

# P5/6 CLASS NEWS



## LITERACY

In Literacy this term we are continuing with our Active Literacy spelling programme and focusing on building our comprehension skills and improving our handwriting. We recently created Microsoft Sways with 10 unusual Titanic facts, presented these to the class and took part in a peer assessment exercise for everyone.

In writing lessons we have been doing some personal writing of News and instructional writing linked to our science experiments. We will now be working on writing reports and persuasive writing as we focus on our Debating skills this term. This term we will also be doing more self-assessment and peer assessment.

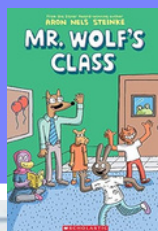
Last term we completed two non-fiction books about the Titanic and Mount Everest by David Long and we then voted for our new class novel 'The Life of Riley' by Simon James Green. It is a funny book which we are thoroughly enjoying.

Groups continue to work in groups reading their chapter books and there have been some really popular books so far including 'Birdsong' and 'The Last Bear'.



## READING FOR PLEASURE

We are continuing to work hard at promoting a 'Reading for Pleasure' culture in our school. Recently we bought some more graphic novels, a set of non-fiction books by David Long from 'The Incredible True Story' series, the 'Lottie Brooks' series by Katie Kirby and some recently released chapter books.





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## MATHS

In Maths this term we have continued with our focus on Money, looking at calculating 'Best Buys', 'Budgeting' and 'Money Work Problems'. We used this knowledge just before Christmas to create shopping lists for food for our reward afternoon. The budget was £25 and we used Tesco and Asda websites to choose our items and created our list on Microsoft Excel to present to the class. During the presentations we peer assessed the shopping lists and added all our scores together to decide on the successful shopping list.

After our trip to Ayr Races we completed some work on probability and odds and we calculated the profit/loss from our imaginary bets on the day. The children noted that the main winners are the bookmakers.

Areas still to be covered this term are 'Time' and 'BODMAS'.



A	B	C
4 hearty food co. cheese pizza 300g	tesco	£ 3.99
2 butterkit toffe popcorn 6x20g	tesco	£ 3.00
18 propercorn sweet and salty popcorn 6x14g	tesco	£ 3.80
tesco german style salami 12 slices 125g	tesco	£ 1.80
naturally sweet sweetcorn 200g	tesco	£ 0.72
tesco instant hot chocolate 400g	tesco	£ 2.25
2 haribo mean stripe juckies 140g	tesco	£ 2.50
feeding dairy real dairy spray cream light 250g	tesco	£ 1.45
tesco mini marshmallow pink and white 100g	tesco	£ 1.10
george home blue metallic blooms	asda	£ 1.00
mad pink paper burning	asda	£ 1.00
mad blue paper burning	asda	£ 1.00
		total: £ 23.58
		change from £25
		£ 1.42
		ps please bring orange juice

£2.00	£0.00	£2.00
£2.00	£0.00	£2.00
£34.00	£136.00	£34.00
Total bets		£204.00
Total winnings		£143.00
LOSS		£61.00



## SCHOOL TRIPS

### Ayr Races

On Monday 10th December we went to Ayr Races and had an incredibly fun day learning a lot about Maths in a real-life context. For a peek at what we got up to click on the [link](#).



### Dolphin House

On Monday 15th January many of our P6 students went to Dolphin House and got the chance to experience many outdoor activities such as Caving, Mountain Biking, Archery, Abseiling, Hillwalking and Orienteering. For a peek at photos from the trip click on the [link](#).



## BURNS POETRY

Since returning this term the children have been working hard on learning one of the two poems chosen for our class: 'A Dug, A Dug' by Billy Keys or 'Scots Wha Hae' by Robert Burns. I have been very proud of the majority of the pupils for the effort put in and almost everyone presented their poem last week when we were selecting the finalists. Some actually learned both poems before selecting their preferred option for the final. That's devotion for you...

Our winners were:

Scots Wha Hae: 1st - Marcel; 2nd - Benji; 3rd - Darcey  
A Dug, A Dug: 1st - Natalie; 2nd - Scott; 3rd - Harris Y

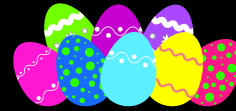


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## REMINDERS

Science Day: Wednesday 7th February  
School closed: Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th February  
World Book Day: Thursday 7th March  
Parents' Night: Thursday 21st March  
Easter holidays start: Friday 29th March

WORLD  
BOOK  
DAY



After-school clubs:  
Mondays: Reading for Pleasure. (Mrs A Gibson)  
Wednesdays: Art (Mrs McQuade)



## PE KIT

Please remember to have PE kit, including gym shoes in school for lessons on Wednesdays and Fridays. Gym shoes can just be left in class throughout the year.



## HOMEWORK

Spelling words will continue to be issued to the children and they can use jotters for their activities. Numeracy homework is set on MyMaths and logins have been stapled in to the back page of the homework jotters. Giglets logins have also been given to the children and some tasks are set on there for them to complete.

Reading for literature circles is set weekly and the expectation is that this will be completed before the group meet the following week to continue with their book.

For those who wish to do a bit more they can start to conduct some research on our new Topic of World War II.

**Want to see what we've been up to in class? [Click here](#)**