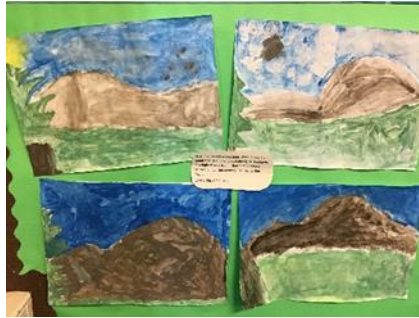
Primary 1-4 have developed their knowledge and understanding of new sounds and spelling rules. We have looked at how we can apply our sounds knowledge to help us spell unfamiliar words in our writing. Primary One are beginning to use their sounds knowledge to read and write short words and sentences.

We have explored poetry, letter writing and newspaper reports in our Big Writing sessions. The class have produced some really super pieces of writing this term! The pupils have been able to identify strengths in their writing and set targets for the next term.



Other Curricular Areas

This term we have been learning all about Scotland! We have explored Scottish Landmark's such as Loch Ness and Ben Nevis through various art activities. Pupils enjoyed researching Scottish Inventors using their technology skills, we looked closely at John Logie Baird, James Watt and Alexander Graham Bell. We are all looking forward to our school trip on the 29th to find out more about Scotland.



P5-7

Hello! Primary 5-7 are eager to tell you what we have been learning in term 3.

Literacy

We have had lots of opportunities to tie in different topics to our writing this term – especially Burn's Day celebrations. As we learned about Scotland, and different Scots dialects, as a class we wrote acrostic poems about Scotland using Scots language. These poems were a great joy to write which we all enjoyed!

In relation to Robert Burns, we also learned Scots poems to recite to our teachers. We learned a mix of different poems with included The Crocodile by J.K. Annand and The Auld Broon Troot by Sandy Thomas Ross. To practice our listening and talking skills, we also enjoyed creating solo talks about our favourite books, linked to World Book Day on the 2nd March 2023. It was a great opportunity to share our knowledge and interests with our peers.

Topic/Other

This term, our topic has been learning about the country Japan. As a class, we have really enjoyed learning about Japan and its different traditions and culture. To begin our topic, we talked about the importance of cherry blossom and decided to create our own cherry blossom tree for the class display. To make it even more special and unique, we researched Japan and chose the most interesting facts we found to add to each petal of our cherry blossom.

Along with cherry blossom, we have been learning about haikus, anime/manga, and different Japanese traditions like sushi, samurai, kimonos, Pokémon, and origami. We look forward to continuing our topic of Japan for the first two weeks of term 4, before we begin our new topic.



Numeracy

This term our focus had moved from number, and we have been learning about shapes and their properties. We had a particular focus on 3D shape, learning about vertices, edges, and faces, along with volume. We have been able to experiment with shapes by using the online builder Tinkercad, which is something we have enjoyed exploring how to use.

The primary 6's and 7's have also been learning about angles within shapes, in particular triangles. We are now able to find missing angles within right-angled triangles and isosceles triangles. We would love for you to ask us how to find the missing angle of a right-angled triangle to show you what we have learned!

Spanish

As a class, we have started learning Spanish. We are really enjoying this as the Spanish language is something brand new to everyone, so we are all encouraging each other to learn a new language. At the moment, we have learned numbers to 15, colours and conversational phrases such as hello, good morning, how are you?, and goodbye. We would love you to challenge us on our numbers to 15 in Spanish!

