

Hello everyone

Well it seems that autumn has arrived. What a morning! The children have been outside for some of their Maths activities and the weather hasn't curbed their enthusiasm.

#### **MATHS WEEK SCOTLAND:**

This week has been fantastic as we have been taking part in Maths Week. The theme for Maths Week Scotland 2021 was 'Our World'. Through this the children were able to explore the importance of Maths in understanding and responding to the climate emergency, as well as continuing to find Maths in the natural world around us.

Throughout the week we have taken part in a wide range of activities starting with our Moneysense workshop. Primary 1-3 learned that there are choices about what to do with money and explored the difference between needs and wants. Primary 4-7 took part in the Save our Pennies, Save our Planet where they found out ways to save money through choosing more environmentally friendly behaviours in the home whilst learning about the benefits of renewable energy. If you want to find out more, please ask to see your child's certificate from Moneysense where you will find details on the workshops that they participated in.

Wednesday was a very special day as we had a visit from Major Tom who helped us use our Numeracy and Maths skills to complete calculations and interpret graphs and data to help him select the best candidate to become the next Scottish astronaut. We looked at different tests for our potential astronauts such as bone density, knowledge of the Solar System, quantities of optic fluid and kidney function. These were particularly challenging but we managed to reach our objective! We would like to thank the Parent Council for their generosity in sharing the cost of this fantastic all day workshop. I am sure you have all been hearing about Major Tom!

The rest of our week included Scavenger Hunts, Symmetry Challenges, Sumdog Competitions and Escape Rooms. Through a range of challenges the children worked as part of team and used a various maths skills to complete the activities. What a fantastic team and fabulous week! We would like to thank Miss McGregor and Miss Malcolm for all their hard work in organising the activities and the children for giving 100% to every activity and challenge – even in the rain!

#### **OUTDOOR LEARNING:**

We will be continuing to take our learning outdoors and as we move into the autumn and winter months, we ask that your child comes to school prepared for all weathers. There are waterproof suits available in school but wellies or waterproof boots would also be very useful as the ground around the school is very wet. Suitable indoor footwear should also be provided, for the children to change into when returning to class.

#### **PARENT FOCUS GROUP:**

Last night we had the first meeting of our Parent Focus Group. It was a very successful and informative meeting with those in attendance sharing their views and ideas. The group have now created a survey for parents which they are hoping to send out next week to allow us to gather the views of the wider parent forum. The questionnaire is seeking your views on the current homework programme and on what a new programme may look like.

In addition, the staff and children will be part of this consultation and from this we are hoping to make some improvements to our homework programme. Look out for the survey in your mailboxes

next week.

**MEET THE TEACHER:**

The staff and children have completed their Meet the Teacher and virtual classroom visit videos. Please log on to your child's Google Classroom to view these. Your feedback, as always, is very welcome.

**LEARNING FOCUS**

The learning focus for this teaching block has been assigned to your child in their Google Classroom. This will give you an insight into what the children will be learning up until the end of November. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact by telephoning or emailing the school.

**HALLOWEEN:**

Some of the older children have asked if we can have a Halloween Dress Up day on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October. We will send out further details nearer the time but your child can come dressed for Halloween or as they please on this day.

Please do not hesitate to contact us. Remember no question or problem is too small to discuss with us. Feel free to call on 0141 570 7460 and Mr. Blackwell will be more than happy to discuss anything or pass on messages to staff or students.

Have a lovely Weekend.

Fiona McKay

**Head Teacher**