



Dear Parents and Carers,

World Book Day

This week our pupils enjoyed a range of activities around World Book Day. Archie Martin (P7/6) took on the role of journalist today and interviewed pupils across the school to find out more.....

Primary 1 and Primary 2/1: Pupils dressed as characters from their favourite book. We cozied up in our reading corners and read lots of books. Miss Schoolar and Mrs McGowan also read us stories. In the afternoon we went into the gym hall to have a party and play lots of games.

Primary 2: Pupils really enjoyed a live author lesson by Julia Donaldson, author of The Gruffalo. We also watched Charlotte's Web and participated in a variety of activities based on the book and film.

Primary 3: Pupils in primary 3 spent time curled up with their favourite book and to make the occasion a little bit sweeter, made some tasty cookies to eat.

Primary 4: Pupils played a variety of book themed games including pin the scary on Harry Potter. We had a great time having a no desk day dressed as our favourite book characters.

Primary 5: Pupils celebrated World Book Day by having a book party. We played lots of traditional party games, with a book themed twist.

Primary 5/4: Pupils loved playing 'Who am I?' based on characters from well-known children's books. Some of the characters have inspired us to read the story they are from. We also read throughout the day.

Primary 6: Pupils had a competition to design a short story. A comic strip or create a new character.

Primary 7 and Primary 7/6: Pupils had a readathon. We used post-it notes to keep track of how many books we had read, and we will use this data in our maths lessons.

Family Learning Maths

Thank you to those families who attended our recent Family Learning Session which focused upon the teaching and learning approaches used in Numeracy and Mathematics with our P1-2 pupils.

During the session we discussed:

- SEAL (Stages of Early Arithmetical Learning)
- Number Talks
- Resources used in class to support mathematical thinking
- How to help at home

Parent Council Meeting and info

Our next Parent Council Meeting will be on Thursday 24 March, 7-8pm on Teams. Please contact the office for a link to the meeting.

The minutes from the previous meeting will be uploaded on to the school website in due course.

Ensuring Wellbeing, Equality, and Inclusion

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, we will be bringing together a focus group of parents and carers to discuss the various approaches taken by the school to provide effective support for all of our pupils.

Parents and carers will share their thoughts on the service they have received and provide effective feedback as to how we can improve. They will also have the opportunity to share their lived experiences so that that whole community can better understand the needs of our children. If you are interested in joining this group or would like further information, please contact the school, and speak with me directly. Tea and biscuits will be on offer, what more could you want?!

Ukrainian Donations

We would like to thank the whole school community who kindly donated so many items this week, the response has been unbelievable! Our Parent Council donated £100 worth of items, including nappies, wipes, hats, and gloves, and were blown away by the assistance of the staff at Morrison's who also gave them a 15% discount.

The bags collected have now been sorted and labelled by some of our Primary 6 pupils who took on the responsibility admirably. The van will come to collect the items today and then make its way on the next leg of the journey.

Pupil Council

Our Pupil Council representatives will shortly be meeting for their first meeting! We are excited to get these groups back up and running now that restrictions have eased. First on the agenda is Road Safety, where we will be looking to link up with the Parent and Community Councils to tackle this issue. I am sure our Pupil Council will also bring ideas to support local, national, and international charities and ways in which we can continue to improve our school.

Primary 7 Ardentenny

Our wonderful Primary 7s will be going on their residential trip to Ardentenny next week. We are very excited for them, and I know they will have a wonderful time. I would also like to thank Mrs Ralston, Miss Montgomery, Mrs Zych and Mrs McIntyre for taking the pupils on the trip and ensuring their wellbeing.

If you wish to get in touch with the school with any questions, ideas or suggestions, please lift the phone or send an email. We love to hear from you!

Yours faithfully,

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