

# Hightae Primary School



## Newsletter

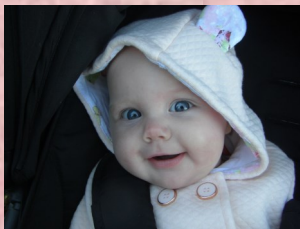
June 2017.

Dear Reader,

Well it has been one extremely busy term and I think we are all in need of our holidays—children and staff alike!

I hope you enjoy the holidays, whatever you are doing and that the weather is kind to us.

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



### Mollie's First Birthday

On Wednesday 3rd May, it was Mollie's first birthday. So she came to visit us and we found out that she still likes raspberries; the outfit she was wearing was her favourite and that she can walk round furniture. For her birthday we got her raspberries, a summer dress, a cupcake as a birthday cake and made her a card, that we all signed. We can not believe that she is already one years old and how she has grown in that time.

**Natasha and Jayme P6, Zarah P2 and Jake P1.**



### A Very Sad Farewell To Two Of Our Pupils.

On Friday 21st April, sadly it was Ian's last day with us at Hightae Primary School. We were all very disappointed in him leaving. However, we wish you well at your new school and will miss you very, very much!

Also, Friday 30th June was Edie's last day, however, we hope to see her at St.Mungo as that is where she is going. We will miss you very, very much too!

**By Natasha P6, Isla P3 and Chloe P1.**



### Hightae Primary Host A Garden Party For Eileen Callander BEM.

On Friday 26th May, we started the day as usual then it came to mid morning and we had to practise our song "Summertime" and our memories of Eileen. We kept practising for a while and Fiona told us that she could hear Grace and I singing the most and Fiona took us to the hall to help set up, put things onto the tables and put the sandwiches and cake platters together. After that, we went back to school and had lunch. After lunch we got changed into our party clothes and went up to the hall. When we got there we sat round a table - I sat with Natasha, Tara, Colt, Grace, Edie, Zarah and Isla. Mrs McAulay-Sharp then stood up and welcomed everybody and started to talk about Eileen—we found out loads of things we didn't know about her! Mrs McAulay Sharp invited Eileen out to cut the cake and then Natasha and Zarah presented Eileen with a lovely bouquet of flowers. Finally, Mrs McAulay Sharp told us that we could start eating. I ate lots of mini sausages, sausage rolls, cupcakes and brownies—I could not believe I ate so much! Once everyone had stopped eating, Miss R-L gathered all the pupils into the side room to get us organised for our song and memories. We said our memories first. Mine was "I like it when she gives me responsible jobs, such as, writing the ECO minutes." Then we went to sing our song. It was TERRIBLE the CD player wouldn't work! Miss R-L tried over and over and just when she asked Mrs McAulay Sharp to get the other CD player from the back room, it decided to work. We sung our song really well and everyone gave us a big applause. Afterwards, we went back to school and then it was home time.



Thanks to all the parents who baked and made the sandwiches up—everyone enjoyed them!



By Katie  
P7.



### Primary 1 Transition

On Wednesday 26th April, our new P1s came in for a transition afternoon. One of them is mine and Zarah's little sister Ava and the other is called Lewis. Miss R-L introduced them to us and then took them round the school and playground and later on they joined us for some French before having a story and then going home. Archie was really funny because he said that Ava looked like Zarah—he obviously did not know that she was our sister!

A little boy from New Zealand called Lachlan is also joining us as a Primary 1 and we can't wait to see him again!

By Natasha P6 and Zarah P2.



## Evaluation Of The Farm Visits.

Every Friday afternoon, a group of us went to Mossburn Farm to help out. This is what we did/learned or funny moment:

Katie— I really enjoyed putting the water in for all the animals.

Natasha— I really loved the donkey because he came up to me and was nice to cuddle and clap.

Jack— It was funny when Archie was stroking a sheep whilst it was doing the toilet!

Tara— I really liked it when we got to sort out of the beds for the animals—goats and lambs.

Grace— I really enjoyed it because I liked the bunnies and the hamster especially Custard.

Isla— I enjoyed holding the tortoise and filling the water buckets to water the sheep's pens.

Fraser— I liked the pigs snoring because it sounded like it was "vomiting."

Edie— I liked holding the guinea pig—it felt scratchy!

Zarah— I loved the getting "pooped on" by the tortoise.

Lilly-Rae— I enjoyed seeing the king rabbit—it was big!

Corey— I really liked holding the tortoise—it felt cold and hard.

Archie— I liked cuddling the donkey because he was nice and friendly.

Regan— I liked the rabbits because they were friendly to clap.

Jayme— I had fun pouring the water into the buckets to water the animals.

Colt— I liked stroking the tortoise—it felt hard and smooth.

Jake— My fondest memory was being splashed head to toe by Zarah. Quote from Jennifer King "Zarah had the hose and couldn't control it and no matter how she tried to control, she still managed to soak him head to toe and back again! And Jake's face regarding the tortoise was a picture!" (See Below)

Chloe— I really liked when I saw the goat was using Katie as a scratching post.

Our best moment of all, from the farm visit, was the hay fights!!!





### Playgroup Visit

On Thursday 4th May, the Playgroup came to visit us and join us for music. We sang:

- \* The Star Song.
- \* The Shark Song.
- \* Forwards and backwards, to the left, to the right.

Then we all had snack.

By Fraser and Lilly-Rae, Regan P2 and Colt P1.



### P7 Leaver's Afternoon Celebration

On the afternoon of Thursday 29th June, we celebrated P7 leavers from both Tundergarth and Hightae in a joint celebration up at Tundergarth. Mrs McAulay Sharp said a few words, there were songs sung and the Primary 7's shared their memories with us and tears were shed! Afterwards, there was afternoon tea.

We wish all the Primary 7's every success for the coming year!

A huge thank you to all that helped out on the day.

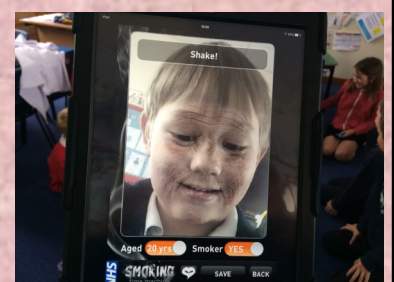


### Smoking Matters

On Friday 9th June, a lady came in to talk to us about Smoking Matters. First, she spoke to us about smoking and she picked a volunteer (Jayme) to draw a stick man and then she asked us to think about why he might want to start smoking. Afterwards, we played a true/false game with cards. Then she picked two volunteers (Jack and I) and she dressed us up in a doctor and nurse outfit. She went to her bag and brought out chemicals in bottles and she gave us some gloves to put on then we had to put our hand in the bag and pick out a bottle of chemical and say what chemical we had. Then we poured it into the jug and we took in turns to do that until the jug was full and then we mixed it up to see what was all in a cigarette and she told us to think of some reasons why not to start smoking—being that you don't want that in your lungs!

After all that, she showed us some pictures of what you might look like if you start smoking, like your tongue and teeth. Then she picked another two volunteers (Natasha and Archie) and she brought out her tablet and she went on the camera and she took a picture of them and put on a weird filter that made you look all wrinkly and that is what you might look like if you start smoking. Then she gave us another wee talk and at the very end she gave us a pencil each. It was a very interesting visit and she ended by saying she wants a smoke free Scotland!

By Tara P5.





## Recount of Abernethy Barcaple

On Wednesday the 26th of April, I went to school as normal but with a suitcase because I was getting on a bus to go to Abernethy Barcaple, just out of Dumfries. When we got there we went inside the gigantic house in front of us—I say we because, I was with Applegarth, Hutton, Nethermill, Tundergarth and St Mungo. We put our stuff in our rooms—I was in "Curlywee" with Halle, Willow and Emma. We went down to our lounge where we all sat down and I met the boys from Tundergarth (which I already knew) Ali, Sandy, James and Tristen. Then the girls from St Mungo (I knew them too) Halle, Willow, Rose, Maddie and Jade. Also I met Alesha and Lucy from Hutton, then Laurie and Cairn from Applegarth and lastly Emma and Alexander from Nethermill. We met our instructors Nat and James. They were nice! Straight away we were told we were doing raft building which was fun but cold because we got to swim at the end. All the girls swam but all the boys backed out. I got half way, could not feel the bottom so I frantically swam back and froze. I couldn't move I had to get Miss Robertson to help me get my water gear off then I had to get Mrs Borthwick to help me get my shoes off. The other activities we were going to do were archery, bush craft, canoeing, zip wire and also initiative (problem solving). Later that night we had for dinner chicken pie and banoffee pie. Then we had free time which was about half an hour. After that we had explore. In explore we learned about a lady that had had an accident and was paralyzed from the head down so she had to paint with her mouth. Then we played hounds and hares. Round about nine o'clock after we finished hounds and hares we had supper. For supper we had a cupcake and orange juice then we went into the lounge where we played Chinese whispers. Some of the whispers came out wrong! Then we had to go to bed at 10.00pm.

On Thursday we did the zip wire and canoeing. I chickened out on the zip wire. I'm still glad I didn't do it. After that we drove 25 minutes to Raiders Road which was a forest with a lake where we did canoeing and had lunch. After we did canoeing and had lunch, we went back onto the Barcaple grounds where we had free time. Then we had dinner which was stew and ice cream and then we had more free time. That is when we did explore, where we played hounds and hares, then alien invasion. Afterwards, I had a shower and then everyone went to bed just like yesterday at 10.00pm.

Then early on Friday morning we got up and had breakfast (just like the other days) then we did the bush craft and initiatives (problem solving) which were the last things at Barcaple. In bush craft we learned that you can eat young beach leaves and all types of hawthorn leaves but mature ones are better—they taste of nuts. After that we made bread mix and cooked it over a fire and ate it with jam. Afterwards, we had free time then we got on the bus and headed home. When we got home, I went into the school and had a mob of people hug me lots (I felt loved).

**By Katie P7**



### Trip To The Chocolate Factory

On Wednesday 28th June, we went to the Chocolate Factory. We were able to go because the children have raised lots of money through manning/selling various things on stalls at the Coffee Mornings. So they got to vote where they wanted to go and the Chocolate Factory was the most popular choice, by a mile! We arrived just after 10am and had snack before the children were kitted up with an apron and hair net to put on before being taken through to the chocolate workshop. An hour and 10 minutes later, they arrived back out with a bag full of chocolate sweets they made! The photographs show some of the children with chocolate whiskers or moustaches on their faces. Afterwards, the children went to play, then have lunch before another play and rounded the day off with an ice cream or slush puppy. Thank you to Fiona, Jennifer King and Stewart in helping to transport the children. A fantastic day was had by all!

By Miss R-L.



### Trip To The Science Centre

On Wednesday 7th June, Hightae, Tundergarth and St. Mungo went to the Science Centre. Hightae and Tundergarth met at the ice rink and waited for the bus. When the bus arrived everyone got onto it and we travelled to Glasgow. When we finally got there, we had our snack and went to the toilet. After that we went to play on Levels 3 and 2. Afterwards, we went to the shop. I bought an alien egg, spy glasses and 2 space rocks. After the shop, P1-3 went to the Planetarium and P4-7 went to the IMAX to watch a film on the planets. By the time all that finished it was time for for my spectacular lunch which I/we ate outside! It was finally time to go home. We went to the bus and it felt like an eternity before we got back to the ice rink. Our parents were waiting for us when we arrived. So we went home and that was the end of the day.

By Jack P5.

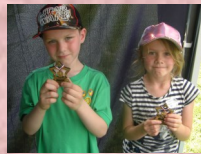




### Sports Day

On Thursday 25th May, Hightae and Tundergarth all met up with St. Mungo for Sports Day. In the morning, we were all put into groups of our houses and we went round activities in the potted sports. Afterwards, the P4-7 got into their teams for the relay race and the fastest were chosen to do the race in the afternoon. Then it was lunch followed by the races where the parents came and watch. The overall winners were Castlemilk, followed by Balgray and Rammerscales. Isla and Fraser were awarded the fastest girl and boy for Hightae Primary. Well done to Rose Byers who was awarded the Kier Miller trophy. At the end of the day, we all got an ice cream.

By Tara P5, Natasha, Jack and Jayme P6.



### Our Very Own Lockerbie Gala Small

#### Attendant—Chloe Jones.

On Friday 2nd June, I was picked up in a limousine and I ate sweets and got dropped off at the crowning. Then on Saturday 10th June it was Lockerbie Gala, where I was on a float going round Lockerbie. I was nervous at the beginning but then felt alright because I saw some people that I knew—Corey, Regan, Katie and Isla and Fiona, Mum Quinn, Dad, Nanny "Grumpy" and my little cousin Mia who is 3. It was super super fun!

By Chloe P1.



### Edie's Lamb Visit Us At Hightae

On the very first day back after Easter, Edie was so excited to ask Miss R-L if she could bring in her lambs to show everyone. So on Wednesday 3rd May, she and her mummy brought them in to see us. They were so cute and were called Barbara and Anne. Thank you to Looby for bringing them in.

By Colt P1,

Fraser and Regan P2.



### A Sincere Thanks

A sincere thanks goes out to:

- \* Danny Key for the ECO board and putting up new coat pegs.
- \* Mark Stewart for all the top soil.
- \* Alan Gibson for the huge glue bottle that we are going to collect rain water in to recycle.
- \* Lorenia Simpson and Jennifer Dalgliesh for their valuable time and input as Parent Helpers.
- \* To all the parents who helped out on the Mossburn farm visits.
- \* To Mossburn Farm for having us on Friday afternoons—the children have really enjoyed their visits.
- \* Last but no means least, to my odd job man John Callander for all his help over the year.



### Bike Day

On Friday 16th June, we had a bike day. We could bring in either a bike or scooter and helmet. First, we all had breakfast together which was made up of cereals, yogurts, croissants, pancakes, raspberries, strawberries and orange/apple juice. Then we all got ready (except Tara who had broken her wrist just two days before, by falling off her bike!!) and went outside and biked or scooted around cones. Afterwards, it was break time and then PC Irons came in to visit us. He gave us a wee talk and then gave us a quiz to do in groups regarding everything to do with bike safety. Then he took us out into the playground where we showed us how to maintain our bikes and we learned how to take off properly, if we were on a road. After lunch Miss R-L continued with the bikes activities outside in the playground while Fiona, Jennifer and Lorenia took Jake, Grace, Katie, Zarah, and Fraser on their bikes/scooters down to Mossburn Farm. We all had a fabulous and enjoyable day!

By P1-2



### Forthcoming Events

- \* Monday 21st August, pupils return to school.
- \* Provisionally, Tuesday 29th August, Primary 1 parents invited to the Phonics Workshop.
- \* Thursday 5th October, Beetle Drive 6pm.
- \* Thursday 12th October, Parent/Pupil/Teacher Talk Time.
- \* Friday 13th October, Harvest Church Service at 10am in St. Mungo's Church.
- \* Friday 13th October, last day of Term 1
- \* Monday 30th October, first day back of Term 2.
- \* Tuesday 31st October, Halloween themed day.

NB. A Parent Council Meeting will take place in Term 1, date to be confirmed.

## Happy Holidays!