

Hightae Primary School

Newsletter

January 2016.

Dear Reader,

Happy New Year to you all and I hope Santa was good to everyone!

A very warm welcome back to Benji P3 and Danny P2 who has just started with us last term and their family into Hightae Primary School.

Well what a very hectic but enjoyable, none the less, last term, so it is over to the children to tell all....

Hightae's Christmas Performance of "Hey Ewe!"

Hightae Primary School put on a Christmas Show called "Hey Ewe!" We were magnificent! The parents came to watch and thought it was awesome. After our show, we all stopped to listen to the raffle being announced — congratulations to all the winners!



Afterwards, we had juice and cakes whilst the grown-ups had tea/coffee and a mince pie. Miss Reynolds-Lewis was really proud of us as we did not forget any lines or get muddled up and acted to a very high standard.

By Demi P7

The Children's Own Evaluations Of The Christmas Performance:

Natasha - It was brilliant because we took our time in saying our lines.

Tara - It was awesome because none of us forgot our lines.

Grace - It was outstanding because it was fun and all our hard work paid off.

Isla - It was perfect, as we knew exactly when to speak and come on/off stage.

Fraser - It was fantastic as we knew when to come off stage all at the same time.

Benji - it was an incredible experience.

Jack - It was outstanding because we kept going even when there was a wee slip up.

Zarah - it was fabulous because everyone was so great playing their parts.

Corey - We were good because you could hear us saying our lines.

Edie - I think the audience loved us and the show!

Demi - I think we were very good because we sung our hearts out and everyone heard every spoken/sung word.

Regan - I loved the show and being in it!

Archie - I loved walking about with the crook and the dancing!

Danny - I enjoyed being a shepherd and Tara running after me!

Lilly-Rae - It was fantastic because my parents and everyone loved it.

Katie - it was magnificent and we performed at the right speed.

Partnership Recording Music Day

On Friday 30th October, we went to St. Mungo for our partnership recording music day. As a partnership we rehearsed songs e.g. Jingle Bells, Sing, We Wish You A Merry Christmas, Santa Is Coming To Town and Away In A Manger etc. Afterwards, we went out of that room and went to the end classroom where we rehearsed our own Hightae Primary School song "Santa Is His Name-O." Then we went back to record it and other songs for our partnership Christmas CD. It was a really good and an interesting day to see us being recorded.

By Tara P4



After School Craft Club

For 6 weeks, we had an after school craft club on a Thursday afternoon. During these weeks we made bird feed treats, snowmen, stars, angels, paper chains, mice, hearts, Christmas calendars and cards. The parent helpers who made this craft club possible were Debbie Simpson, Lorenia Simpson and Jennifer Dalglish. I really enjoyed it and it was a total success! A huge Thank You to Debbie, Lorenia and Jennifer for giving up your valuable time to be with us.

By Jack & Natasha P5.



Zoolab Visit

One day the Primary 1s and me went to the Village Hall to see Zoolab. There were lots of animals there. I touched a corn snake and I felt a rat's tail. Also there, was the Hightae Playgroup and they touched the corn snake too!

By Isla P2.

(Thank you to the Hightae Playgroup for inviting the Primary 1 and 2 class to their organised event.)



Hightae Primary School's Christmas Lunch

The Christmas Lunch was held on Wednesday 9th December and an invite went out to our parents to come and join us. We made Christmas place mats and Miss Reynolds-Lewis laminated them. For lunch we had turkey, potatoes, carrots and brussels sprouts. Afterwards, we had sticky toffee pudding. Our mum came along to be with us. Everyone had a delicious time!

Danny P2 & Benji P3



Christmas Pantomime At Easterbrook Hall

On Tuesday 15th December, we all went on a bus to Easterbrook Hall and watched Cinderella. There were lots of other boys and girls from other schools there too. We watched the first half and then we had snack. For snack we had a drink, a packet of crisps and a packet of Haribo (thanks to the partnership parent council.) During the panto we met Buttons, Cinderella, the Prince and the Ugly Sisters. In the end Cinderella married the Prince and had a ball to celebrate. A funny bit was when the ugly sisters got 2 men and 2 boys from the audience and made them dance on stage! I enjoyed the whole time.

By Grace P3

Celebrating Halloween

First of all, we all came to school dressed up in our Halloween costumes. Once we all arrived, we had a class photo taken. Then we did Trick or Treat to get a treat. Tammy judged the best dressed girl and boy and Tara and Corey won. The teacher invited Hightae Playgroup to our school to celebrate with us. She didn't expect so many people to turn up! We read the Playgroup the story of "Room on the Broom" and then we all had snack together. When they left we played lots of games and at the end the Teacher gave us all a bag of sweets.

By Natasha P5.



Dress Rehearsal In Front Of The Playgroup

On Thursday 17th December, we did a dress rehearsal at the village hall but it was no ordinary dress rehearsal, it was a dress rehearsal in front of the Hightae Playgroup! We got comments like "It was tremendous; It was spectacular and you were brilliant." So thank you to Hightae Playgroup for inviting us to the hall to perform and also allowing us to join in with their party. We played musical statues twice, pass the parcel and enjoyed snack together.

By Katie P6



Carlingwark Residential

Katie, Jack and I went to Carlingwark on the 1st and 2nd December and stayed overnight. We travelled on a bus and it took about 45mins to an hour to get there. When we got there, we were taken on a tour of the building and then divided up into groups of 4. We were then shown to our rooms—boys downstairs and girls upstairs. We sorted our stuff out and got ready for hiking. We climbed Screel hill and once at the top we used our coats as kites. Jack nearly flew away and the teachers had to hold him down—lol!

At night time, we went to a cafe and had a tea party with lots of sweets. Also we watched a film and had a teddy parade. Afterwards, one of the games we played was, that we had to put a bowl full of flour on a plate and then remove the bowl, leaving the flour only on the plate! We then put a gummy bear on top and had a knife to remove some of the flour and whoever knocked the gummy bear off the tower had to stick their face in - it goes right up your nose!

On the second day, we went mountain biking through Dalbeattie forest. We also did orienteering.....and I got lost! Then it was time to get the bus back to school and see our families.

By Demi P7



Christmas Tree

A huge Thank You from Hightae Primay School to

Mr Bell-MacDonald for giving us our Christmas Tree.



Golden Years Visit

After a very enjoyable pantomime, we had a quick bite to eat for lunch and then it was off to see the Golden Years and celebrate Christmas with them. We sang them our Christmas Show songs, which they enjoyed very much. Afterwards, a very special person came to visit us all - it was SANTA! He gave everyone a present.

Thank you very much for my present Santa,

By Miss Reynolds-Lewis.

Christmas Party

On Monday 21st December, we had our Christmas Party in the Village Hall. Miss Reynpolds-Lewis, Mrs McAulay Sharp, Eileen and Tammy were all there. It was amazing, we had so much fun! We played musical chairs, musical statues, musical bumps and we also had a dancing competition. The best girl dancer was Edie and the best boy dancer was Jack. In the middle of the party, we got a packet of crisps and a drink of juice. It was the best day of my life!

By Katie P6



ECO/Hobbies Group

Every Wednesday, Peter, Ann, Eileen and Sue came into school and did hobbies with us. We were split into 2 groups and one group made puppets and the other group made keyrings. This took a couple of weeks each to complete. After that, we made Christmas star decorations and decorated them with nail varnish, pencil holders, Christmas crackers and coasters. A huge Thank You to Peter, Ann, Eileen and Sue for giving up their valuable time to spend with us. We look forward to working with you again in the New Year.



Forthcoming Events

- * A fourth year student starts with us on Monday 11th January.
- * Pupil's targets given out Friday 15th January, for discussion at home before meeting with the Teacher on Thursday 21st January.
- * Homework Policy Review Meeting on Wednesday 20th January at 3pm.
- * Numeracy Evening at St. Mungo on Wednesday 3rd February at 6pm.
- * Children going to celebrate Chinese New Year with Hightae Playgroup on Thursday 4th February, at the village hall.
- * Small School Review Meeting on Wednesday 10th February at 3pm.
- * Parent Council Meeting on Thursday 16th February at 3.15pm.
- * Pupil holidays 17th, 18th and 19th February.
- * Partnership Burns Competition on Tuesday 23rd February.
- * Marie Curie Coffee Morning, date tbc.
- * Celebration of Learning on Wednesday 23rd March at 2.15pm.
- * Easter Service at St. Mungo Church on Thursday 24th March at 10am.
- * Easter Holidays begin on Friday 25th March.