

Monday, 28th January 2018

Applications for the Head Teacher post have been screened and long leet interviews take place this week. Short leet interviews are scheduled for the 20th of February and the new, permanent Head Teacher should be announced shortly after that time. Representatives from the Parent Council are fully involved in the recruitment process.

Next Friday (8th February) is the date for our International Café. More information coming soon. Thank you for the responses to the recent survey, your help is greatly appreciated. I am currently collating this and will report back shortly.

Mr Young's classroom and a smaller room on one of the landings are currently being refurbished. There is a building works update meeting this week to review progress and next steps.

P2a held a Burns Supper this week in their classroom. The children have been learning about the life and works of Burns for the last two weeks and they organised a supper in which all children contributed and many had specific roles. Parents came along to help with the food and the haggis, neeps and tatties were a big hit. The children recited poems, sang songs, created their own address to the lassies and laddies, designed their own tartan placemats and enjoyed doing some Scottish reel dancing. They had a super afternoon. Thanks to the parents who helped.

P3a have been working in groups to research whether we could survive on another planet. Each group was given a planet to find out about. It turns out that Earth is probably our best bet !

P1 and P7 had great fun taking part in a Burns Buddy Ceilidh last week. They danced the Gay Gordons, Two Step, Canadian Barn Dance and Orcadian Strip the Willow. The P7s were good role models of the dances and the P1s enjoyed learning to take part in a Ceilidh.

Chris Packham's visit to the Language Classes was a great success. The children met people from the BBC, EDF and the British Trust for Ornithology and Chris Packham himself. They had lots of fun digging at Botanical Broughton and looking at insects in class. The children learned lots and were all naturals in front of the camera. It was a fantastic day and we are very pleased with all our hard work.

P7B have been learning about weight. Pupils decided to research some well-known drinks and their sugar content. They then weighed out the sugar using scales, and compared it to our recommended daily intake of added sugar. There were lots of shocks and surprises. The class thought that it would be helpful to display their findings on a window in their classroom to share this information with others.

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