

# Primary 7 Class Newsletter

Term 4 2024

Something I learned or experienced last term was...

- 'We did gymnastics at the start of Term 3 and it was fun.' Lotty
- 'I enjoyed it when P.C McCutcheon came in to visit us and brought in the riot shields and door basher. He also brought in the drugs.' Rhys
- 'I had fun planting trees with Norval and pupils from Stranraer Academy.' Elle
- 'I enjoyed it when we went to the Unexpected Gardens and got to plants peas.' Abbi
- 'I enjoyed putting on the show to parents with the Scottish Opera.' Blake
- 'I enjoyed dressing up and acting as Robert Burns when we went to the Robert Burns Birthplace Museum.' Lewis
- 'When we went to the Easter Code it was really fun and we learned more about Easter.' Amelia
- 'I enjoyed golf with Stuart because I got to use a golf club at school.' Cameron

## Our Term 4 Focus

**LITERACY-** This term we will be developing the skills required to work successfully as part of a team. In preparation for our visit to Sky Up Academy Studios, P7 will be working in groups to create a storyboard for a film. They will be introduced to the Sky Up Academy Studios storytelling programme. P7 will learn about the theory of 'binary opposites' (Levi Strauss) and how it is often used in film and television narratives.

**NUMERACY-** To begin the term, we are focusing on Fractions, Decimals and Percentages. Learning how to find equivalent fractions, simplify fractions and find fractions of amount. We will use practical methods such as bar modelling to help support learning in this area. P7 will also be exploring Time with Miss McClymont and Measure with Mrs Blakeman.

### TOPIC —Forces and Chemical Changes

This term so far, we have rounded off our topic on World War 2. We are now moving on **Forces and Chemical Changes**. We will investigate examples of everyday chemical reactions, such as burning and corrosion. We will collaborate with others to safely demonstrate simple chemical reactions, for example, effervescence. Primary 7 will also investigate magnetic, electrostatic and gravitational forces. Practical challenges will allow P7 to apply their understanding of buoyancy and forces.



### READING FOCUS

This term we are reading Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief. This is the story of twelve year old Percy Jackson and how he manages the most dangerous quest of his life. Along the way, he faces a host of mythological enemies determined to stop him.



Through the text we will explore a range of topics including Greek Mythology, Friendship and Additional Support Needs. Primary 7 will take part in a range of activities to enhance their learning in all of these areas.

### IMPORTANT TO KNOW

As we start Term 4, we have lots to look forward to! It is going to be busy and full of fun!

Mon 6th May—May Day Holiday  
Weds 15th —Thur 16th May— P7 Residential Trip to Edinburgh  
Mon 20th May—P7 transition visit to Stranraer Academy  
Fri 24th May—Pre-Fun Day for pupils and Fun Night (info to follow)  
Weds 5th June—Sports Day: P4-P7 am; P1-P3 pm

Fri 7th June—Navy Attract Team  
Weds 12th June—Alt Sports Day for poor weather.  
Tue 18th, Wed 19th and Thur 20th June— Three day visit to Stranraer Academy (details to follow)