

# FORGANDENNY NEWS

November 2010

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Welcome to the November Newsletter that celebrates the many successes the pupils of Forgandenny have had over the past month. This month has again been extremely busy with trips into Perth to fill and bury the Perth 800 time capsule, voting in the 'Right Blether' ballot and the pupils raising money for Children in Need. Christmas is not too far away and it is a busy time for our children both in and out of school. Please have a look at the diary dates below and, if you can, keep Tuesday 14th December free for our Christmas Carol Concert in the church.

Well done to Katharine and Naomi who were successful in coming 1st in the PJK waste awareness 'design a spider' competition - winning £100 of book vouchers for the school. The Green Team were delighted to receive a cheque for £150 for their sterling eco work and will decide how this is best spent.

We would also like to make you aware of the 'Lightnight festivities' being held in Perth to culminate Perth 800. This includes the unveiling of the school tapestries, storytelling, street entertainment and fireworks. Please see [www.pkc.gov.uk](http://www.pkc.gov.uk) for further details

Kind regards Graham Donnachie, Headteacher

**aRIGHT  
blether**  
What's important to you?



P4-7 @ Dunning Primary  
meeting Tam Baillie - the  
Children's Commissioner



Adam and Calum helped to fill the Time Capsule as part of Perth 800 celebrations. Adam gave a great interview for STV news.



The Health Heads suggested an exotic & favourite fruit tasting, this proved to be a huge success, with almost everyone ordering a delicious pot of fruit. Thanks to Adam Mc & Struan for all the organising on the day.



Kirsten was kept busy on Tuesday lunchtime, painting Pudsey Bears - great job Kirsten. Thanks to all those who donated - we raised a wonderful £65.

## Diary Dates

Details of events will follow.

### November

#### Wednesday 24th

P5,6,7 Day of Dance - Bells Sports Centre

#### Friday 26th

P3,4 boys, Boys Only - Perth Concert Hall

### December

#### Thursday 2nd

Parent Council Disco

**Tuesday 7th** - Pantomime workshop - all pupils

#### Tuesday 14th

Christmas Carol Concert @ Forgandenny Church 7pm

#### Thursday 16th

Pantomime Visit

#### Friday 17th

P567 Christmas Party

#### Monday 20th

P12 Christmas Party (am) (Subject to Santa's hectic festive schedule!)  
P34 Christmas Party (pm)

#### Wednesday 23rd

LAST DAY OF TERM - 12PM!



# P1/2

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We had lots of fun at our Halloween party!



P1,2 voted on a variety of issues on National Voting Day. This was part of the 'Right Blether' initiative and was conducted in schools throughout Scotland.



## Literacy

I can...take notes under different headings and use these to understand what I have heard/read (P2)

I can...use my knowledge of sounds to help me as I read and write (P1)

I am learning...to recognise the difference between fact and opinion



We made and tested boats as part of our forces & motion topic.

Congratulations to Katharine and Naomi who won first place in the P&K recycling 'Bobby Boots' spider competition. They were awarded £100 for the school in Waterstones vouchers.

## Home Support

### Maths

Learning number bonds to 10 (wizards to 20), recognising 2D and 3D shapes in the environment, making tally charts & buying things at the shops. P2 parents: ask 'how much change will you get?'





# P 3/4

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We are all getting back into the swing of things after our lovely holidays!

We have been..

## Maths

### Th H T U

..... using Th H T U in our work - look at the numbers we can make (pic). We are getting good at ordering numbers from biggest to smallest, and some of us can even add on hundreds and tens. We also have been practicing finding a half and a quarter of things - we

used our Halloween sweeties to practice.



### Pottage of Turnip

..... looking at how to write instructions, we read some medieval recipes and had a go at making 'pottage of turnip' (most of us liked it!), we wrote instructions for making it using fantastic openers like 'first', 'then', 'next', and 'finally'.

## Art

### Halloween & Guy Fawkes

..... busy making seasonal artwork, we hope you liked our spooky window decorations! We also made lovely warm bonfire pictures with Mr Donnachie.



## Learning Logs

### Feedback Please

How often do you use them? how easy are they to use? are they useful? - can you please note any feedback in homework diaries to help us improve the scheme - thank you.



### HERE YE! HERE YE!



The Doctor has managed to find a way of getting back to his Tardis and we came up with a brilliant plant to distract everyone so he didn't get spotted - we had a medieval market. We had lots of stalls selling meat, animal skins, gloves, rope, fruit,



bread and cloth. We worked well together in groups or 'guilds' (we had fleshers, skiners, rope-makers, and glovers guilds) to create our market. We enjoyed the medieval dancing! Primary 5/6/7 investigated crime and punishment in medieval times and put their knowledge to good use on the day!



The Big Bletcher P4 went to Dunning recently finding out

Children's rights. All the pupils voted on what was important to them on Tuesday 9th November.



Dance Club Taster sessions have been running for Primary 1-4 with growing popularity, so much so that another block will be offered after Christmas. Sessions for P5-7 will begin on 24th Nov for 4 weeks.

Perth 800 Time Capsule Rachel was interviewed by STV news reporters about P3/4's Perth topic.







The class have been involved in the 'Right Blether' project, lead by Tam Baillie, Scottish Commissioner for Children and Young People. The class met Tam at a special assembly held at Dunning

Primary, where they talked about what was 'Right Brilliant' in their lives. They have also taken part in workshops to look at children's rights and the community they live in and had a chance to vote on the issues that they would most like to change in their lives. This will all feed into the work that Tam takes on for the rest of his term as Commissioner.



## Stirling Castle

P5/6/7 had an enjoyable, if wet and blustery visit to Stirling Castle. We toured the castle looking at the way that it was defended against possible attack, and even saw rocks that had been launched by trebuchet at the castle in the past. After lunch our workshop gave us the chance to dress up as lords, ladies and jesters. Adam and Esther were King and Queen and we all had to bow or curtsy to them.

## P6 Leadership

Christine Cook has been visiting the school each Tuesday afternoon to deliver the Young Leaders course to our P6 pupils. The aim of this course is to help P6's be able to help to keep the playground a happy place by encouraging other pupils to play together and by leading games.



As part of their Perth 800 project, P567 decide to look at the punishments for crimes committed in medieval times. Each group created a medieval peasant character, which then committed a crime. Pairs from each group then had to either prosecute or defend the peasant. The punishments suggested by the prosecutors were severe, but several defenders managed to get their

peasants let off, or at least got the punishment reduced. There seem to be several budding lawyers in the class! The punishments were enacted at the medieval market, with much throwing of paper towel missiles at the poor souls in the stocks and pillories.



## Siege Machines

The construction of medieval siege machines produced some amazing devices, many of which were technically and historically quite accurate. The testing in the playground was great fun, with missiles flying around at great speed. Well done to everyone who was involved in design and construction of the models.

