

Hightae Primary School

Newsletter

April 2016.

Dear Reader,

I hope you had an enjoyable Easter break and the Easter Bunny was good to you all!

Also, I would like to extend a warm welcome to Ian and Jayme, brother and sister of Archie, to Hightae Primary School. The school roll now stands at 18 and a welcomed change from last year.

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

World Book Day

On Thursday 3rd March, we celebrated World Book Day by coming into school dressed up as our favourite book character and brought in our favourite book. I dressed up as the Gruffalo. Then we all became authors of our own imaginative story and my story was about the Grufflo saving animals. Afterwards, we all had to stand up and read our stories out to the class.

The Primary 1s came into show us their picture based on the story they read called "For Everyone To Share" which was about the world.

By Ian P3.



Hobbies

For the past two terms, Peter, Sue, Ann and Eileen have given up their valuable time to do hobbies with the children. I personally wanted to "Thank" them and to show them how positive and appreciative the children were about hobbies; them coming in and what they had learned.



Tara - I really loved it and I learned how to sew and new stitches.

Grace - I adored it and I liked the baking and now Mum and I can make real pancakes now.

Natasha - It was fantastic because you learn new things like making the puppets.

Regan - I loved it because I learned how to make a pencil holder.

Danny - I enjoyed everything especially making the bird house.

Katie - It was tremendous because I learned how to cross stitch and liked meeting Sue, Ann and Peter.

Isla - It was tremendous because I got to learn new things like using a screwdriver.

Corey - It was good because I got to make a bird house.

Jack - I really enjoyed it because I learned how to make pancakes.

Benji - I enjoyed it and really enjoyed learning how to make the sweets and decorate them.

Demi - I really enjoyed the responsible role of helping Ann fry the pancakes.

Jayme - I adored it and learned how to sew and how to put a bird house together.

Ian - I enjoyed it and I did well at problem solving the putting together of the bird house.

Fraser - I enjoyed hobbies and really enjoyed learning how to make the gifts for the Golden Years.

Edie - I enjoyed it a lot especially making pancakes because I got to eat them.

Lilly-Rae - I really enjoyed them and the best bit was making the sweets because I loved eating them.

Zarah - I loved the hobbies and learned how to sew and to make pancakes.



Celebrating Mother's Day

We were with Sue and Ann to learn how to sew a gift for Mother's Day. First, we got a needle, then some wool and then we started to sew. It was really good to learn different stitches. Afterwards, we made a Mother's Day card with Miss R-L and inside we wished our Mother's "Happy Mother's Day" in French — "Bonne Fête Des Mères!"



By Natasha P5.



Celebrating Chinese New Year With The Playgroup.

On Monday 8th February, it was Chinese New Year and the Thursday beforehand we went to celebrate with the Playgroup, at the Village Hall. I brought in a Chinese dress and Chinese fan. Katie brought in a Chinese calendar and a Chinese bowl and spoon. Grace brought in 2 sets of chopsticks, to show And tell. After we showed our souvenirs we decorated a monkey because it is the year of the monkey. After that, we all had a Chinese snack of different types of rice cakes and thanks to the playgroup for giving us our snack. Once snack was over, we had to go back to school but we wished we could have stayed for longer. We all really, really enjoyed it!

By Tara P4.



Feis Rois

We had our last week of Feis Rois on Tuesday 8th March and we had lots of fun. They taught us lots of songs over the past eight weeks that they were with us. Some of the songs included Katie Bairdy, Highlan Man, Adam and Eve, Vas Use Are These, Saventar and I'll No Marry You! We also played the drums and xylophone along to with some of the songs we sang. They were great at teaching us and we loved it and thank you for coming!



By Katie P6.



Pancake Day

To celebrate Pancake Day, we had Ann come in to help us make pancakes. The ingredients were milk, flour, eggs and oil to fry them in. We got to measure and mix the ingredients together and Ann and Demi fried the mixture into pancakes. We topped the pancakes with sugar and lemon juice—they were yummy! Thank you Ann for coming in to help us.



By Benji P3.



Making Soup With Our Home Grown Potatoes

We divided into two groups on Wednesday 2nd March. The first group started on that day. First of all, I washed the potatoes with Jayme, Corey and Zarah. Once we washed them, we then peeled the potatoes while the other half of our group cooked the carrots, leek, onions and stock cubes together with some water. We then poured them into cups to cool down before we got to feast on it during our lunch hour. It was delicious! Next week, the second group is going to make the soup for us to feast on!



By Demi

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Partnership Burn's Competition

On Tuesday 23rd February, after lunch some of us went in a car and some of us went on a bus to St Mungo Village Hall, for the Partnership Burn's Competition. We sat for about an hour and a half watching everyone recite their poems and sing their songs and when it came around to my turn, I was a little bit nervous and excited. However, I got up and I did my best and I didn't forget my words. I was very proud of myself. Afterwards, we got a piece of shortbread whilst the judges were deciding who were the winners and who were runners up. All the winners and runners up were from St. Mungo. Then it was time to go back to Hightae and go home.

By Grace P3



Easter Hunt With The Playgroup

On Thursday 17th March, we had an Easter Hunt with the Playgroup. First we had an Easter bonnet competition. The winners were Fraser, Regan, Katie and Kadie for the girl bonnet and for the boy bonnet, Jake, Jack, Archie and Benji. After the bonnet making we did an Easter egg decorating competition. The winners were, from P1-3 Isla, from P4-7 Katie and from the Playgroup Mia (I hope I have got her name right.) Afterwards, we went outside to roll our eggs down the hill and Jack won for the boys and Natasha won for girls. Finally, we had an Easter hunt around the playground. You had to find one egg and one bunny rabbit and then take them to show to Jennifer and she would give you a chocolate lolly. It was a great day and I hope the Playgroup enjoyed it too!

By Jayme P5.



A Reflection Of This Term By Primary 1

Fraser—I am enjoying writing what I did at the weekend (News) and learning about capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.

Zarah— I love reading my Story World books with my Mum.

Lilly -Rae— I enjoyed learning about symmetry and playing the game on the whiteboard.

Corey—I like making up the word with the picture (spelling out a 3 letter word.)

Edie—I loved making the soup with the home (school) grown potatoes and it was yummy!

Regan—I enjoyed eating the soup we made with Fiona.

Forthcoming Events

- * After School Golf 3-4pm starts Wednesday 13th April for 4 weeks ending on Wednesday 4th May, for P2-7.
- * Parent Council AGM Meeting on Monday 18th April at 3.15pm. All Welcome!
- * Monday 25th April Transition day for the new Primary 1s at 1.30pm.
- * Pupil Target Review Meetings on Thursday 28th April 3.15pm-onwards.
- * Marie Curie Coffee Morning on Friday 29th April at 10-12pm. £2 entry fee. All Welcome!
- * May Day Holiday on Monday 2nd May.
- * Helping out at the Playgroup's Sports Day on Thursday 5th May.
- * Let's Get Sporty After School Club, provisional date, Thursday 5th May for 4 weeks ending on Thursday 26th May - still to be confirmed.
- * Primary 7 Transition afternoon on Friday 20th May.
- * Tempest Photography at 9am on Monday 23rd May.
- * Tuesday 24th May Transition day for the new Primary 1s at 12.30-2.30pm.
- * Hightae and Tundergarth school trip to Dynamic Earth on Friday 27th May.
- * Meeting up with Playgroup, for hopefully an Emergency Services visit at Hightae P.S, on Thursday 2nd June - visitors still to confirm.
- * Pupil holiday on Friday 3rd June.
- * Sports Day on Thursday 9th June - second date if required, Thursday 16th June. New Primary 1s will be invited to the afternoon session of Sports Day.
- * Reports out to Parents on Friday 10th June.
- * Review of the Year Evening at Hightae at 6.15pm, on Monday 13th June. All Welcome!
- * Primary 7 Transition week Monday 20th June to Friday 24th June.
- * Student, Amelia Peacock gaining work experience, is at Hightae for the week on Monday 20th June to Friday 24th June.
- * Thursday 23rd June Transition day for the new Primary 1s at 9-11.30am.
- * Scottish Opera Performance on Thursday 30th June.
- * Summer Holidays begin Monday 4th July and school reopens Thursday 18th August.