



DECEMBER 2015/JANUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our last newsletter of 2015. As always we have a lot going on and, amidst all the hustle and bustle, it is sometimes easy to forget those people who help to make things run smoothly at this time of year. With this in mind, I would like to thank the PTA for the fantastic work they do to support the school. This year, not only have they helped towards the cost of transport for class visits but, they have also covered the cost of our pantomime, Christmas tree and Christmas party expenses. We are extremely grateful.

Please note that you will have an opportunity to meet with your child/ren's teacher/s in January. Further information will come out nearer the time.



HOLIDAYS

The school closes at the usual time on Friday 18th December and re-opens, for all, at the usual time on Tuesday 5th January 2016.



CHRISTMAS FAYRE



On Friday 11th December, we would like to invite you to a Christmas Fayre that we are running along with the PTA. There will be gifts galore from crafts made by the pupils, to handmade sweets, locally made soaps, jewellery, handbags and more! Come along and get your Christmas gifts all wrapped up. Enjoy a cuppa and a mince pie whilst the pupils perform festive songs

and then take some time to browse the stalls when your child goes back to their class.

The PTA will be raffling Christmas Hampers at the fayre and we would be very grateful for any donations. Suggested items are: luxury pudding, Christmas cake, sweets/chocolates, mince pies, shortbread, crackers for cheese, tea/coffee, stuffing, cranberry sauce, pickles or olives, tins, crisps, Christmas crackers, small toy. If possible items should be nut-free. **We cannot accept donations of alcohol.**

Please hand items into the school office or your child's teacher by Tuesday 8th December.

Doors open at 9.30am; however, to ensure that there is enough room in the hall for everyone to enjoy the event, we would ask that you time your visit to match your child's performance:

P4 - 9.45am performing Christmas songs
P4 Hamper raffle 10am

P5 - 10.15am performing Christmas songs
P5 Hamper raffle 10.30am

P6 - 10.45am performing Christmas songs
P6 Hamper raffle 11am

11.00am woodwind group

11.15am school orchestra

P7 - 11.30am performing Christmas songs
P7 Hamper raffle 11.45am

We look forward to seeing you on the 11th.



CONTACTING THE SCHOOL



Should you require to speak to your child's teacher, or any other member of staff, you should, in the first instance, contact the school office on 01620 822177.

To help us assist you with your request, you should expect to be asked your name, the name of your child and the nature of your enquiry. Please be aware that although staff will do their best to return your call on the day this may not always be possible.

To assist in the smooth running of, and minimise disruption to, the school, it would be most helpful if children could be sent to school with all the equipment they require for the day, including knowing the arrangements for pick-up time.



CHRISTMAS PARTIES



Parties will take place on the last week of term. We would like to say a big "THANK YOU" to the PTA which has covered the cost food and prizes. The PTA has also covered the cost

of our pantomime.

P5 - Morning of Wednesday 16th

P4 - Afternoon of Wednesday 16th

P7 - Morning of Thursday 17th

P6 - Afternoon of Thursday 17th



PTA

King's Meadow PTA has registered with an organisation called 'easyfundraising'. This is a great way to raise money for the school just by shopping online. We are asking parents/carers to support us by registering on the website and

using it for any online purchases. This won't cost any more than buying direct from the retailer. To join up go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk. Select



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the 'Support a good cause' option and register your details. When registering please select 'Kings Meadow Primary School - Haddington' as your chosen cause.

Once you've registered all you need to do is go via the easyfundraising.org.uk website before making a purchase. From the website select the retailer and make the purchase as normal. This will cost exactly the same as going direct but the school will receive a donation from the retailer. You can also register to receive a donation reminder which will let you know when a retailer is part of the easyfundraising scheme. Just click the reminder when you shop and the PTA will receive any eligible donations.

This gives the PTA the opportunity to raise extra funds for the children and we would really appreciate your support with this.



LUNCH MONEY



As mentioned in the last newsletter, we have seen an increase in the number of children who either have no money or not enough to pay for

their meal. Despite weekly and monthly chasing up by the office staff, at this point in time outstanding dinner money stands at £140. This shortfall has to be met from the school budget, which means that there is less money to spend on resources.

Parents/Carers have a duty to ensure that they have made arrangements for their children to have lunch.



CHILDREN IN NEED



Thank you very much to all those who dressed up/down and contributed to our Children in Need collection. The sum of £355.34 was raised.



MEDICAL FORMS

Before medication can be administered to pupils during the school day, parents/carers require to complete either a Med 1 or Med 2 form. These are available from the school office or our website.



BOOK FAYRE



The school book fayre proved to be a great success and we would like to thank all of the parent helpers who supported us.

£1340 worth of books was sold which means that, with 60% commission, we have £805 to spend on reading resources.

Well done and thank you to all parents/carers and pupils for your support.



CHILDREN'S ABSENCE



Should your child be off sick please inform the school office by telephone, preferably between **8.30am** and **9.15am**. Failure to inform us of your child's absence will initiate a text/phone call to you so that we can

check on your child's safety. Upon return to school, your child should bring a letter explaining their absence and showing the dates on which this occurred.

Planned absence eg holidays, should be requested as far in advance as possible, preferably two weeks before.



FRIDAY CLUBS

Our next round of clubs starts on the 15th of January and runs for 7 weeks. If you are available to help we would be delighted to see you. The Tutorial Room is available for parents to meet, have a coffee and a chat before or after Friday Clubs.

NATURE DETECTIVES CLUB



Our super nature sleuths have been studying lots of different wildlife on the River Tyne and surrounding area. They have also been very creative and produced some fabulous

drawings of their favourite animal or bird. This artwork, along with photographs taken by the children, can be seen at the front of the school.



HOUSE CAPTAIN UPDATE



This year, the house captains are putting in a big effort. In term 1, Abbey were in first place, Lothian in 2nd place Haddington at 3rd place and last Tyne. Earlier in the year, the House Captains made a sports day just for P7s. We had football and bench ball. Lothian won but all the houses put in a big effort and everyone had fun!

Not many classes are putting up their house points and it's disappointing so please encourage each other to put up your house points every day. Every Monday we go round and count up all the points and at the end of a term we count up all of them and see who has won.



GIFT IDEAS



Should you be considering a present for your child's teacher, we would like to suggest that instead of buying a gift you could, for example, spend £6 on a health check for a child in a developing country. £5 would buy the gift of a football that can help children forget the harsh realities of living in the midst of conflict, disaster or extreme poverty, even if it's just for 90 minutes. It can give them back a sense of normality. Although teachers appreciate presents at Christmas we know they would be touched by receiving a present

that could be used by children who are in need. If you are interested in this idea here are two links to look at -

www.oxfamunwrapped.com

<http://shop.savethechildren.org.uk/wishlist-landing/>



EAST LOTHIAN CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE PLAN



East Lothian Council would like to hear your views on the East Lothian Children and Young People's Service Plan 2016-19. You can find full information about it at <http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/news/article/2075/consultation-on-plans-for-services-for-children-launched>



DATES FOR THE DIARY



- Friday 4th: Last Friday Club of the term.
- Tuesday 8th: P4 Badminton Festival
Christmas lunch and Sleeping

Beauty pantomime

- Friday 11th: Christmas Fayre
- Friday 18th: Special Assembly - invited parents/carers only.
- Friday 18th: School closes
- Tuesday 5th January 2016: School re-opens
- Thursday 14th: Parent Council - 7pm in Drama Room
- Friday 15th: Friday Club (1 of 7)
- Friday 22nd: P6B Assembly. Parents/carers of this class are welcome to join us at 9.00 am.
- Friday Club (2 of 7)
- Tuesday 26th: 4-7pm Parent/Carers' meeting
- Wednesday 27th: 4-7pm Parent/Carers' meeting
- Friday 29th: Friday Club (3 of 7)



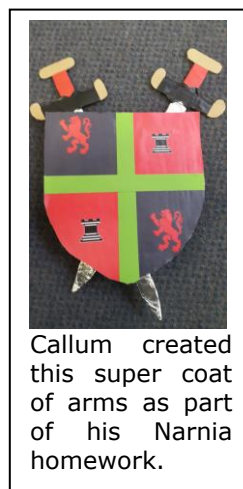
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AROUND THE CLASSES



P4A have been very busy working on our new enterprise topic. So far we have enjoyed coming up with our business

names, job roles, company logos and planning what we will make to sell at the Christmas Fair. We have been tying our maths lessons in with this in order to discover how to make a profit from what we plan to make and sell. As well as this, we have been investigating the different coins and notes that can be used to pay for things, totalling the cost of items and calculating change. We all have enjoyed using our new times table challenge cards and have been working very hard on our tables during mental maths activities. We have been looking at our progress each week and all are much more confident with our 2, 5 and 10 times tables. In literacy, we all wrote an imagined personal response about what we would do if we were king or queen for the day and Miss Grantham was very impressed with the descriptive vocabulary we used in our writing. We are now looking at the features of adverts in our writing in order to create our own adverts for the products we create in our enterprise topic. We have loved our Narnia literacy focus and have all been very impressed each week with everybody's effort from our class and homework tasks. Keep up the hard work Primary 4A.



Callum created this super coat of arms as part of his Narnia homework.

P4B have been working hard on an enterprise project, which involves making products to sell at the Christmas Fair. We identified our skills and qualities before applying for jobs. We then organised our businesses, created names, logos, completed market research and have now begun to design and create our products.

In Numeracy, we have been learning about money through a variety of practical games and activities. We are then going to use our money knowledge to calculate our profit and count up the money each enterprise business earns at the Christmas Fair. P4 have also been working on multiplication tables and have been earning lots of bronze, silver and gold stickers for our

multiplication cards. Thank you to Ruby and Fraser's parents for coming to test us on our tables.

Our Narnia project has been a great success and we have nearly completed the book. The White Witch is beginning to lose her powers and the snow is beginning to melt - just in time for us to put up the Christmas decorations in the classroom. I have really enjoyed looking at the different kingdoms that 4B have been creating as part of their reading homework and learning about the laws and people that live there. Thank you for all your hard work P4.



P4C have recently read that a White Witch has cast a spell over our room, creating an environment of constant winter but never Christmas. We hope that our journey through "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe" by C.S Lewis will see Aslan free Christmas spirit and we can't wait to see how he does it... We do hope he's quick! While we wait for an epic battle in our reading, we continue in our quest to learn lots! In topic, we have been learning all about the Royal Family and the Queen's reign of Britain. Groups took part in specific research and created posters about different aspects of the Queen's life. Each group had the opportunity to feed back their findings to the rest of the class. This was a very successful way to share information found online.

Our new topic is based upon an enterprise approach to our Christmas fair on Friday 11th December. Our class filled in C.Vs highlighting their skills and interests and, from those, we have established business groups with a wide range of abilities from design to finance. We are working hard to provide, advertise and sell a first class product at the school fair. Our crafts are sure to be much sought after originals. We are learning many new craft skills and learning the importance of a certain amount of teamwork and patience! We hope to have them all ready for the table top sale on the 11th.

While the White Witch is distracted in Narnia, we are able to sneak a few good quality Christmas Singing rehearsals into our timetable. The music is absolutely magical and the singing beautiful. A real treat for all the P4 parents and carers we hope will come to see us on Friday 11th December.

In writing, we sent congratulation notes to the Queen. We do hope we will receive a reply, if palace staff is not too busy! We know to write in first

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person, in past tense and use lots of adjectives. We expanded our skills by sharing information about a fireworks display we had experienced. We plan to further enhance writing skills when we pen a descriptive piece about our memories of Christmas.

In numeracy, we have just completed our addition and subtraction topic and moved on to the use of money and giving change. We are firming up our knowledge and speeding up our recall of times tables. We can gain stickers of achievement when we master each one. This will be sure to help us when we delve into our multiplication and division topic after the Christmas holidays.

This is such a busy time of year for us all and I thank you for all your support at home. All that remains to be said is I hope you all have a very healthy and happy Christmas and New Year.



P5A's space topic is coming to an end with a week of space training to see if we could make it as an astronaut. The children will be given missions to complete where their physical abilities will be tested. Tim Peake will be heading into space on the 15th of December, becoming the first British astronaut to go to the International Space Station. Even though our topic will be over, we are keen to keep track of what he is doing over the next 6 months.

For the last few weeks of term we are going to be completing a technology project, but as the result may be a Christmas surprise, we won't say anymore!

We have learned the 4 traditional Scottish country dances for our Christmas party, and, after coming up with lists of steps, formations and patterns, made up dances of our own. We had great fun practising them then teaching them to our peers.

We've been creative in PE as well. We have been trying out lots of different target games and learning some new ones. Boccia, Kurling and golf were all firm favourites. We then made up games of our own with rules and scoring systems before letting others have a go at them and asking for feedback.

On Tuesday 24th November, we were visited by 2 musicians from the Youth Music Initiative as part of the 'Pitch, Pulse and Magic' workshops. They performed some fantastic pieces of music for us and led us in discussions about them. We are learning to use the correct musical terms to describe the music. Next term we will be using this performance, as well

as the 2 other performances that are planned for later in the year, to help us with a sequence of music lessons learning about pitch and pulse.

We will start learning about John Muir in December with a Drama workshop with the Shonagh Davidson, our drama specialist. In the New Year, we will be using Outdoor Journeys to help us plan a journey to a local place to start the John Muir Project. More details will come in January and as we've said before, anyone who wants to join us is welcome.

It will be a busy end to the year and we'll be hitting the ground running again in January (literally if we do our Daily Mile!)

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas when it comes.



P5B have been working with our art specialist, Mr Connell. They have been developing their drawing skills by

creating a spaceman picture using the art-photography work of Scottish artist Arran Ross as a stimulus. They used their drawings to help develop their imaginative writing. Working with a partner, the children imagined a story based on a photograph of a spaceman in an unusual setting. They created a character profile and an event timeline and then used what they had imagined to write a story to try to engage the reader.

We have been revising Scottish country dancing. The class have been practising some of the popular dances and using what they have learned about formation, shape and steps to create their own county dance. They will then perform their dance to an audience for peer feedback. Strictly Come Dancing here we come!

This week we visited the Corn Exchange to watch an author event - The Two Steves. This was part of the Scottish Book Week sponsored by the Scottish Book Trust. It was a bit like a book pantomime which involved a lot of shouting and general fun. The children really enjoyed it.

Recently the year group participated in a music workshop provided by the Youth Music Initiative. This was the first in a series of three sessions which explores the link between music played and the feelings and imagination stimulated by the sounds. This time the focus was animals, birds and winter.

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At the moment, as part of our space topic, we are studying the life of Tim Peake, the British astronaut who will launch into space on 15 December to start work on the International Space Station. We have also linked our maths work about time to our space topic.

We will start our John Muir project with a drama workshop in December all about his early life in Dunbar. The workshop is provided by Shonagh Davidson, the East Lothian drama specialist. In January, as part of our John Muir Award, we will do the first of three outdoor journeys to discover and explore the River Tyne.



P5C have been very busy this term. The class has been learning about The Solar System and how it determines the length of a day, a month and a year. We have also been discovering what life is like for British Astronaut Tim Peake who blasts off for 6 months on the International Space Station on December 15th. Mr Connell has been helping the children to create a space themed mobile too. In writing we have been creating interesting settings and characters and the class has created space themed stories using what they have learned.

In preparation for the P5 Christmas Party (the morning of Wednesday 16th December) the class has been revising 4 Scottish Country Dances. They have also been creating their own dances and teaching this to another group.

Our visit from the Youth Music Initiative was amazing. The musicians explored how music makes us feel and how it can be used to describe events, animals etc. We are booked in for two more visits before the end of the session.

In January, we will be starting our John Muir Project. We will be going on an Outdoor Journey with a Ranger on the morning of Thursday the 21st of January - please get in touch if you would be able to help. In December, we have a drama workshop based on the life of John Muir.



P6A have had a very busy term so far! Our visits to the Sheriff Court to present our cases were very successful and gave both children and staff an amazing experience. Thank you to the parents who were able to come along on the night. Also, a big thank you

to all the parents who completed the quiz as we received marks for each one completed.

We are now finding out about Hinduism as part of our study of different World Religions. This will last until Thursday, December 10th. As part of this topic, the children will be taking notes and using them to create a leaflet about an aspect of Hinduism.

In class maths, we have been working on a variety of strategies for problem solving. You may have noticed that your child had homework that followed on from our class work. The strategies we have looked at so far are: Guess, Check and Improve, Making a Systematic List and Using a Model or a Drawing. We will continue looking at further strategies next term. In mental maths, we have been working on the speed and accuracy of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The website we have been using is www.topmarks.co.uk. In the "7 to 11" section there are a variety of mental maths activities the children can use to build up speed and accuracy. The activity we have been focussing on is "Speed Challenge", which allows personalisation of activity and time allowed.

Our Christmas Fair is on the morning of Friday, December 11th. The P6 classes are working together to learn some Christmas songs to entertain you on the day. There will also be some Christmas crafts to buy!

As always, please let me know if you would like any more information about our work in class or if you would like to meet to discuss anything.



P6B have been very busy over the past few weeks finishing up their Mock Court Topic work. The children worked incredibly hard to prepare their opening and closing statements, solicitor

gowns, witness statements and costumes, evidence, newspaper articles, and courtroom art work. As their teacher, I was very proud watching them bring it all together in front of a real sheriff in the Edinburgh Sheriff Court. Thank you to all the parents who were able to help during the lead up to the Mock Court and to those who were able to assist on the trip itself or help us score some additional points through the online quiz. We are looking

forward to seeing the two finalist teams compete in our final trip to mock court in February.

Our topic focus now is on Hinduism as well as preparing for our own Christmas festivities in school. We have started to learn Christmas songs, and to think about making a Christmas decoration to sell at the Christmas Fair. Please come along and join the fun!

Our Christmas Party is on 17th December and, in P.E, the children have started to learn some Scottish dances in preparation. Please ensure your child has indoor P.E shoes so they can join in safely and make the most of the dance sessions. A water bottle is also required.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support so far and wish you a very happy festive period.



P6C's highlight of this term has definitely been the mock court trials on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th November. What a fantastic experience for all the

children! Our pursuers did very well winning their trial against Loretto R.C. Primary. The defenders defended boldly but unfortunately St Mary's R.C. Primary (Leith) proved to be a difficult team to beat! Our work for the mock court project is now complete but we have the finals to look forward to in February. Neither of our teams will be competing in the finals but we will be able to watch the winning pursuers and the winning defenders battle it out. There will also be a number of prizes handed out for advocacy, artistry and journalism.

Our focus for the next few weeks will be Hinduism. We will be learning about the key beliefs and practices of Hinduism; looking at the main artefacts and looking at how Hindus celebrate and mark key life events.

Preparation is also underway for the Christmas Event on Friday 11th December. We have been practising our songs and deciding what craft we are going to make. It would be great to see as many parents and carers at this event as possible!

In reading, we have been using our class novel, Pippi Longstocking as the context for learning and teaching. The children love 'eccentric' Pippi and have learnt lots

about her character. We will also be writing an author profile on Astrid Lindgren.

In Maths, we have finished working on basic algebra and have moved on to money. The children should also have a good understanding of factors, multiples and prime numbers now. We are continuing to work on Real Life Problem Solving too.

In P.E., the children have been improving their volleyball skills and also brushing up on their Scottish Country dancing for the Christmas party!

The run up to Christmas is always a busy but fun time. There will be lots going on and we will be trying to use the 6C section of the website to keep you up to date. Have a wonderful Christmas when it comes!



P6D's Mock Court journey has sadly come to an end. Over the course of the project the children developed a variety of skills in teams of pursuers and defenders. Our pursuers took on a team from Forthview

Primary School and were delighted when the Sheriff found in their favour! Our defenders performed very strongly against a team from St George's School for Girls and, whilst they were ultimately unsuccessful in court, the Sheriff was very impressed by their case and presentation and therefore reduced the amount the defender (poor old Mrs Telfer!) had to pay to £40.

In addition to taking on roles as solicitors, pupils were supported to be court artists, gown-makers, mathematicians, researchers, journalists and witnesses. Once the trials had been completed all the work produced by the class was marked by the Mock Court organisation and our team of defenders was absolutely thrilled to finish 5th overall in the Lothians' competition! A huge well done to P6D and big thank you to all the family members who came up to Edinburgh to watch the trials take place at Edinburgh Sheriff Court in front of real life sheriffs and court officials. We would also like to thank our tutors - project originator Gerald Murphy and tutor John Taylor - who gave up their time in order to give the children a unique experience of real life ways of working.

We have also been working very diligently to improve our times table knowledge. Our target is to quickly and accurately recall the times tables 1-10. In class,

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we have shared the successful strategies we have been using at home such as working with flashcards, being quizzed by family members and singing along to the songs on Mathletics.

In numeracy, P6 have completed their work on algebra and now feel much more confident in this area - some have even claimed to find it easy, so there may be some budding mathematicians amongst us. We are now working with money so will hopefully be able to point out the best value products in the shops in the run up to Christmas!

Over the next few weeks we are looking forward to social dance, Christmas crafts and rehearsing for the Christmas celebration amongst other things. We hope to see you all on Friday 11th December. Turning our thoughts to 2016 we will be looking at social studies in January and have the finals day of the Mock Court project to attend in February.



P7A have all been working on their novel studies. We have to finish reading our books by the 30th of November. We all have little jotters to write a report in about the book we chose from the library or from home. The books

had to be within our ZPD which tells you what level of book you are allowed to read. In our novel studies we had to write about:

- *characters
- *chapter summaries
- * settings

P7 have been working on a conflict and refugees topic. We learned about the refugee crisis in Syria and wrote a report on refugees and how it is affecting their lives and ours. We read news stories about how many refugees are fleeing their countries. We also talked about what kind of decisions refugees have to make.

P7A and P7C are working on creative dance with our PE teacher Mrs Arnold. In creative dance we go in partners, groups or on your own and do Scottish country dance or do made up moves going backwards, forwards or sideways. We are learning the eight-some reel - a Scottish country dance.

All of the P7s are learning about health education and how the body changes during puberty, as well as seeing a baby being born and how it is made. We completed some activity sheets of a male and female reproductive system. We also had to label the changes you go through in puberty.

In RME, we are responsible for planning and teaching lessons about Christianity. Our topics include Celebrations, Worship, Church, different forms of Christianity. Each lesson has to last up to 40-45 mins. We have to have facts, games and more about each topic. We have made notes on planning a successful lesson and are now working in groups of 4-5 to create our lessons. We can choose to use Power Point or Smart Notebook. We also need to create activities for the class to complete.

As you will appreciate, we have had an extremely busy term so far. Our rugby festival was postponed but we hope it will be rescheduled soon. Recently, we enjoyed listening to 'The Two Steve's' who were talking about reading - this event was part of Book Week Scotland. Still to come this term are the 'Sleeping Beauty' pantomime, attending an afternoon performance of Knox Academy Christmas Concert, and our party. Thank you to everyone in 7A for their continuing effort and willingness to take part in discussions and complete tasks.

Update by Anna, Ella and Ryan

The children are now using Accelerated Reader and we have had great success with the quizzes so far. Each child has been reading a novel of their choice in preparation for a novel study task which will start next week.

As part of our religious and moral education, we are learning about Christianity. We have been working in groups to research the following aspects of Christianity: The Bible; different forms of Christianity; Christian ceremonies; the church; worship; Christian festivals; and key figures. Each group has prepared a lesson to teach the others in the class and we are looking forward to learning from each other.

In the lead up to Christmas, we will be making decorations to sell at the Christmas Fair. We are also learning Christmas songs to perform. The songs we have chosen are linked to our Christianity topic and are traditional Christian Christmas songs. Primary 7 have been invited to attend the Knox Christmas Concert on Wednesday 16th December and will have their Christmas party on Thursday 17th December.



P7B have had a busy term so far and we have lots planned for the next few weeks in the lead up to the Christmas holidays.

We started the term with a topic about conflict and, as part of this, the children found out about the rights of the child and discovered that many children in the world, sadly, do not have access to the same rights as us. We read many news stories and watched videos and news clips that taught us about the current war in Syria. The children in the class were all very interested to find out about the life of a refugee and the struggles and difficult decisions that they have to face as they try to escape war and terrorists. We also learned about some of the organisations which help children affected by war. We hope to organise a fundraiser to show our support for these charities.

Our current topic is Health and, as part of this, we have been learning about puberty, reproduction and the birth of a baby. The children in 7B have demonstrated very sensible and mature attitudes to their learning and have asked thoughtful questions. We have encouraged the children to talk about what they have learned with you at home and ask any other questions they may have.

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P7C have been very busy over the last few weeks. We greatly enjoyed our topic on human rights and performing our class assembly to the rest of the school. Thank you

to all the parents who came along to support us.

In our Health Education topic we have been learning about life cycles and how human life begins. The children have been finding out about the growth of a baby and are currently writing information leaflets about how to look after a new born baby.

In the lead up to Christmas the children will be delivering lessons on Christianity. These are lessons that they have researched, planned, resourced and delivered all by themselves. They will be teaching lessons on a variety of topics including different forms of Christianity, churches and key figures and important people.

The class has been undertaking "The Daily Mile" this term. The children have been putting a lot of effort into running a mile every day and have been doing really well. They are now running for 15 minutes a day and trying to achieve a longer distance through their running.

I would like to say well done to the children for the amount of work they have put into their novel studies. We will begin work on their book reviews in class on the week beginning the 30th November. Their book reviews will then be displayed and shared with the rest of the year group.

Well done to our athletes, footballers and hockey players who have all competed this month and have done us proud!

I hope that everyone has a lovely Christmas and New Year!

Merry Christmas



I would like to take this opportunity to wish all staff, pupils, parents and carers a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Seonaid McGillivray

PLEASE NOTE: Future newsletters will only be sent via email or available on the school website. We would therefore ask that you please ensure the school office has an up to date email address. If this is not possible, a paper copy will be available, on request, from the office.

Please contact the school office if there is anything you would like to see added to future newsletters.