**Roots of Empathy**

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P.3 are very excited as they are preparing for the second visit of Baby Jonah, our school baby through the Roots of Empathy project. During his visit, Jonah is introduced to each child individually and they ‘connect’ with the baby in a special way by tickling his hands or feet. They then watch Jonah ‘tracking’ his toys with his eyes and trying to hold his head up while lying on his tummy. P.3 pupils will see for themselves how much a baby develops over its first year and their contact with the baby will improve their own ‘empathy’ with each other. A very exciting project!

 **Charity Fundraising**

As I am sure you are all aware, Ms Barr, our much loved Music teacher, is absent from school due to the serious illness of her son, Jak. Ms. Barr is in constant touch with the school to keep us updated about Jak’s progress. She and her family have been well supported by Clik Sargent, the children’s cancer Charity. This charity will be the focus of this term’s fundraising. Hallowe’en Dress Down Day contributed to this but we will also donate some of the money raised at our P.6 Family Ceilidh Night for this worthwhile cause. We will invite Ms Barr in to school to accept the cheque on behalf of Clik Sargent before the end of term. Many thanks for your generosity.

**Maths Curriculum Evening –**

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**A Maths Curriculum Evening will be held in school on Thursday, 13th November at 6.30pm. This is an excellent opportunity to find out about the new and exciting things your children are learning in maths and how they can transfer their skills to real life situations. You will hear from all staff about skills progression and how you can help your child at home. More importantly 3 seats in the hall will be ‘magic chairs’ with prizes for those who are sitting on them**

**will you be sitting onthe *magic chair?***

**Hallowe’en Fun For All !**



Many thanks to our wonderful Parent Council members and Parent Helpers who gave up their time so generously to plan and prepare for Hallowe’en Parties for all children across the school. Many of these parents had a very long day, dressing the hall, shopping for drinks and snacks, supervising at the party and clearing up afterwards. Needless to say, our children all had a wonderful time scaring the teachers, Mrs. Ferguson and myself.

Thanks also to Mrs. Balfour and Miss Henderson for attending the P.1-4 party – the children where especially delighted with the appearance of the ‘magic pumpkin’.

Michelle Binnie worked her own brand of Hallowe’en magic behind the disco where ‘Thriller’ and the zombie dance were a highlight of the night. Thanks to Michelle!

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