

Hightae Primary School



Newsletter

April 2017.

Dear Reader,

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

I hope we have some good weather this term and may I remind you to put on the sun screen and pack a sun hat whenever possible to safe guard your child from the sun.

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

Feis Rois

Every week on a Wednesday, Feis Rois have been back to see us. However, it is not the same ladies that are with us—it is a lady called Meave on her own. Instead of learning to play ukuleles we are learning Gaelic songs and we found out that Meave can speak that language.



On the last week, we put on a concert for Miss R-L to sing all the songs we learned.

By P1-4.

Dumfries Choir Festival

On Friday 17th March, P5-7 got a taxi to St George's Church Dumfries and met up with Tundergarth and St. Mungo to sing two songs as a partnership—Hot Air Balloon and Chu-Lu-Lu. Two other schools were also singing and we won overall for the second year running.

We were delighted!

By Katie P6, Tara P5, Natasha, Jayme and Jack P6.



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Music With The Playgroup

Yesterday, Thursday 26th January, the Playgroup came to visit us. Primary 1-3 were having music with Mrs Scott and the Playgroup and Miss R-L joined in too. We sang 5 Little Monkeys; Ready, Steady, Are You Ready? and 5 Big Brown Buns With A Cherry On Top.

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



Afterwards, the Playgroup children had snack with us and the parents got tea /coffee and biscuits.

Drumming

Every Monday for 6 weeks, we have had a man called Paul coming in and teaching us how to drum. The first week I (Jack) sat next to him. He and I drummed a conversation and we drummed what we had for breakfast. He taught us some signals so that we knew when to stop and others keep going. Afterwards, we sang and drummed a song together. I am really enjoying it.

One Monday, Hightae had no heating and we went up to Tundergarth. There we had drumming with Tundergarth. We all made a big line to walk in and were told where to sit. I had a frame drum. We collaborated together and went from making small noises to very loud noises. We got to swap instruments and play in much smaller groups/pairs to show off our talents. We learned 2 new songs—Mayo and Aamay.

By Jack P6.



Karate



A man called Mike took us (P2-4) for Karate. He has been teaching us side and front kicks; practising our aims by punching hand gloves and doing exercises like the plank. Some pupils from Tundergarth and St. Mungo come too. There is Isla Dempster from Tundergarth and from St Mungo, Billy Morgan, Alexander McQueen, Olly McEnteggart and Jake Masterton.

It is really good fun!

By Corey, Lilly-Rae, Zarah, Fraser, Edie and Regan P2.



Author's Visit—Angela Proctor

Today, Friday 27th January, an author came to visit us called Angela Proctor. Firstly, she read us the second chapter of her book called "Thumble Tumble and the Ollpheist." Then we had to answer some questions on the chapter she read. Afterwards, we played the imaginary game linked to the book and we had to make up a spell, which I (Jayme) then had to read out with a hat on and



holding a wand. She thanked me, by giving me, a bar of Scoffalicious Chocolate. Finally we got to ask her questions. We found out that it took her 6 months to write the book she read out to us. It is based on the island of Arran. Her second book took a year to write. She is now on her third book out of a series of 8—Thumble Tumble and the Cauldron of Undry.

By Jayme P6.

P6 Fire Safety Talk

On Thursday 8th February, a lady called Caroline came to speak to us about Fire Safety. Firstly, we watched a video and was asked to point out all the hazards at the end. The video was about a family's house going on fire and you can see all the hazards e.g. the curtains were on top of the oven, there were 3 balls on the stairs and there were newspapers on top of the cigarette tray.

Later on she gave us some homework and it was—you had to make a fire safety plan of your home and check your fire alarm every Sunday.

By Jayme, Natasha and Jack P6.

P4-7 Cross Country

On Wednesday 15th March, P4-7 went to Cross Country at Lochmaben Primary School. P4&5 ran 800m and P6&7 ran 1600m. Jack finished 35th; Natasha 27th; Katie 30th; Tara 38th and Jayme 13th out of 52. It was exhausting!

By Tara P5, Katie P7, Natasha, Jack and Jayme P6.

Partnership Burns' Competition

On Friday 10th February, Tundergarth Village Hall hosted the Partnership Burns' Competition. Pupils from all three schools come together to recite the poems they had learned. The pupils from Hightae that recited their poems were:

Chloe Jones	Pussie By The Fireside	Fraser Dalgliesh	Mince and Tatties
Colt Gregory	Pussie By The Fireside	Lilly-Rae Crich	Mince and Tatties
Jake Stewart	Pussie By The Fireside	Zarah McAllister	Mince and Tatties
Regan McConnell	Pussie By The Fireside	Edie Morgan	Mince and Tatties
Isla Fergusson-Gibson	The Sair Finger	Grace Key	Tam o' Shanter
Tara Simpson	To A Mouse	Jack Moreland	To A Mouse
Katie Gibson	To A Mouse		

Well done to all who took part—they were amazing! Overall, congratulations to Jake and Jack who won the Burns' Certificates for Hightae.

By Miss R-L.



Collaborative Working With The Pupils And Staff Of Tundergarth.

Every Thursday we have been working with Tundergarth Primary School and this is what we have enjoyed about the whole experience:

Grace—I have really enjoyed playing with the girls from Tundergarth in the playground.

Katie—I have enjoyed reading the book novel "Wolf Brother" and working with all the P5-7s from both schools on the book study.

Colt—I enjoy doing PE with everyone in P1-4.

Corey—I like playing rugby with the boys from Tundergarth.

Chloe—I like playing on the climbing frame up at Tundergarth.

Edie—I have enjoyed doing music and playing the WWO (Working With Others) games with Mrs. Hawthorne.

Jayme—I like everything about our Thursdays together especially spending time with everyone.

Natasha— I enjoy doing PE with the older children.

Tara—I enjoy that we are reading "Wolf Brother" as a big group. I also enjoy that we get other people to play with and a different playground to play in.

Jack—I am enjoying reading "Wolf Brother" and the fact that I do not have to write anything because we are too busy with PE, Music and the book study.

Isla— I enjoy travelling in Miss R-L's car and making up and telling jokes and making up nonsense words like "redonkulous—ridiculous."

Regan— I enjoyed playing football with all the boys.

Jake— I have enjoyed playing the WWO games with all the children around my age.

Fraser— I have enjoyed playing with all the boys from Tundergath as well as Hightae.

Zarah— I have enjoyed playing with all the boys and girls from Tundergarth.

Ian—I enjoyed playing football with all the boys at Tundergarth.

P5-6 Young Leadership

Every Wednesday morning for 4 weeks we have been travelling up to Tundergarth to take part in Young Leadership. First of all, we got to know each other as there were pupils from Tundergarth taking part as well. We split into two groups and wrote down examples of team captains and then we played a game of two truths and a lie—as a remembering game. The second week we made up our own games. The third week we played one of the games we made up in the previous week—basketball rugby. In our last week, we made up a game. My game (Jack) was called 4 Goal Football and I was working with Fraser and Joe. The girls were in a different team and their game was called Dodgeball Twist. We all really enjoyed the experience. Andy, the coach, said "We were the best group to work with!"

By Tara P5, Jayme, Jack and Natasha P6.

Baby Mollie—10 Months Old

Mollie is starting to crawl by putting one leg behind her and one leg in front and using her hands to move forward. Her favourite foods are raspberries and blackberries and she does not like normal baby foods. When she wants her toys she pulls the box over or sometimes pulls herself up to them. She looked very happy to be in and see us. Her favourite toy is a bath toy but doesn't like it in the bath but out of it!

We can't wait to see Mollie on or near her first birthday...



By Edie, Zarah P2 and Jayme P6.

World Book Day

We celebrated World Book Day on Friday 3rd March. First of all we came dressed up in our favourite book character and brought in our favourite book too and shared them with the class. Afterwards, Miss Prince (Student Teacher) read "The Hungry Caterpillar" book by Eric Carle and then we spilt up into two groups. One group made cakes and the other group coloured and sequenced the hungry caterpillar's food and then we swapped over.

We dressed up as:

Zarah—Elsa

Jack—Harry Potter

Fraser—Darth Maul

Colt—Sloppy (Goosebumps)

Natasha—Mrs Twit

Isla—Thumble Tumble

Tara—Matilda

Jayme—Miss Honey

Katie—Herimone Granger

Edie—Alice

Grace—Queen of Hearts

Corey—Captain America

Jake—Dragon

Chloe—Goldilocks

Lilly-Rae—Sleeping Beauty

Regan—Rory the Racing Car

Miss R-L—Katie Morag

Miss Prince—Percy the Park Keeper



Wish Token

A Huge **THANK YOU** to all who collected the Wish Tokens from The Standard. We collected over 3000 tokens and received £80.28 towards the school funds.

From All The Staff & Children At Hightae—your support is greatly appreciated!

P7 Curling

On Wednesday 8th March, I (Katie) went Curling at Lockerbie ice rink. First, we played our first curling match—St Mungo 2 v Eaglesfield. St Mungo won 7-0. Then we went back upstairs and had our snack while the other set of teams played their games. Afterwards, we went back on and we were against Nethermill. We won 6-0. Then it was lunch time and whilst we ate lunch we had to complete a quiz. After lunch, they announced who was going to be in the finals St. Mungo 2 were one of the six teams to play in the finals. Overall, St. Mungo won the Curling and the quiz. I was surprised and happy to have been part of the winning team with Jade, Willow and Finlay from St. Mungo. We each got an Easter egg for winning the quiz and a trophy and certificate for winning the Curling.

By Katie P7.



Child Smile Visit.

On Tuesday 14th March, Mrs Bird came to speak to us on keeping our teeth healthy. First, we played a little game of seeing how much sugar was in products. We were quite shocked to know the amounts in some products—Edie was surprised to learn that there was 3 cubes of sugar in a half tin of baked beans! A Mars bar had 8 cubes, a Fruit Muller Corner had 4 cubes, Water had 0 cubes, a 330mls bottle of Irn Brew had 12 cubes and a packet of Space Raider Crisps had a $\frac{1}{4}$ cube of sugar. Afterwards, she showed us how to brush our teeth properly in circles and what happens when we don't—tooth decay and gum disease. At the end she gave us all a toothbrush and a tooth brushing chart.

Mrs Bird is very impressed that we brush our teeth after lunch in school and that we do it well.

By P1-3.



Marie Curie Coffee Morning

On the very last day of term, we held our annual Marie Curie Coffee Morning. We all got to choose what jobs we wanted to do:

Raffle	Tara	Fraser	
Elephant's Birthday	Ian	Jack	
Guess the number of sweets	Natasha	Chloe	
Bring and buy stall	Lilly-Rae	Corey	
Nail Painting	Grace	Edie	Zarah
Tin Can Alley	Isla	Jake	Archie
Door People	Katie	Regan	
Ushers	Jayme	Colt	



A very big **THANK YOU** to all who came to support us on a wet and miserable day and the adults that helped out on the morning—Jennifer Dalgliesh, Lorenia Simpson, Eileen Callander, Fiona Henderson, Miss Prince and Rab Peacock. We raised £282.50 for Marie Curie and the children raised £128.75 from their stalls.

A Sincere Thanks



A sincere thanks goes out to Peter and Ann Barlow who have been very good friends of Hightae Primary School, devoting their valuable time to allow the children to experience lots of different hobbies and activities. We wish you well in the next chapter of your lives and we will miss you dearly.

By Miss R-L and P1-7.



Forthcoming Events

- * Tuesday 25th April, Parent Council AGM Meeting 3pm.
- * Wednesday 26th—Friday 28th April, P7 Barcaple residential trip.
- * Wednesday 26th April, 1.30-2.30pm P1 Transition.
- * Monday 1st May, May Day Holiday.
- * Thursday 4th May, meeting with parents regarding reporting at 6pm St.Mungo.
- * Friday 5th May, pupil's target and PLPs to out to parents.
- * Monday 8th May, signed pupil's targets and PLPs to be returned to school.
- * Thursday 11th April, Pupil/Parent Talk Times—an appointment sheet will be issued out nearer the time,
- * Tuesday 16th May, P7 Numeracy & French Transition day.
- * Tuesday 16th May, 12.30-2.30pm P1 Transition.
- * Thursday 25th May, Sports' Day at St.Mungo.
- * Thursday 1st June and Friday 2nd June, pupil holidays.
- * Thursday 8th June, Sports' Day if required.
- * Monday 12th—Thursday 15th June Swimming.
- * Friday 16th June, reports go out to parents.
- * Monday 19th—Thursday 22nd June, swimming.
- * Monday 19th—Friday 23rd June, P7 Transition Week.
- * Tuesday 20th June, 9.30—11.00am P1 Transition.
- * *Active Games Festival for P4 T.B.C.
- ** Hightae will be going up to Tundergarth every Thursday from 25th May, if Sports Day is cancelled. This will continue until the end of term.
- * Friday 30th June, last day of term.
- * Monday 21st August, pupils return.