



Williamsburgh Primary School & ELCC



Newsletter

February- March 2019

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you find the information in this month's newsletter helpful and interesting.

Bedtime Story Club for P1

Our P1 children and their families have recently enjoyed a block of Bedtime Story Sessions. The children came along with a loved adult and had story sessions in classes and on the Skoobmobile and then finished off with a hot chocolate and pancake supper! Lots of children opted to come dressed for bed and we saw some great sparkly slippers and cosy jammies. The sessions were very positively evaluated by parents and children.

I would like to thank Mr Smith-McKnight or organising the sessions and all of the wonderful staff who gave up their evenings to come along and help. #TeamWillybugs!

Here are some of the things people said about the sessions and some photos.



I liked the books!

Thanks for all the stories and the Skoobmobilee

Story time was great!

It was great to see everyone outside school. We feel more part of the community.

Thank you for your time and effort into making story time a great input in our babies' lives. Awesome!

Judo Sessions

Some of our children were lucky enough to have taster sessions with a local judo coach. As you can see, great fun was had by all with some very enthusiastic judo moves being practised by the children!



P5 – Egyptian Topic

P5 classes have been learning about ancient Egypt. They have been applying their knowledge about the topic along with their art and design skills to make pyramid models from clay. Well done P5! They look fantastic!



P1 Burns' Supper

Not to be outdone by P7 (see next page!), P1 decided to celebrate the Scottish Bard by tasting some haggis, neeps and tatties washed down by the "other national drink!"

Being mindful of the children's teeth, they just had a "wee nip" as you can see in the photo below!

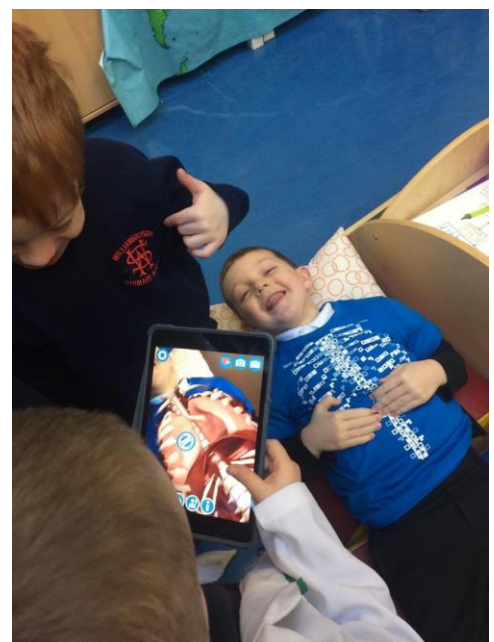
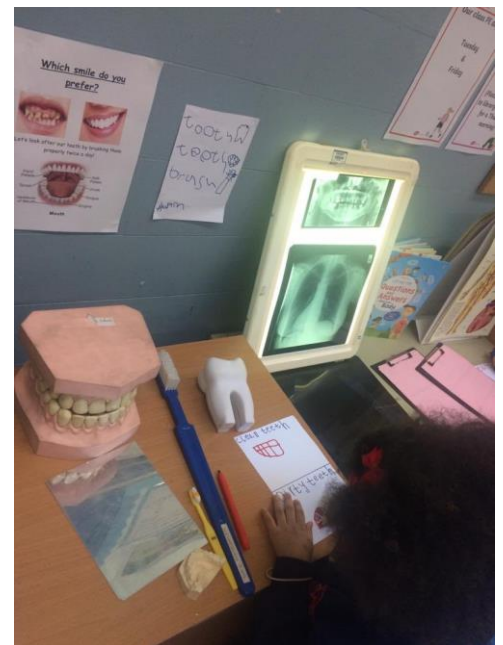


P1 Scientists

P1 have been super busy since January, learning about all kinds of grown up things! They have learned about our lungs and diaphragm; about teeth; operations; x-rays; the human skeleton and have even used a special tee shirt and app called curiscope to “see inside!”

We are so grateful to Charlie's Mum

who came to talk to us about her work as a nurse.



P7 Burns' Supper

P7 once again did us proud by planning, organising and delivering a wonderful Burns' Supper. The children opted to have the event just for themselves (sorry Mums and Dads!) but we have made a DVD of the event and this will be on sale soon with profits going towards the Ardmay trip. Well done to P7!



Chilling out in P2!

Our wonderful Mrs Gibson spent time in P2 recently teaching the children the Massage in Schools programme. If any of our P2 parents are feeling stressed, you now have your own massage

therapist at home! Ask them to try out their techniques!



More fun in P1!

I did say that P1 had been very busy recently! They decided they wanted to build a den to play in. Mrs Mackey helped the children to research yurts and to learn what an architect does. Mrs Mackey arranged for architects and engineers to come in and show the children they plans they had made for the children's ideas. It was very exciting. The structure is now being built by the children – with Mrs Mackey doing the hot glue gun bits! Come and see it in the play area in the main hall.



Baking in P1

We were delighted to welcome Amelia's Dad who came in to share his chef skills and bake with the children. The P1 children learned lots of new skills with some really yummy results!



Vertical Learning

No, this is not about learning up ladders! Vertical learning is where children of very different ages work together on a joint project and learn from each other. P1 and P6 recently worked together, sharing their knowledge about 3D shape and using these to help build the den structure for P1.



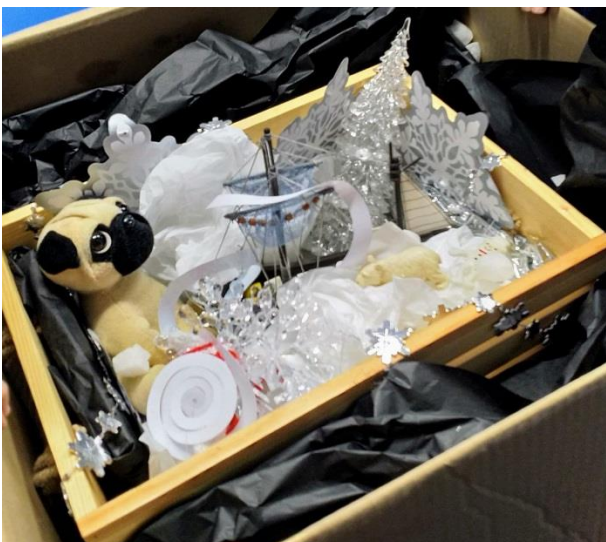
Pantomime

The whole school recently enjoyed a visit from M&M productions who put on a wonderful pantomime for the children. This year we were able to subsidise the cost. We may not be able to do this next year but will still be able to offer it for just a few pounds and we think that is worthwhile for a fabulous theatre experience in our very own hall.



P3 book reveal

P3 children were very excited by the arrival of a special box to their classrooms. This is what they found when they explored the box.....



After exploring the contents and predicting what they thought it was all about, it was finally revealed that the classes were going to be studying a novel called "Pugs of the Frozen North." The P3 corridor is already being turned into an Artic experience for the children. We look forward to hearing what they are learning about through this book.

P3/2 Writing

P3/2 have been learning to write instructions. What better way to learn than to follow instructions first? Any excuse for hot chocolate!



Trim Trail Update

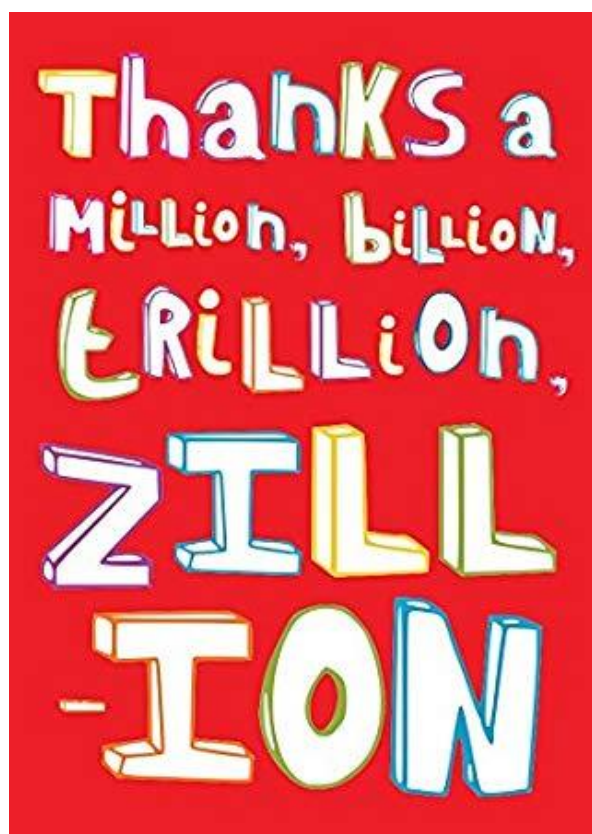
Thank you for your patience in the ongoing saga of the Trim Trail. I must confess I am rapidly losing my own patience with it!

The situation is that it will cost around £5,000 to repair the trim trail and the other playground equipment that needs upgraded. Obviously this is a huge amount of money!

Despite numerous requests, I have not yet had a quote to remove it.

Our new Parent Council members are now on the case, looking at funding and alternative options. I hope to give you a more detailed update in the April newsletter.

**Thank you from the
ELCC!**



The children and staff at Williamsburgh would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Sutherland (Ava's dad) for all of his hard work and time he has spent enhancing our outside play area.

Thank you also to Mr Farrell (Rhyann's dad) who has given his time to enhance areas for the children too.

We appreciate all the help they have given and we know that the children are going to benefit greatly from all the new additions in their outdoor space.

We would also like to convey our thanks to Mr Connie who gave his time so generously to support the children recently at Christmas. We really appreciate that he is always willing to return to help us out.

We have the BEST parents! Thank you!



And Finally.....



As you know, we recently did a widespread consultation about our new school values and the three that were chosen were:

Achieving
Respectful
Kind

We wanted to re-shape our Vision and aims so that they were clear and easy to understand.

We have revisited these with staff and with focus groups of children and would now like your views.

Hopefully you will like what we have done but we are happy to receive your feedback either by completing the section to the right and handing in to school or by emailing: williamsburghenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk and putting "Vision and Values" in the subject line.

Thank you!

Kind regards

Nova Scott

Head Teacher

Our Vision & Aim

"To be a thriving, loving, learning community where we aim to achieve our very best."

We thought about this "jingle" to help us all to remember our values:

"Our Williamsburgh Way – Achieving, Respectful and Kind every day!"

Please note any feedback below and return slip to school. Thank you!

Name.....

Child's class(es).....