



# EYC and Class Blogs

## Early Years Centre



The children in the EYC have been busy as always, exploring both indoors and outdoors. We really enjoyed our tin can stoves, where we had some strawberry and marshmallow treats dipped in melted chocolate.

We have been exploring lots of different ways to make marks, both in the nursery and also outdoors in the woods.





Our sand box outdoors needed some repairs done....so we called in our mini handymen!!



We were really fortunate to be given some funding from Wm Grants and Sons, Nestle UK and Tunnocks so we used the money to buy our fabulous outdoor planter. We have planted some winter bedding plants as well as some vegetables which we will hopefully be able to eat in the spring.



Mrs McKie, Miss Clark

## P1-3



### Outdoor Mondays

Play is an exciting part of our day in P1-3, especially on a Monday afternoon when we spend the afternoon outdoors. We have sailed to Australia on a boat, created Jurassic world that had Lego dinosaurs, formed The Barrhill Band, explored minibeasts and made some super sculptures using loose parts. The highlight of our outdoor afternoons was when we worked together to build a water slide. They made boats out of Lego and junk modelling materials and investigated which would travel down the slide the quickest. The children were happy and engaged throughout and even Kevin joined in on the fun that day! There was lots of laughter all around.





### **Bringing our outdoor learning into the classroom**

P1-3 have also had the opportunity to explore their local environment. They made their own journey sticks, took part in an autumn scavenger hunt and built small animal dens together. Some of the children further developed their learning back in the classroom during their free play by: constructing hedgehog homes using natural materials, using non-fiction books to research and write reports about foxes, caring for our bean plants and investigating the autumn tray.





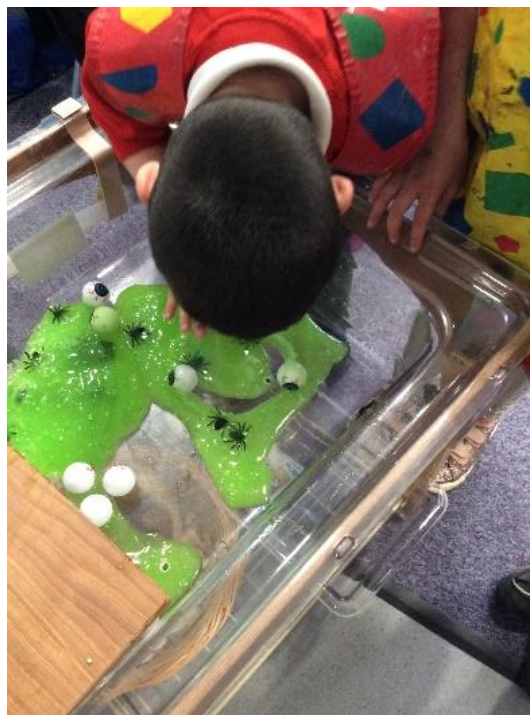




## Halloween

Despite the current situation, we have given the children in P1-3 a fun Halloween to remember. Throughout the week the children developed their imagination and creativity skills. A fabulous 'pumpkin charger' invention appeared in the classroom with a fantastic drawing of a witch's cat. They also developed their literacy skills when they wrote recipes for the perfect haunted house and produced some gruesome witch's potions! Investigating the slime in the sensory tray and dressing up were also enjoyed by the pupils. We ended the week with a Halloween Party with a difference. It was a spooktacular week of fun and games.





Mrs Logan



## P4-7

P4-7 pupils enjoyed a Halloween activity day involving a range of fun games and crafts. The pumpkin patch treasure hunt in particular was a great success! Everyone looked very spooky!

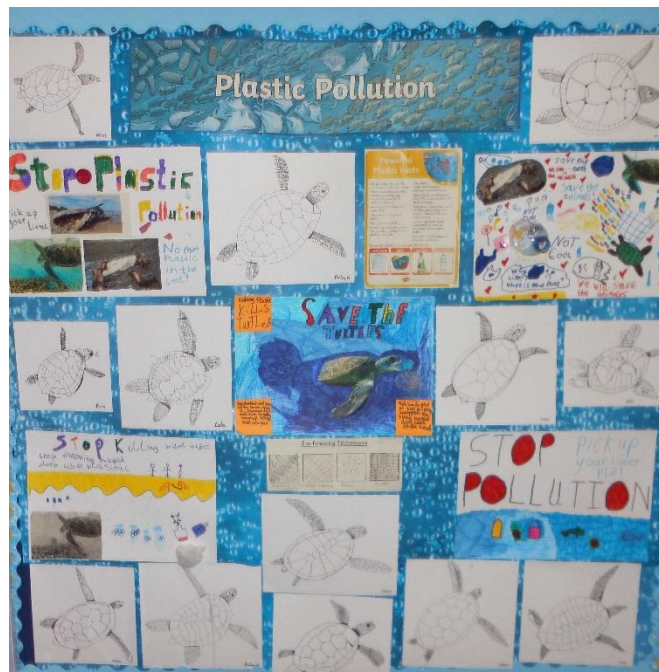




P4-7 pupils have been enjoying outdoor learning and sports sessions with Active Schools on a Thursday afternoon. It has poured with rain every afternoon we have been out so far, but that doesn't stop us having fun! We are hoping to go orienteering on one of our future outings.



For their topic, the children have been learning about different types of pollution and how it affects the environment. We are now moving on to learn about renewable energy.



We have just concluded our 'Trolls' film study. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it!

