



Hightae Primary News

13th February 2014

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2014. I am sure you will enjoy reading about the many and varied activities the children have been involved in already this year. I am delighted to welcome Miss Fraser to the school and thank her for the hard work and commitment she has already shown. She is enjoying working with the children and getting to know them all well.

The partnership arrangement with St Mungo and Tundergarth is now under way and the staff of the three schools are working together to plan lots of opportunities for the children to meet and share experiences and learning. They enjoyed skating last Friday and there are lots of opportunities planned for March. These include Zumba at Hightae and visits to the Cooking Bus at St Mungo.

Thank you for reading the newsletter and for the continued support you show the school.

Ruth Anderson

Mrs McNeil leaving

Mrs. McNeil left at the end of January after kindly staying on for another month until we could find another teacher.

The whole school wrote some acrostic poems for her last day and some of the parents were there to listen.

When we were finished presenting the acrostic poems we gave her a book and it had our acrostic poems, pictures and personal messages in the book so she could remember us.

On her last afternoon the parents had tea and coffee and the children had juice.

We hope Mrs. McNeil can come back and visit us one day.

By Kibbe P.6.



New Teacher Miss Fraser



Since Mrs McNeil left we've had Miss Fraser who is our new teacher. She's very nice and helpful. We've had her for two weeks and we've already changed the lay out of the class room. There is a lot more room now. We also use the computer more which is better because we get more of a variation.

By Euan P.6.

Fire Safety Talk

By Megan P6

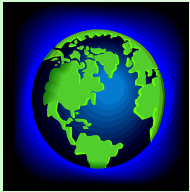
On Wednesday 5th of January a fire officer came in and talked to us about fire safety and to learn about how some simple things that you may not realise can start a fire easily.

Some of the main fire hazards are..

- Leaving the cooker on
- Leaving plugs half out of the socket
- Leaving candles unattended



Remember to check your smoke alarm every two weeks. Stay Safe!



Space



By Keir P5

Our new topic is Space.

Space is very fun. We have already done a poster, fact file and a power point. Shannon and Kibbe were working together. They were the only ones working together. The rest of the big ones were away working on there own. Shannon, Kibbe and I did a poster. Euan & Harry did a fact file and finally Megan did a power point. Everybody's was great.

Scientists say the moon is approximately 4.5 billion years old

It takes 13 hours to get to the moon in a rocket!

BAKING

Every Friday we do hobbies. We have different teams. I'm in a team with Daniel and Mina. The activities are woodwork, baking and Eco. Mina, Daniel and I are doing baking with Ann. It is done in a circulation and we go to each station for two weeks. In baking we have made biscuits and cup cakes.

By Euan P.6.



Hobbies

WOODWORK

On a Friday afternoon, people from the village come into the school to do hobbies with us.

Harry, Keir, Grace and I are doing woodwork and we are making book shelves. I think its fun learning how to make different things.

By Kibbe P.6.

ECO

At hobbies Shannon, Tara, Benji and I were with Eileen making bird cakes. When we were finished, we went outside and picked up sticks and put them in the bin.

We found broken sticks scattered around the playground. It spoils the gardens for Marie Curie Cancer Care so we need to try and encourage people not to do it.

When we were finished we went in doors and washed our hands thoroughly for health and hygiene reasons.

By Megan P6

HOW TO MAKE BIRD CAKES

Instructions...

You put the fat in to the pan.
Put the pan on the cooker until the fat has melted.
Stirring with the wooded spoon will help melt the fat.
When the fat has melted take the pan off the cooker and put it on the table.
Get the bird seed and pour 60 grams of seed.
Then pour in all of the melted fat and mix it in to the seed until there is no more water to be seen.
Then with the metal spoon, scoop out the bird seed into the plastic cups.
When it has dried then put it out for the birds.

You will need...

Plastic cups
1 or 2 packs of fat
A pan
A wooden spoon
A metal spoon
A cooking boll
Bird seeds

Stranger Danger

P.C. Brownrigg came into school today. He spoke to us about not talking to strangers. He told us to stay away from strangers and stay with your mum and dad.

By Daniel P.2



P.C Brownrigg has set a small learning task for the children. He would like them to be able to know their parents names and their address and phone number. The children know that once they have learnt these, they are only able to tell a 'safe' stranger in the event of an emergency.

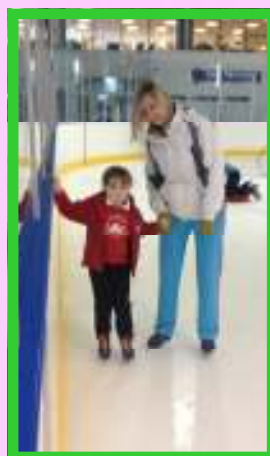


Ice Skating



On Friday, we went ice skating with St. Mungo and Tundergarth Primary School's. Some of us had been skating before but for some it was a first. We had skating from 10am-12pm. We only had half of the rink to start with. We had snack at 10:30. After break, we had the entire rink. The stewards gave us penguins, cars, sledges and hula-hoops to play with. We all loved pulling each other around in the cars and sledges. I hope we can go again. It was really fun.

By Euan P6



Interview with Miss Fraser

Keir: How long have you been working as a teacher?

Miss Fraser: 6 years

Keir: What inspired you to be a teacher?

Miss Fraser: My Primary 5 teacher inspired me.

Keir: What other schools have you worked at?

Miss Fraser: Kirkcudbright Primary School, St Winning Primary School

Keir: What would you like to be if you were not a teacher?

Miss Fraser: I would probably be a zoologist.

Keir: Do you have any hobbies that you do in your spare time?

Miss Fraser: Skiing

Keir: What helped your decision to come Hightae Primary?

Miss Fraser: It was a opportunity to work with new people.



Diary Dates

- 17 Feb – Mid Term Holiday
- 18/19 Feb – INSET Days
- 27 Feb – Science Day at Kirkcudbright Primary
- 5 March – P7 Curling Festival
- 7 March – Zumba begins for 4 weeks
- 10-13 March – Cooking Bus at St Mungo Primary
- 18 March – Cross Country, Lochmaben
- 19 March – Digital Parenting Session, Lockerbie Academy
- 4th April – Last Day of Term