

## Primary 1-4 Class:

Hello everyone. It's another blog from P1-4 and this week we are going to begin with some Literacy news!

In order to continue to improve standards in Literacy we are aiming for 15 minutes of writing 4 times every week. This involves the lesson content from me, followed by the children writing and finally by the checking and marking process! It adds up to quite a chunk of the school day – but I think we can do it! We will also keep a run chart of our progress throughout so we are all involved in how we are performing as a class, so it should be quite exciting!

We got straight down to business on Monday morning. We spent some time sharing our pieces of writing with a partner...



Our writing has been inspired by Martin Waddell's story of Farmer Duck. We were trying to use ambitious words so we thought what better way of using some great words than to make ducks of our own with some great word choices! I think they look rather good!

Paddy is enjoying a Roaring rocket story – it's one of his favourites!



Our finished results look fabulous!

Here's another Martin Waddell story – Owl Babies. I was delighted to listen to Robert and David enjoying this story together with Robert reading to David!

Here's Paddy working on his cutting skills using the play-doh!

Great work, everyone!



## **PE:**

This is also starting to wake us up on a Monday morning. This week we have been working on our skipping technique. We haven't worked on this for some time, so we took the opportunity to work on our form!



...and here is Paddy getting stuck in too!

He was racing around the gym with his frisbee, while we were busy skipping!

Well done, everyone!



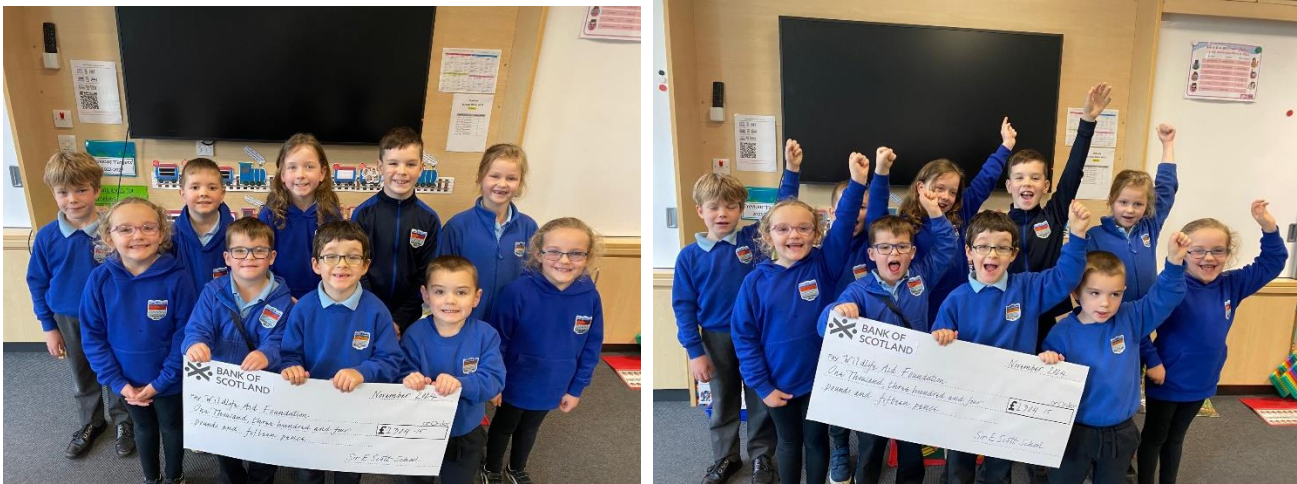
## **Wildlife Aid Foundation:**

We finally have our cheque that we can send to this marvellous wildlife charity. The grand total £1304.15 – not bad for a small class!

We also have a little update on Simon's Last Wish from Lou Cowell who is the new CEO of the charity. Lou is Simon's daughter. She gives us two very important updates:

Lou has been made Managing Director of Wildlife Aid Foundation with immediate effect.

Simon's hospital can stay exactly where it all began. WAF has managed to purchase its current site so the good news is that no new land will be required and our money can go straight to updating and resourcing the current hospital. Our money that we raised will go even further – and we are all delighted with this news!



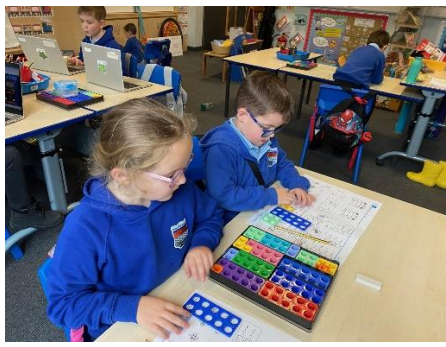
### **Psst! What's in the tuff tray?**



What a good job I had the camera handy! This young person couldn't resist a look in the tuff tray – first thing on Monday morning! Yes – that's right! It's Zoe! Still with her coat on having a look at the items in the tray! This was followed by several more of us as the week went by! Look out for something slightly different next week!

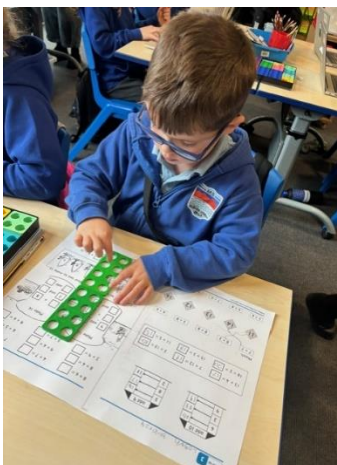
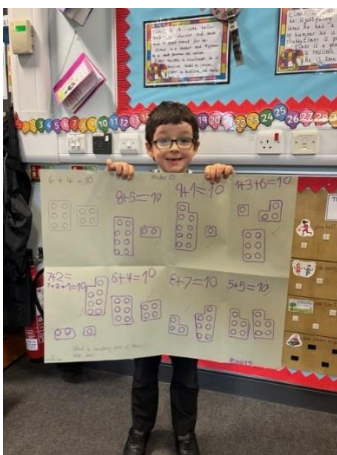
**Maths:** Paddy has been busy doing some excellent sorting and matching! Here he is sorting out our compare bears, before matching a pattern correctly – first with the bears and then with the pegs! Well done, Paddy!





David has been using the coathangers and pegs to create his own additions. Darcey, Logan, Brooke and Elsie are calculating some addition sums too! George, Cooper, Zoe and Rowan are busy on Sumdog Maths!

Robert with his completed work, Elsie is deep in thought; Brooke, Darcey and Logan busy calculating; Cooper and George – Sumdog!



## Sharing:



### Night, Knight

"Night, night,"  
said one knight  
to the other knight  
the other night.  
"Night, night, knight."  
*Anonymous*



Kids Pick the Funniest Poems

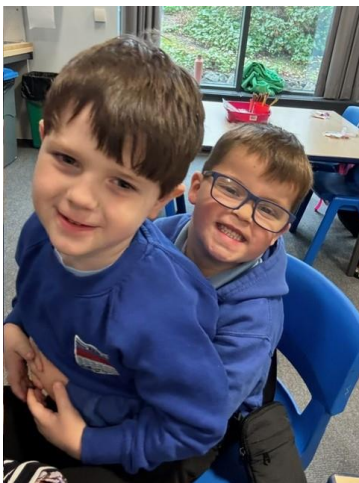
Here's George with his knight that he bought from Carlisle Museum! It was quite heavy to hold! It put me in mind of this little verse and the spelling of "night" and "knight".



And another bit of sharing – but they didn't know it! Elsie and Brooke are having a quiet moment examining our weaving wheel!

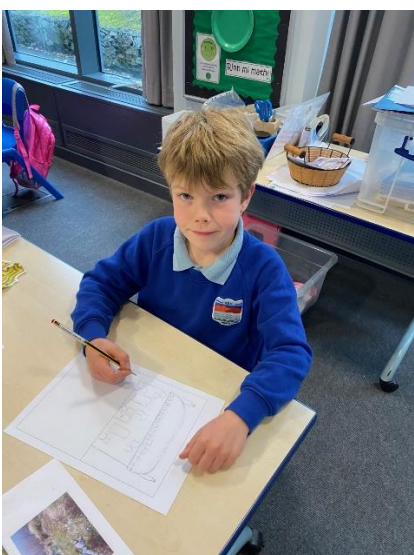
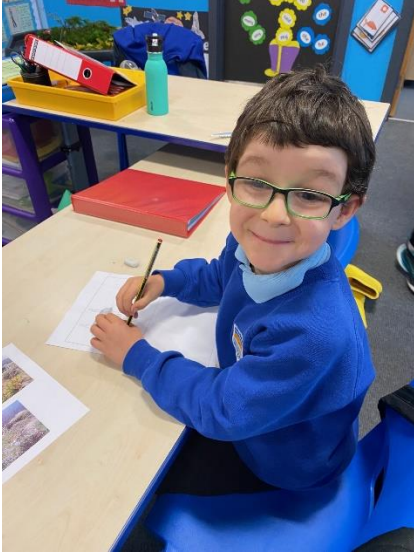
It took a long time several years ago, but still looks good in our classroom, doesn't it?

And sharing our time – Paddy and Logan, plus Zoe and Cooper spending time with Paddy! Lovely!



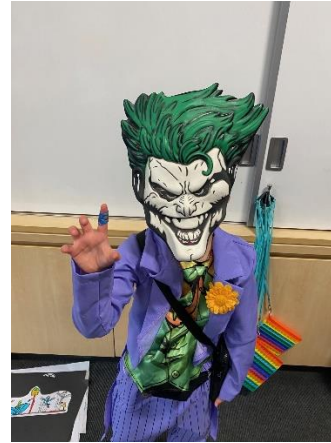
## The Nest!

Getting back into the swing of things we began by familiarising ourselves with the family who lived in The Nest. Some of you may recall the mother died in childbirth at about 26 years. She left three little boys under 7. Dad could not look after them and they were sent to the Quarriers School near Edinburgh and I'm told they didn't really see their father again until they were grown up. There will be more to come on this over the coming weeks, I'm sure. For now, we are busy comparing an island blackhouse with a modern-day house.



## Our Fancy Dress...

Look at us all in our colourful costumes! There's nothing like a splash of colour in the classroom!



We got busy on some pumpkin art! We displayed everybody's work in the gym in the afternoon.







Elsie was keen to share her ghostly craft with us. They all look as if they are holding hands...



Paddy had a great time looking at all the costumes and although he wasn't keen to dress up himself, he found these very funny indeed!

## Outdoor time...

Paddy enjoyed some outdoor time with Kerry this week. He loved the texture of the water and the sand in the outdoor pit and he also watered the soil with the watering can! He enjoyed a story at the end of the week on the computer!



## Seesaw!

Every so often it's good to be able to browse our Seesaw pages and share our thoughts with a friend or group... That's just what we did at the end of the week! It was a great task to finish on!



*Have a great weekend, everyone!*