

We are delighted to announce that we have been successful in our bid to participate in the Roots of Empathy project. This initiative, which began in Canada, looks at the development of a baby over the period of a year, and in particular looks at how the baby shows emotion. This has a very positive effect on the class involved, as they become more aware of their relationship with the baby and also with each other, showing real empathy with others

P.3 is the class actively involved with the project and had their first visit from Baby Jonah last week. The baby will visit the classroom once every three weeks and the class will work with Jacqui McKenzie, Roots of Empathy worker, in between. We look forward to displaying photographs and children’s work from the project very soon.



**Sports Festivals**

Both P.7 and P.3 have represented their school very well during this term’s Cluster Sports Festivals. P.7 took part in Sports Hall Athletics and P.3 attended Craigswood for a Multi Sports Festival. These sporting events provide valuable opportunities to mix with pupils from other schools in the James Young Cluster and to reinforce skills already being taught in P.E. Lessons. Watch out for more festivals next term!



**P.5 Residential Trip to Lowport**

Sincere thanks to Mrs. Lough, Miss Rae and Mrs. Oliver who worked so hard to provide a positive residential experience for P.5. Thanks also to Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Murdoch and Miss Dunne for visiting the children and ‘inspecting’ their rooms!

Lowport instructors and staff commended the children for their excellent manners and positive attitude to all of the challenges set. Canoeing was definitely the favourite activity with real skills development throughout the day. Well done P.5 – we were very proud of you!





**PARENT PARTNERSHIP**

**Many thanks to all parents and families who attended this term’s Parent Events – Meet the Teacher Evening, Open Morning and Parents’ Consultations. All of these events were extremely well attended, showing parents as real partners in children’s learning. Thank you to all parents for your positive feedback and constructive next steps. We value your opinions and will use your feedback to shape our Curriculum Rationale.**

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