Another year over…

We are nearly at the end of term and both children and staff are looking forward to the holidays. There have been many highlights since the last newsletter, such as P5 Jobs Kingdom Live event, P6 adventure days and the P7 musical. Robin Hood was the theme of this year’s production and it was a great success. All aspects, from the singing, choreography, art work and drama to the technical side of lighting, sound effects, costume and make-up, were designed to give the children real life skills for the world of work. Team work and communication skills were required throughout the project and we saw some excellent examples of this. Many thanks are due to all the adults who gave so much expertise and time to this.

Staffing update

The class composition and staffing has now been finalised for the coming session and we have kept everyone up to date with regular emails.

At this time of year we say goodbye to some of our staff. Mrs Thomson and Mrs Downey, our NQTs, are moving on to the next stage of their teaching careers. Mrs Pathirana is leaving to take up a post with the Scottish Government. Mrs Stark is moving away from East Lothian and will be teaching in the Dundee area. Mrs Morton (P1 classroom assistant) is leaving to go travelling. Mrs Karsgaard (P1 classroom assistant) is returning to Canada. We wish them all well in their new locations and thank them for their service to the school.

Gardening

The gardening club, with the support of North Berwick in Bloom, won a gold medal again for their pallet garden at the Gardening Scotland show at Ingliston. The garden will be on view outside the Abbey Church in North Berwick over the summer. North Berwick will be judged over the summer for Britain in Bloom and the judges will be visiting school to see the work that has been going on here thanks to our keen volunteers.

Volunteer Helpers

We are fortunate to have so many supportive parents and friends who help the school in a number of ways and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of them for their service to the school. It really does make a difference to the children and enables us to provide activities and opportunities which would otherwise be very difficult. The Parent Council once again helped to organise a great sports festival at the end of May, the PTA amazed everyone with the amount of money raised at the May Fair and have recently held Shorts and Shades parties for all year stages.

This year helpers from the local churches have manned the Parent Room between 3 and 4pm, providing a welcome space and a cup of tea to bridge the gap between school and nursery pick up. We hope to resume this again after the October break when the weather is less favourable. Thanks go to them for their contribution to the school.

School opens for children on Wednesday 14\textsuperscript{th} August at 8.45am. In the meantime I would like to thank everyone for their support over the last seven years and the kind wishes for my retirement. Have a peaceful and happy summer holiday.

Kind regards

Jill Wareham

Head Teacher
On Wednesday the Sports Hall was full of parents and people from our community interested in what P6 have been doing about climate change. **Make Earth Cool Again (#MECA NB)** is a social enterprise project to try to raise awareness within our local community of what we can do to help **climate change**. They have been working in small groups researching and investigating what is available in the local area and what practical measures we can all take in our daily lives to make a difference. There was a presentation from the pupils and lots of different stalls run by groups of pupils. Some stalls had things to sell, others had PowerPoint presentations about climate change issues. There were visitors from various organisations, including the Seabird Centre, Sustaining North Berwick, Countryside Ranger, Waste Services and Lil Things. We had people demonstrating electric cars and wind turbines. We are also proud to be part of the launch of the East Lothian Council Climate Change Strategy 2019-2024 and Councillor Norman Hampshire was there to see all the work.

The pupils also served homemade lemonade, Fairtrade tea and coffee and cakes. The project has also enabled pupils to achieve the Me and My World section of their JASS (Junior Award Scheme in Schools) Bronze award.

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**Netball**

Eleven P7 girls took part in the annual East Lothian Netball Tournament at Ross High on 11 June. They played against four other teams winning 8-0, 4-1, 4-1 and a draw of 4-4 placing them clearly at the top of their group with 10 points. This was their first time playing outside - it was a bit chilly and windy but all adjusted well. They then played a final against West Barns Primary School and our girls took complete control of the game. There was great passing, awareness of players around them, defence of the ball and shooting from the Law players and they won convincingly 5-1. Lovely to see all their smiling happy faces, whether on the court or supporting. And with a huge amount of pride, I’m pleased to say that they won the tournament!

*Sonia Livesey, Netball Coach*
Card Club

This term at Card Club lots of students learned to play the card game “Sevens”. We decided to have a competition for seven prizes. Over the weeks, we counted up the number of games won by each person & today at 1pm the winners were announced.

Joseph - won 13
Frankie - won 10
Blaise - won 6
Max - won 6
Rosie - won 4
(Luke - won 3, Harrison G - won 3)

Everyone played with great sportsmanship and now understands the joy of receiving a Queen or a number Two!

See you for more fun next term.

Mel Chambers

Orienteering

Some P5 and P6 children enjoyed competing in the East Lothian Orienteering Championships on 22 May. They were a credit to our school. They used problem-solving and mapping skills to help navigate around the orienteering courses. They showed great team work and excellent communication skills. Well done to everyone involved!

If you would like to participate in orienteering events, look at http://www.elo.org.uk/events/ for more details.

Gardening Club

The gardening club won a gold medal again for their pallet garden at the Gardening Scotland show at Ingliston. They also came 3rd in the schools section of the competition. The pallet gardens are now outside the Abbey Church for the summer.

On 7th June several P7s and P6 children went to the Scottish Schools’ Orienteering Festival at Hopetoun House.

Congratulations to everyone on the team. You were a credit to our school. Special mentions for Innes who finished in 3rd place in the P7 boys’ competition and to Annika & Lois who came 6th in P7 girls’ competition. There were some challenging courses in the beautiful grounds of Hopetoun House. A day to remember!
Help ma boab! Miss Duncan is on the Edinburgh Big Bucket Trail.

Between 17th June and the 30th August if you are visiting Edinburgh look out for the Oor Wullie Big Bucket Trail in aid of Edinburgh Children’s Hospital.

Our school mini sculpture will be on display at Ocean Terminal so go along and take a look.

Once you are on the trail stop on Waverley Bridge, near the entrance to Princes Street Gardens and take a look at Miss Duncan’s sculpture.

“Having been successfully selected to design and paint one of the full sized Oor Wullie sculptures I spent the Easter holidays bringing my design to life. I had some aching muscles and very sore knees after crawling around the larger than life sculpture to make sure I hadn’t missed any bits!

My design is inspired by the healing properties found in plants and the positive impact nature can have on people’s wellbeing. It is called Natural Healing.

All the artists on the bucket trail have been challenged with collecting the most votes for the public’s favourite Oor Wullie so if you like my design please vote for it and take a selfie. I’d love to see your photos in August when we return to school!”

You can download the Oor Wullie bucket trail app and follow the trail around the city to look at all the amazing creative designs. There will also be a map in the Sunday Post published on the 16th June to help you find all the sculptures. In St Andrews Square you will find Our Wullie HQ where you can get more information about the trail and buy Oor Wullie merchandise.

Not visiting Edinburgh over the summer? Don’t worry, there will be an Oor Wullie sculpture visiting North Berwick. Look out for it near the Seabird Centre.
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