

# Primary 6 Class Newsletter

Term 4 2023

Pupils have shared a skill they developed during Term 3....

**Luke M** - it was great learning how to start a fire using flints and cotton wool.

**Leyla** - I enjoyed writing my poetry about the Princess Victoria, which I won a primary school cup for.

**Jayden** - I liked playing rugby because we were learning how to tackle. I am now thinking about joining the local team.

**Taylor** - I liked the Burns Supper; it was nice getting to sit and eat together, and to entertain each other.

**Rhys** - the cross country was fun, challenging and hard, but it was a great experience.

**Rory** - I really enjoyed going to play football with all the different schools.

**Lotty** - I loved making pancakes - they were yum!

**Martin** - I loved doing stem smart starts - they are really fun.

**Oliver** - I enjoyed badminton; it helped my stamina and skills

**Freya** - I have been able to progress with playing the cornet.

**Amelia** - rugby was great; it helped with our stamina and to get along with each other more.

**Elle** - we practiced drama and were able to create our own lines.

**Luke W** - I liked rugby, it was fun.

**Aedan** - I liked rugby as it was fun and it is a sport that we don't play very much. More people are keen on this now.

**Luke M** - I liked watching the video of the MV Princess Victoria - it was really interesting.

**Lewis** - I loved learning how to build trebuchets.

## Our Term 4 Focus

In Numeracy, children have been deepening their knowledge, skills and strategies of addition, subtraction and multiplication in their respective groups. Division has been carried over to the start of term 4. Thereafter we will move onto fractions and percentages. In Math, the children have been focusing on time, weight and measurement with Miss Bingham. Mental Math will continue to be a weekly focus.

During week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> May, we will focus on the Stone of Destiny, in line with the King's Coronation, following on from our last topic, The Scottish Wars of Independence.

The new term 4 topics for upper school will be Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood (RSHP). If you wish to look at the Scottish Government material being used, please access this link copy this link into your browser:- <https://rshp.scot/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Learning-at-Home-Second-Level-information-for-parents-and-carers.pdf>

We will also look at the World of Work as a topic. May 2023 will see some employers, organisations and charities come into school for our World of Work day. Speakers will share with the children an overview of what employment and opportunities look like in their arena and what job preferences entail. Whilst the children are still young, this input may help them identify future personal and/or employment goals. Confirmed dates for speakers to attend will be posted on Microsoft Teams.

Carrying on from STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) workshops at college at the beginning of term 3, and science week in March 2023, P6 will start their mornings in Term 4 with STEM activities to help them develop their interest and skills in STEM based topics linked to current learning, and indeed potential careers in this field! P6 trialed these STEM starts most mornings during the month of March, and through pre and post evaluation questionnaires, moved their viewpoints from 68-90%, in agreement that Smart Starts activities should link to current learning experiences. Based on our last topic, The Scottish Wars of Independence, the children enjoyed researching, planning, writing, drawing and constructing trebuchets and drawbridges.

Our P6 School Trip will be on the 1st June 2023. The destination has not been confirmed as yet but is likely to be out with the district. To help support the trip, additional funding will be required. P6 have been working hard on ideas to help make this happen and have come up with interesting fundraising ideas during their weekly class meetings. This will include a plant and craft sale at our School Fun Day on 28<sup>th</sup> May, along with a quiz sheet, number of sweets in the bottle and some home baking. Please keep an eye on the weekly homework/information sheet on Microsoft Teams where further details will be posted. Any further suggestions that you feel may add to our fundraising, and which can be accommodated, will be welcome.

## READING FOCUS

With a busy Term 3, we have not been able to finish our Class Reader KICK, by Mitch Johnson last term. We will therefore continue with this and hopefully start a new book mid term.

In term 3 the class moved onto Reading Rotations, whereby they work in their groups using Reciprocal Reading strategies each week. This strengthens skills in Summarising, Predicting, Clarifying and Questioning, which helps with inference and understanding. These strategies will continue during term 4. Rotations will also include Comprehension tasks, which will develop and deepen the children's understanding of what they read, along with grammar and spelling.

Children can continue to take books home from the class library to read. Library books have been updated twice in Term 3.

Children also support their P3 peers every Monday, acting as mentors and encouraging good reading practice. The children share that they enjoy the responsibility of this task.

## IMPORTANT TO KNOW

**P.E.**—Will continue on a **Monday** for the rest of this term.

**2nd & 9th May 2023**— Golf Practice continues for a further two weeks.

**4th May 2023**—**Rugby**— last day of P6 rugby training in school

**5th May 2023** — Red, White and Blue day in celebration of the King's Coronation. Coffee Morning at 9:30 am in school for adults

**8th May**—School closed for King's Coronation.

**26th May 2023**—Pre-Fun Day for children in school— children are invited to bring in any items they want to sell between each other.

**26th May 2023** - Fun Day for families—5-7pm in school.

**1st June** - School Trip—final details yet to be confirmed.

**7th June** - Sports Day (14th June if weather unsuitable)

**30th June**—Last day of school.