



A busy month indeed, class assemblies, world book day, red nose day, curling, cross country and rotary competitions, Feis Rois to mention but a few! To finish this exciting term a health week

has been organised by our Nurture working group for which we are most grateful.

Wherever our pupils go and whatever they do comments are always made about how polite, able and positive they are. It fills me full of pride as I am in complete agreement. They have made me feel proud to be their Head Teacher as I am sure you are as their parents and carers. Thank you very much to everyone who has supported me in this role at Noblehill Primary, I have appreciated all aspects, and felt it an honour and a privilege to have served our school community. I am sure you will extend Mrs Henderson the same warm welcome and support as she joins the Noblehill team after the Easter holidays.

Spring, a time for new beginnings...

Kathryn A Fraser

Staffing update



Mrs Henderson takes up her post as Head Teacher at the beginning of Term 4, I am sure she will settle very quickly and well at Noblehill.

Miss Pringle, Senior Clerical Assistant leaves us on 29 March to take up a new post. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank her for being such a valued addition to our clerical staff. I am sure she will be missed.

Mrs Clark P7 is leaving to commence her maternity leave at the end of term, we wish her well as she embarks in all the joys of parenthood.

Miss McGregor, student teacher has come to the end of her placement. We wish Miss McGregor all the very best for the future.

Mr David White, our school minister retires at Easter, this will be marked at our assembly as we wish him well in the next chapter of his life.

Class Assembly P4/3 - Friday 5 April

Primary 4/3 are working hard preparing their class assembly. They are looking forward to sharing their assemblies with friends and family. We would like to invite their parents, friends or family that are able to join us (max 2 people) at 8:30am to enjoy a light refreshment prior to the assembly. All welcome!

Parent Council

Easter Bunny Drive

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported our annual Bunny Drive. It was lovely to see new families join us - the hall was 'buzzing' with so much laughter (I don't think that had anything to do with my drawing)! A great night was definitely had by all.



Dukeshouse P7

The Primary 7 pupils had a fantastic week away to their 4 day residential trip to Dukeshouse Wood Outdoor Education Centre near Hexham from 5-8th March. They participated in a huge range of activities from shelter building to zip wire and problem solving to the leap of faith. All the children threw themselves into the different activities often facing their fears and challenging themselves to exceed beyond what they thought they were capable of. The pupils all worked well together and demonstrated great team building skills. Their behaviour was super and this was despite dealing with the changing weather, muddy conditions, sleeping in bunkbeds and hot rooms. Huge thanks to our two parent helpers Mr Roxburgh and Mr Robertson for giving up their time and also to Mrs Lee and Mrs Dougan for supporting the whole trip.



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Carlingwark P6

Primary 6 were fortunate to enjoy an overnight stay at Carlingwark Outdoor Centre in March. Due to numbers they were split into 2 groups, having to go on two separate dates, although both groups experienced the same activities. Their first day was a 5 hour walk up Screel and back with both groups having to battle with strong winds and muddy conditions which they did admirably. Dinner at the Scottish Pantry was enjoyed before the fun and games started as they 'tried' to go to sleep. Their next day consisted of orienteering and mountain biking which again they tackled with enthusiasm. Their behaviour was excellent and everybody enjoyed their time away. Huge thanks to our parent helpers Eve's Mum and Jamie's Mum for giving up their time and helping out.

Isabella P6

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Carlingwark was a fun experience that I will never forget. I enjoyed the things that I did with my friends. There was lots of banter and funny moments as well as times when it was challenging and tough-going! My favourite part was climbing Screel – it felt great to reach the top! My second favourite highlight was mountain biking. The food was great – I would rate it 10/10! The weather was sunny but we were prepared for anything. Each day was full of fun with something new. I would highly recommend it to anybody thinking of going in the future!

Harvey P6/5

Carlingwark P6 Residential

I can honestly say the parents of all the P6 pupils who came to Carlingwark should be so proud. Their behaviour was exemplary; they enjoyed all the activities – fully participating even when they were slightly out of their comfort zone. The team work, communication and resilience skills have most definitely been developed! The pupils had a fabulous two days enjoying climbing Screel, Mountain biking and orienteering.

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Thank you to the staff, Eve and Jamie's mums for giving up so much of their time not to mention the comfort of their own bed. Check out the school website for all the amazing photographs capturing all the experiences!

Health and wellbeing week

The health and wellbeing week has arrived! You will see attached a letter from the Nurture Team outlining the week. We have a smoothie bike in school for the week so any donations of fruit would be gratefully received.



Eco School Update

Earth Hour

On Saturday 30 our Eco Committee would really appreciate it if you could turn off your lights between 8.30- 9.30 pm.



RAG BAG

Thank you to everyone who brought in their rag bags last term; you raised £38 for the school. The next collection will be on Thursday 9 May.

Red Nose Day

On Friday 15th March we helped raise money for Red Nose Day by having a non-uniform day and selling red noses. We are delighted to inform you that we raised a total of £236 for the charity which will go to help children both in the UK and abroad.





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Playground Eco Project

In targeting one of the Eco School aims Primary 5 have started the ball rolling by making beautiful trees from recycling wooden pallets. Some of you may have noticed them on the playground wall already. Thank you for all the parents who helped, our art specialist, Mrs Stephen, Mrs Munro our Eco staff member, Mr Healy and of course Primary 5- they look amazing! Thank you also to Story Homes for their donation of the wooden pallets.

A Day at the Farm

Primary 1

As part of our Farming Topic, Primary 1 were able to put our learning to good use this week when we visited Smallholmburn Farm.

The pupils were bursting with excitement and Farmer Stewart and Fiona Jamieson (RHET) were delighted with the children's enthusiasm.

Farmer Stewart showed the children how his cows get milked and he told them that he has to get up at 2.30am to start this process! We were fortunate to see an Arla milk tanker and learn all about what happens when the milk leaves the farm.

Farmer Stewart had organised a surprise. Vet Ian was there and he told us all about his job and we watched him give a scan to an expectant cow. The children could see the calf on a special screen. We will leave it to the kids to tell you how Ian did the scan!

A big thank you to Fiona Jamieson from RHET and the Stewart family for hosting such an amazing trip. Photographs will be added to our school website.

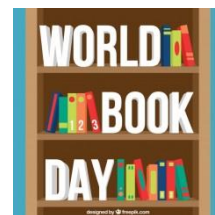


World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March we took part in World Book Day and it was lovely to see lots of the pupils and staff dressed up as different characters from books. The 'Book Swap' has been a success and remember it will be continuing throughout the year so please feel free to come into the Office and choose your next book. Children carried out many focus activities during the day :-

- Authors Live
- Miniature Books
- Paired reading at different stages
- Alternative endings to fairy tales
- Quizzes
- Bookmarks
- Character posters
- Character profiles

Thank you again to families who are continuing to donate books to the 'swap' collection.



500 Words Competition

Earlier this term, many of our classes took part in the BBC 500 Word Challenge 2019. All of the children who participated worked exceptionally hard



on their individual stories over a number of weeks. We would like to thank all of the children who entered - all of whom should be very proud of their accomplishment; the sensational stories were really interesting, funny and creative. Although we are still awaiting the outcome of the National competition, we held a Noblehill competition to increase the children's chance of success and reward them for their hard work. All the entries were judged anonymously by a wide



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range of staff and school visitors, following the competition criteria (judged solely on plot, characterisation and creativity - without regard to grammar, punctuation or spelling). The top two entries from each class were announced at assembly on Friday the 22nd of March. In addition to receiving a certificate of award, the winning stories in each class were awarded a brand new book.



We would like to say a special thank you to Waterstones (Dumfries) and Scholastic for the kind donation of book prizes.

P6 Curling Competition



On Monday 25th March, two P6 teams represented Noblehill at the 'Curling's Cool' competition at

Dumfries Ice Bowl. The children had a very successful day with the girls team (Cerys, Elissa, Emily and Eva) coming first and the boys team (Callum, Charley, Harvey and Kylan) coming 3rd. Well done!! Thank you to Mrs Lee and Charley's mum for supporting our curlers on the day.

P6 and P7 Cross Country

On Wednesday we took 20 of our P6 and P7 pupils to King George V complex to take part in the Active Schools annual 1200m cross country competition. There were a lot of schools represented and many pupils taking part in each race. All of the boys and girls did extremely well on this tricky course and have received certificates for completing the event. We are also delighted to share that we received the following medals:

P7 Girls - Eve 1st place

P7 Boys - Joel 3rd place

P6 Boys - Kylan 2nd place

P7 Girls Team - Ayla, Ebony and Eve 2nd place

P7 Boys Team - Declan, Joel and Torin 3rd place

Thank you to Eve's dad who came along to help, and to all of the family members who came to cheer everyone on.



Rotary Quiz



On Tuesday afternoon, Ayla, Erin, Eve and Stuart took part in the Rotary's annual quiz competition at Troqueer. There were a mixture of rounds including Literacy, Numeracy, Geography and a visual memory test. The competition was very close at the end with only 4 points separating the top 5 teams. The Noblehill team's co-operation and hard work paid off as they came 3rd out of the whole competition! Well done and thank you to all of the parents who came along to Troqueer to support.

Dumfries and Galloway Burns Association

Bethan and Harry recently performed at the Burns Association festival. I am delighted to announce they were both placed by the judges in their categories; Harry was 3rd in the P4/5 bagpiping, and Bethan was 1st in the P6/7 bagpiping. Well done!



Illness

A gentle reminder – if your child has been sick, please allow 48 hours before they come back to school. Thank you.



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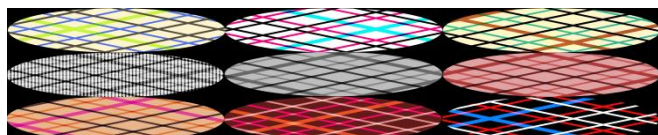
County Dancing



On Saturday 9th March our Country Dancing teams took part in the annual Dumfries and District Music Festival Competition. We entered 4 of the sections and are delighted to report that we won them all, impressing the

adjudicator with both our teamwork and amazing footwork. Our P4-7 team have also been invited to participate in the Dumfries Music Festival Ceilidh on Saturday 30th March. Well done to all the pupils who took part, we are very proud of you. A special thank you to Jayne Riddet for all her hard work this year.

Feis Rois



Over the last 12 weeks P5, P6/5 & P6 have been benefitting from input from the Feis Rois musical initiative. They have been learning Scottish and Gaelic songs and learning to play various instruments including the Ukulele and Djembe drums. Each class then presented the three different elements they had been learning, to their parents and carers in a small concert. They each performed a singing warm up, an instrumental piece and then a song where they also played a range of instruments. They have had a great time and enjoyed this experience. Massive thanks go to John and Steve from the Feis Rois team who have been working with each class throughout the term.

Noblehill Primary Website

As you are all fully aware our website unfortunately does not give notifications when items are posted, please check regularly for updates, photographs and films.

Search for: 'Noblehill News'

Click on the link:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/dg/noblehillnews/>

Nut Free School

Can we please remind everyone that Noblehill is a nut free school. We currently have children with allergies and for their safety, foods containing nuts should not be consumed on the premises.



DIARY DATES – APRIL / MAY

2 April	P7B Parents' Night
4 April	Feis Rois P5, P6/5, P6
5 April	P4/3 Assembly
3 May	P5 Assembly
6 May	May Day Holiday
8 May	Nursery to Ice Bowl
10 May	P6/5 Assembly
16 May	Nursery Sports Day
17 May	School Sports Day
23 May	Outdoor Classroom Day
24 May	P2 Assembly
	Parent Council BBQ 6.30 – 8.30pm
28 May	Country Dancing Show 3.15 – 4.15pm
29 May	Learning Conversations 3.30 – 8.00pm