

Monday, 21st January 2018

The Care Inspectorate undertook an unannounced, two day inspection of our nursery classes last week. Thank you to our hard working nursery staff who achieved good feedback on the quality of provision in the nursery. A report will be published in due course. This Friday our primary teachers are joining with cluster school colleagues from Leith Walk, Abbeyhill, Broughton and Drummond to do more joint work developing numeracy.

Well done Holly, Matthew, Catriona and Tilda who have been selected for this year's Euroquiz. The team will be working with Mr Borthwick to learn facts and information for the quiz taking place at the City Chambers in March. Good luck, we hope you enjoy learning for this event. The Pupil Council have been meeting to plan their 'Craze of the Week'. Craze of the Week is games and activities for children to play during break and lunchtimes.

This week we are expecting a visit from the BBC ! Language Class 1 won a competition after doing some research work for the BBC. Chris Packham and the British Trust for Ornithology will be visiting the Language Classes on Thursday morning to run a workshop and film for Winterwatch.

The Parent Council Meeting took place last week and included a discussion session with City of Edinburgh Council staff regarding the development of a new nursery for the school. I was very impressed to learn about the many initiatives undertaken by the Parent Council and the Parent Staff Association. Find out more in the newsletters recently published on the school website. Thank you to everyone involved in these groups for the wonderful work you do supporting the Broughton School community.

Look out for a 'mini' survey asking your views on what we do well in the school and what we need to do better. Please let us know what you think by returning the survey to school.

Finally, news from some of the classes. P4B have been learning about the first man on the moon. They've also been learning about 60's art by Andy Warhol and there was a long debate about whether Andy Warhol's portrait of John Lennon was Lennon or Harry Potter. As part of their Measure topic and considering ways in which we can make ourselves healthier, P7A have been measuring the playground, trying to find out how many laps of the football pitch they would need to run a mile. They'll be running these laps a few times a week to improve their physical and mental wellbeing. Class newsletters will be published very soon.

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