THE KIDS ARE ALRIGHT

As reported in the last newsletter, the funding raised by parents in recent months has been spent on a range of practical resources and also events, be this trips out of school or to bring specialists into the classrooms.

P6 enjoyed a trip to the Sky Academy Skills Studios in Livingston. This is an interactive learning experience giving children the chance to use the latest broadcast technology to make a TV report on subjects they’re studying at school. It combines a behind-the-scenes tour at Sky with hands-on experience of purpose-built studios where the students write, produce and direct their own short news bulletin.

They are supported by a specialist team and staff volunteers who help them use their creativity, communication, planning and teamwork skills as they explore topics linked to the curriculum.

What did you most enjoy about the Sky Academy?
* Deciding on the backdrop
* Getting on my costume for the report
* Having a tour of the studio
* I enjoyed listening about the jobs there are at Sky
* The thing I enjoyed most was doing the filming because it was really exciting

List any skills you think you developed through your work at the Sky Academy.
* I think I developed more patience
* Teamwork
* Reading big words and long sentences fluently on camera
* Editing and team work
* I developed confidence in presenting
* Acting and keeping a straight face
* Getting to know how to work a camera
* Speaking clearly and being confident

Nursery received a visit from Jo Jingles
Jo Jingles provide Music, Singing and Movement for pre-school children.

* I liked Jo Jingles when we had the parachute
* We were throwing snowballs and we got to throw them at the teachers!

COMING UP
All classes will be receiving a visit from Generation Science this term. Generation Science is a workshop based education project run by the Edinburgh International Science Festival.

Lunchtime Fun
Your Parent Council funds are also now supporting a variety of lunchtime clubs enabling the costs to be kept low to families. So far this term:
* Knitting
* Nature Detectives
* Coding
* Charities
* Netball
* Cross Country

Please contact Mrs Hillsley if you are able to offer to run or help out at a club.
**Event and Fundraising Roundup**

Despite horrendous weather the Christmas Fair not only raised a huge sum for the school but was once again a wonderful event.

This is one of our more community-focused event as it allows small local businesses to showcase their wares and meet the school community.

From the classroom transformed into a beautiful candlelit café to the tables groaning with delicious sweets and beautiful crafts, an amazing effort. Thanks to all who supported.

The Christmas Movie was again hugely popular and, despite technical hitches, enjoyed by all. A plan is afoot to introduce an Easter Movie. This will be afterschool on last day of term, Thurs 24th March.

Bedtime Stories was described by one parent as “one of the loveliest events my children have been to at school” seeing the P1 classroom transformed with fairylights and cushions.

Funds raised at Christmas:
- Christmas Movie: £196
- Christmas Fair: £1211
- Bedtime Stories: £30
- Christmas Cards: £284

**Nursery Garden Plans**

The fundraising for the refurbishment of the garden has reached £995.74! This has come from the Obstacle Course and Carol Singing events plus the penny jar at the Co-op.

Applications are also in for money from Awards for All, The Co-operative Community Fund and the Morham and Garvald Community Windfarm Fund. Fingers crossed everyone!

An Art Auction being planned and more information will be sent out shortly.

**Fundraising Raffle**

The raffle has been extended to 26th January so there is still time to get your ticket money in. The draw will be on 29th January. Good luck everyone. A massive thank you to Alex McKendry for bringing together such an amazing array of prizes.

**Bikeability**

Bikeability is today’s cycle training programme. It’s like cycling proficiency, but better! It’s about gaining practical skills and understanding how to cycle on today’s roads. Bikeability gives everyone the skills and confidence for all kinds of cycling.

Plans are ongoing for a group of parents to be trained to deliver Bikeability to P5-7.

Training Sessions will be in school on 29th Jan & 12th Feb. Please contact anna.derricourt@btinternet.com to join in.

**Where the funds go**

At the January meeting, funds were requested and approved for the following:
- £60 was committed for materials for the Nursery Garden Art Project

**Keep in touch**

We use Facebook, the school website, and our notice board to send out Parent Council information.

**Don’t forget to use www.easyfundraising.org.uk**

Current total raised is £297.01