

Hightae Primary School



Newsletter

October 2016.

Dear Reader,

I hope you had an enjoyable October holiday and are ready for the next school term!

Please can I remind you that we are trundling into the winter months and to dress your child(ren) accordingly for the weather.

Now, it is time to hand over to the children, to tell you all that has been happening over the last term...

Trip To Edinburgh International Book Festival

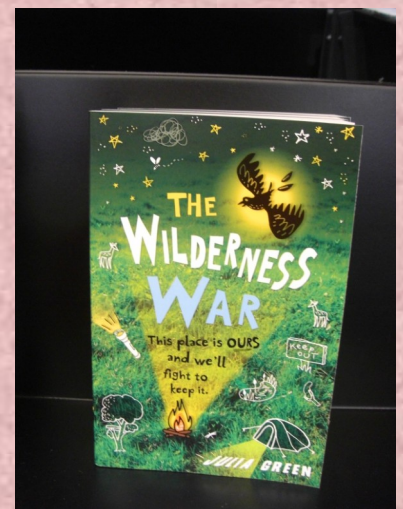
On the 22nd August, Hightae Primary School went to the Edinburgh Book Festival. We had four adult helpers on the trip, Colt's Mum Louise, Eileen, Fiona and last but not least my wonderful teacher Miss Reynolds-Lewis. So in the morning we got on the bus. It was a 2.5 hour drive to Edinburgh and we had a good trip up. Then when we got to the book festival, we got signed in and went to a big tent and got seated. There we had a quick snack and after we got to listen to Julia Green an amazing author that truly inspired me to start writing again. After that, we had a look in the bookshop and Miss R-L bought us Julia Green's new book called "The Wilderness War" then we stopped for lunch.

By Katie P7.

Then finally, we split into two groups P1-2 and P3-7. P3-7 went to see Adam Murphy a comic book writer. He drew a comic with us. It was marvellous and I had a Golden Day, it was so much fun.

P1-2 went to another tent to see Wes Magee who told us about his cat (who inspired one of his books) and taught us some rhyming poems.

By Edie & Archie P2.



P5/6 Trip To Carlingwark

When we arrived at Carlingwark, we went to drop off our bags in the hall and went to the main table where our guide, who was called Mike told us the safety rules and gave us a tour of the building. Then he gave us a sheet to make our bed with and we unpacked in our rooms. He showed us what the fire alarm sounded like and we all went outside and then came back into the main hall. Mike then told us that we needed our swimming costume, jumper, wetsuit, cagoule and buoyancy aid on. He helped to give the stuff out and get us ready and then we all went outside in three groups.

First we did kayaking and we were a bit scared. We were given a safety talk then went in the water and paddled. Once we got the hang of it, we played "tig." It was great fun but tiring. Afterwards, we had lunch.

Secondly, we went canoeing where me (Tara) and Natasha were in a team which was cool. When we got into the water, me and Natasha were really scared. We all canoed over to this little tree but it was so fun as well as scary. Then we canoed over to a bridge and went under it.

Later on we went to go and get our food (at the Scottish Pantry in Castle Douglas) but we got lost and we were late! I had to swap my sausages, with Natasha, for chicken pasta as the man had not cooked enough. The food was good especially the chocolate cake and ice cream—yum! On the way back we got to play in the park. When we got back, we shared our sweets before going to bed and then it was bedtime.

The next morning, we did sailing. In sailing, I bashed into Natasha's boat and pushed her away. We sailed all over the water. In the end, we did capsizing—I was really freezing! After we all did capsizing, we all got changed back into our own clothes and went to the main hall to wait for everyone. Then it was time to get the bus back home—where we all fell asleep. We all had a fantastic time!

Tara P5, Natasha, Jack and Jayme P6.



SSPCA Visit

On Wednesday 31st August, we had a visit from the SSPCA. The lady's name was Dawn and she told us about how they save animals. She showed us a picture of a deer who got stuck in somebody's fence and said, "We bent the fence over first to check if there were any injuries before letting it go." We watched a few videos about a fox and a pine martin, then we did a few group activities. Afterwards, we got a ruler, sticker and window picture of a paw.

By Grace P4.



A Real Life Bat-Man!

On Tuesday 27th September, Mr Taylor, came in to talk to us about bats. He was here because in our school we have bats in our attic and he came to see where their entry and exit points are into the school. He told us that he is 99% sure that the bats are Pipistelle bats. He went on to tell us that somewhere in Ayrshire (Calzean) is home to all different types of bats that live in very big colonies, the largest colony containing 700 bats. Also some of the rarest bats live in this colony in Ayrshire. We got to ask lots of questions including what his favourite bat was, how long has he done his job and why did he get interested in bats. We found out that Vampire bats bite you on your big toe in warm countries, like Africa, because you are most likely to stick your feet out of the bed in the heat!

By Katie P7 & Jayme P6



Visit To Hightae's Art Exhibition Coupled With Litter Picking.



At the beginning of the term, Nick Bass approached me to see if the children would like to put a piece of artwork into the exhibition and of course we were delighted to do so. Then I found out that the exhibition started on the afternoon of the last day of term, so I organised to take the children up to see the exhibition. I have to say that I was gobsmacked with the talent that Hightae has.

We coupled it with a community litter pick and I am glad to report that we did not collect unacceptable levels of litter.



By Miss R-L.

MacMillan Coffee Morning.

On Friday 30th September, Hightae held our annual Coffee Morning raising money for MacMillan and the pupils manned some stalls to raise money for our playground. The stalls and jobs were:

Raffle £1.00	Jack	Edie	
Teddy Bears Birthday 50p or 3 for a £1.00	Ian	Corey	
Guess the number of sweets 50p or 3 for a £1.00	Natasha	Zarah	
Hook a Duck 50p for a minute	Tara	Archie	
Nail Painting 50p	Katie	L-R	Chloe
Tin Can Alley 3 bean bags for 50p	Jayne	Fraser	Regan
Door People	Grace	Colt	
Ushers	Isla	Jake	

The Community and our parents came to support us and it was the best turn out ever! We had to quickly make up more tables due to the great support of people coming through the doors.

We raised for MacMillan £342.00 and for our Playground £208.00—totalling £550.00 WOW!

We hope everyone had a nice time at our MacMillan Coffee Morning and Thank You very much for your support and generosity.

By P1-7.

Overall we enjoyed the whole experience and can't wait to do it all again for Marie Curie...



Fond Farewell to Rev. Dawson.

Rev. Dawson came in to see us and say "Goodbye" as she leaves Hightae to go to Edinburgh. She opened her present and it was a lovely necklace. She also got a bunch of flowers and two cards—one we made for her!

By P1.

Rev. Dawson has been a good friend to the Partnership and will be sorely missed but we wish her well in her new chapter of her life.

By Miss R-L.



Operation Safety.

On Thursday 6th of October, I went to Dumfries to do Operation Safety with all the P7s from the partnership. We met people (pupils) from other schools from Dumfries. We went round activity stations with police, paramedics and a person from a power plant. The policeman explained what to put on a fire and what not to put on a fire. The paramedic told us how to help any one that is unconscious with the ABC actions which are—air ways, breathing, circulation and the recovery position. I also learned about hazards. They told us to give the adults homework - to check the fire alarm and make a fire plan. At the end, I got to see a fireman put water on a burning chip fryer which made it explode - it was cool!

By Katie P7.

Ann Mackie and Dianne Enright Visit Hightae From Australia.

I drove up one morning to find Eileen speaking to 3 individuals—Ann, mother of Dianne and her husband. They were renting a cottage in Hightae and were here on holiday. It transpires that Ann lived at Muirfield and came to Hightae Primary School, approximately 75 years ago. Ann then went into education and taught at Nethermill Primary School before emigrating to Australia. We offered them the chance to visit the school, when the children were in.

The next day Ann and Dianne came to visit us. I took them round all the school and its grounds and they had a chance to speak to the children. The biggest difference Ann told us, was the inside toilets. She told the children, when she attended the school the toilets were outside and the children were aghast!

Perhaps you might remember Ann Mackie... It was lovely to meet them.

Miss R-L



A Word From Our New P1s

Chloe—I enjoy learning my new sounds because of the jolly jingles.

Colt— I like learning my letters because it is fun and I can make up words.

Jake—I have enjoyed writing and listening to “The Wilderness War” book.



Forthcoming Events

- * Monday 31st October, Halloween party in school.
- * Thursday 3rd November, celebrating Bonfire Night with the Playgroup, hosted by Hightae Primary School.
- * Thursday 3rd November, Partnership Bonfire Night at St. Mungo at 6.30pm.
- * Friday 4th November, children dress up as a teacher for £1.00 to support SANDS.
- * Tuesday 8th November, Langholm Science Challenge for P6-7—packed lunch required.
- * Tuesday 8th November, Parent Council Meeting at 3.15pm.
- * Wednesday 9th November, Dental Inspections for P1 & P7.
- * Monday 14th November, Flu Vaccinations.
- * Wednesday 16th November, P5-7 Curling at 9.30am.
- * Friday 18th November, Children in Need—dress down for a £1.00.
- * Saturday 19th November, Lockerbie Lights Cluster Choir at 3.30-4pm.
- * Wednesday 23rd November, P5-7 Curling at 9.30am.
- * Wednesday 23rd November, Partnership Remembrance Day Service at St. Mungo at 2pm.
- * Tuesday 6th December, P7 Transition Ceilidh at Lockerbie Academy, 11.00am-3pm.
- * Friday 9th December, P6 at Lockerbie Academy all day (Drama.)
- * Tuesday 13th December, Tundergarth's Christmas Show at 6pm.
- * Wednesday 14th December, Christmas Lunch at Hightae 12.30pm—one adult per family due to numbers.
- * Thursday 15th December, Hightae's Dress Rehearsal in front of the Playgroup followed by a party hosted by the Playgroup.
- * Thursday 15th December, St. Mungo's Christmas Show at 6pm.
- * Friday 16th December, wear a Christmas Jumper day for a £1.00.
- * Friday 16th December, Hightae's Christmas Show at 6pm.
- * Monday 19th December, Christmas Panto in Carlisle—packed lunch required.
- * Tuesday 20th December, Golden Years Visit at 2pm.
- * Wednesday 21st December, Christmas Service at St. Mungo at 10am.
- * Wednesday 21st December, Hightae's Christmas Party at 1.30pm.