

Hightae Primary School



Newsletter

December 2016.

Dear Reader,

I hope you had an enjoyable festive holiday and Santa was good to you all!!

Please can I remind you that we are 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 all that has been happening over the last term...

Halloween Party.

First day back after the holidays (October break) and it was the Halloween Party in the afternoon. We were allowed to come dressed up in our Halloween clothes for the whole day. Miss R-L scared me (Jake) in the playground, dressed up as a ghost. The classroom was all spooky (thanks to parents decorating the classroom at the very end of term one.)

First, we did some work in the morning - as Miss R-L likes to hear what we got up to through the holidays then we had our lunch then it was party time. We got to do some Halloween crafts before the party games of Pin The Nose On The Donkey, Ducking For Apples and trying to get the donought off the string — not after doing a trick or treat for it. We all had a great time especially at the end when we got a party bag (thanks to the Parent Council.)

By P1 and P2.



Celebrating Bonfire Night With The Playgroup.

On Thursday 3rd November, we celebrated with the Playgroup on the theme of Bonfire Night. When the adults and toddlers arrived, we still had Mrs. Scott, our music teacher, with us so we sang a couple of songs to the playgroup with her. The songs we sung were Incy Wincy Spider and Dem Bones. Some of the toddlers and parents joined in with us.

Afterwards, the older pupils helped the toddlers create bonfire pictures with cut up toilet roll tubes and paint. The P1s and 2s were creating firework pictures on the computer. Some toddlers used the whiteboard to create more bonfire pictures.

After that, we all had snack. Thank you to the Playgroup for coming in and celebrating with us.

By Jayme P5.



Curling.

On Wednesday 16th November, Jayme, Jack, Natasha and I (Tara) went to Lockerbie Ice Rink to do curling. First, we had to clean our shoes so that there was no mud on the rink and then we did some warm ups. Afterwards, we got split up into groups and went clockwise round stations. After doing a couple of stations we had our break and then went back round more stations before having lunch. In the afternoon, we continued to go round the stations.

We went back the next week and continued to do the same as the previous week. If we had money with us we could buy a hot chocolate and sweets. In the end, my team won the most points out of the whole two weeks. It was really good fun but tiring at the same time and I am glad that my team won.

By Tara P5.



Christmas Lunch.

On Wednesday 14th December, it was our Christmas Lunch. A couple of weeks before, we wrote invites to our parents to invite them to it and wear a Christmas jumper. We could only invite one parent due to space! My Dad came for me wearing his Rudolph jumper and if you pressed its nose it sang Rudolph The Red Nose Reindeer. There were 36 lunches served by the Primary 6s and 7.

By Grace P4.



Christmas Pantomime.

On Monday 19th December, we all met at Lockerbie Ice Rink to be picked up by the bus (with Tundergarth already on it) to go down to Carlisle Sands Centre where we saw Jack and the Beanstalk. The main characters were Jack, Jill, Mother Trot, Flesh Creep, Simon, the fairy Godmother, Daisy the cow and the Giant. We found it hilarious and it had lots of people in the audience singing along with the songs. There was an interval and Tundergarth's snack went missing! So Mrs McAulay Sharp had to buy them their snack. We got back to school and ate our lunch at 2pm! We would thoroughly recommend the panto.

Thank you to the Parent Council for this treat.

Jayme and Natasha P6, Ian and Grace P4 and Tara P5.

Visiting the Golden Years - Where There Was A Special Visitor...

In the afternoon of Tuesday 20th December, we went to the school village hall and sat down in front of the Golden Years. We sang our Christmas Show songs to them. Then we sang Jingle Bells and as if by magic, Santa appeared. We must have been good boys and girls because we all got a present even the adults! We gave out a card, calendar and book mark to all of the Golden Years, that we had previously made for them. Thank you for having us.

Corey P2, Natasha and Jayme P6.

Dress Rehearsal In Front Of The Playgroup.

On Thursday 15th December, we did a show rehearsal in front of the playgroup and we got some lines mixed up. We also learnt, that we needed to be more confident and speak up louder. However, the playgroup said we were good and that made us happy.

Afterwards, we joined in with the Playgroup's Christmas party. We played pass the parcel and musical statues as party games. I (Grace) won the pass the parcel game and got a box of jellybeans. Then it was time for snack.

By Jack P6, Grace P4 and Edie P2.



Our Christmas Show Evaluation

Natasha—I did not want to do it at first, say my lines, but once I did I felt okay.

Jack— I was pleased with my performance and did not forget my lines.

Grace—I felt very nervous and very excited but once I got up there I felt very proud of myself.

Tara— I was really scared at the beginning but at the end , I was very proud with my performance.

Jayne—at first I was scared that I would get my lines mixed up, but I didn't and that made me proud of myself.

Isla—at first I felt very, very nervous but afterwards I felt fine.

Chloe—I liked the Three Kings Song the best. Although I cried, I did my best.

Zarah— When I got onto stage, I felt happy nervous but once I started singing I was fine.

Corey—I enjoyed the song A Star Kept Shining.

Lilly-Rae—I was proud that I said my lines and played the musical instruments.

Fraser—I was very proud of myself, as I had to do someone else's line on the night.

Edie—I loved it because I got to play the instruments and I had a louder voice on the night.

Regan—I liked being a shepherd.

Jake—I was proud to play the part of Joseph and have a loud voice on the night.

Colt—I was proud to play the part of the Angel Gabriel and have a loud voice on the night.

Miss R-L—I was very proud of all the children. They took on board all the constructive feedback and gave their best performance to date - with loud voices, great singing with actions and playing musical instruments. The children should be proud of themselves and they made me proud.

Thank you to all who came and supported us on the night. We made:

Squares £248.72

Baking and crafts £60.80

Ticket Sales £279.50

Christmas Jumpers £12.00

Calendars £51.00

Once again, **THANK YOU!**

ECO and Hobbies.

This term Ann, Peter and Sue have been coming in every Friday afternoon to do hobbies with us. The biggest thing we have made is our bug hotel. We got pallets (kindly donated by Mr. Simpson) and stacked them up. Then we collected leaves, twigs, slates, toilet roll tubes, hay and that is all I can remember (Fraser) and put them in the pallets. We hope to get lots of bugs like spiders, beetles and worms (Corey)! Thank you to Mrs. Simpson who also helped us with the bug hotel.

By Fraser, Archie, Regan and Corey P2 and Colt, and Jake P1.



With Ann and Sue, we made book marks and Christmas Cards for the Golden Years, money boxes/tins and they helped us with our Christmas Enterprise of button wreaths and Christmas tree decorations, which we are going to sell at our Christmas Show.



By Edie, Zarah, Lilly-Rae P2, Chloe P1 and Isla P3.

Christmas Tree.

A huge Thank You to Mr. Bell Macdonald for donating the Christmas tree. As you can see from the picture we had great fun decorating it and ourselves with our Christmas jumpers on!

By Katie P7.



Thank You For Thinking Of Us.

A letter by Natasha P6 to Mrs A. Gibson...

Thank you very much for thinking of us and knitting the Nativity characters. Peter Barlow kindly made the scene for us. We are going to show them both off at our Christmas Show.





Baby Mollie.

We have been keeping a diary on Mollie since she was born. Mollie came in to see us when she was six months old. Now she can grip better, she can crawl, eat some solids and talk a little bit.

By Isla P3.



P6-7 Science Challenge at Langholm.

On Tuesday 8th November, Natasha, Jack, Jayme and Katie got picked up by Katie's Mum, Sarah. Firstly we got a badge which said Science Challenge and our names, then we got split into groups and directed into our rooms. The three other groups were Hoddum, Eaglesfield and Hottsbridge in our room, although, there was eight schools in total taking part. Then a lady gave us instructions and gave us a tray full of flour, sugar, yeast, salt, baking soda and water. We had to put on goggles and then we tried different combinations to see what would happen.

After lunch, we had to make bread dough and the winners were Eaglesfield followed by Hoddum and thirdly came Nethermill.

Thank you to Sarah. for taking us.

Jack, Jayme and Natasha P6.

Feis Rois.

Every Wednesday morning Feis Rois have been coming to see us and teach us how to play the ukulele, sing some traditional songs and help us with rhythm and beats. We have learned to play the chords F, G, C sus 4 and C.

The ladies are called Kate and Claire and we look forward to seeing them in the New Year.

By Grace P4.



P6 Transition On The Theme Of Drama.

On Friday 9th December, Jayme and I (Natasha) got taken to the Academy by Jayme's Mum, Sam. When we got there, Mrs McAulay Sharp gave us our name badges and then we had to wait for other schools to come. Then we started to act out a war drama scene girls versus boys. After that activity, we went on stage and the Sixth Years showed us a back stage tour of the costumes. Also I got taken round the Academy—it was massive! Then we had snack and after that, we went to see where they put the make up on and the lady there put make up on a man and told us a bit about it. After lunch, we did some dancing and acted out some improvisation. After the dancing, Miss Hart took us for music and then we watched six scenes of the Academy's production of, Sunshine On Leith. At the beginning of the day, I was quite nervous but in the end really enjoyed the whole experience.

Thank you to Sam for taking us.

By Natasha P6.

Cluster P7 Maths Challenge.

On Friday 2nd December, Mrs McAulay Sharp took me to Lockerbie Academy. We went in and thought we would be the last ones there but we weren't. Then we got a folder of questions and we had 45 minutes to complete them. Then we got separated and worked with other pupils. We got another sheet of paper which we had to figure out the answer to the question or pass and get another question. Once we finished we had to pass on another set of questions to the other team for them to complete them. There were 15 questions altogether and we probably completed 10! Overall, the winners were Lochmaben. It was hard!

By Katie P7.

Dress Up For SANDS.

We got to dress up as a Teacher on Friday 11th November and Miss R-L got to dress up as a pupil. I (Ian) got to tell her to stand in line and sit on her chair. We raised £16.00 for the SANDS charity.



By Ian P4.



P7 Transition Ceilidh.

On Tuesday 6th December, Mrs Currie picked me up and took me to Lockerbie Academy. When I got there, I was quite nervous but then I met up with some friends from Lochmaben. The first dance was the Dashing White Sergeant followed by, The Gay Gordons, Canadian Barn Dance and The Circle Waltz. After that we got to watch some of the Academy's production of Sunshine On Leith. I had a great time!

By Katie P7.

Forthcoming Events

- * Thursday 5th January and every Thursday until 9th February, Tundergarth at Hightae.
- * Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th January, Primary 1 enrolment dates.
- * Tuesday 17th January to 7th February inclusive, P2-4 Karate after school activity at Hightae 3.30-4.30pm.
- * Thursday 20th January, Pupil targets via PLPs going home to be signed and returned for Monday 23rd January.
- * Tuesday 24th January to 20th June inclusive, P1-3 Mini Kicks after school activity at St. Mungo 3.30-4.30pm
- * Thursday 26th January, Parent/Pupil/Teacher Talk Time evening.
- * Tuesday 31st January, Parent Council Meeting at 3pm with Vanessa Morris and Claire Renton attending (Small School Review) —All Welcome!
- * Saturday 4th February, Burns Competition at Dumfries Academy P4-7 at 9.30am.
- * Friday 10th February, Partnership Burns Competition at Tundergarth 1.30pm.
- * Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th February, pupil holidays.
- * Thursday 16th February and every Thursday until 30th March, Hightae will travel to Tundergarth.
- * Monday 20th February, a third year student Aylish Prince starts until 30th March.
- * Wednesday 22nd February to 9th March inclusive, P1-3 Golf after school activity at St. Mungo 3.30-4.30pm.
- * Thursday 23rd February to 10th March inclusive, P4-7 Golf after school activity at St. Mungo 3.30-4.30pm.
- * Friday 3rd March, World Book Day, dress up as a character for £1.00.
- * Wednesday 8th March, P5-7 Curling Festival at Lockerbie, time TBC.
- * Tuesday 14th March to 28th March inclusive, P1-3 Netball after school activity at Hightae 3.30-4.30pm.
- * Wednesday 15th March, P4-7 Cross Country at Lochmaben time TBC.
- * Friday 24th March, Red Nose Day.
- * Friday 31st March, Easter Service at St, Mungo 10am.
- * Friday 31st March, last day of term 3.
- * Tuesday 18th April, first day of term 4.