

Monday, 11th March 2019

Primary 4 classes have been learning how to play rugby taught by our local coach, Cammy. The boys and girls are developing teamwork, passing and throwing skills as well as communication. They are thoroughly enjoying rugby so far and we might even have a few future Scotland players in the making. For Book Week P4A have been working with neighbouring classes to share our love for books. P4A read their favourite novels to P5B. The pupils gave each other advice about authors and books, and got to know one another better through the power of reading. As Book Week progressed, we studied resilience books and made our own stories based by Anthony Browne. P4A were also making newspaper reports for Harry Potter – our current class novel. P4B enjoyed Book Week and our highlights included reading with a buddy in a P3 class, Miss Blair coming to read to us, as well as making character puppets and book covers to decorate our classroom door based on our class novel 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. We had the pleasure of two parent volunteers, Maya's Mum read the picture book 'Extra Yarn' by Mac Barnett and Alasdair's Mum read 'Stig of the Dump' by Clive King whilst cleverly making links with our 1960s topic in which we discussed similarities and differences of our childhood with the characters in the novel. Primary 3B have been getting involved with book week. We have created a "silly billy" book cover for our classroom door, we made stick puppets of our favourite book characters and we had a chance to read with P4. P3b were also visited this week by a parent and Mrs McAndrew who read us a story each, we loved having them in class. Ritchie Collins, an illustrator, came to visit us as well and we really enjoyed learning what it is like to be an illustrator and having the chance to draw our own pictures for Ritchie to see.

A group of Primary 6 girls have started some research into satisfaction with school meals. I've met with the girls and we're working on a plan of action. We're very pleased that Edinburgh Council's Catering Manager and the Food and Health Development Officer have agreed to come out and meet with the girls to hear their views. A meeting will take place next week.

Email is fast, cheap and available 24/7. Our recent parent survey asked us to look at improving communication and one of the issues raised was time it takes for us to respond to email. We do so as quickly as we can but we can sometimes take up to five working days. This is due to volume of work and the demand of approximately 1500 emails received by the senior leadership and admin team each week.

This is the end of the financial year for schools when we traditionally undertake an annual spending exercise. At the moment we are purchasing the following:

- Resources for our art specialist
- Resources for PE and games
- Sensory resources for the Language Classes
- Support for Learning resources
- Art and stationery for classes
- Assessment materials for literacy and numeracy
- Additional resources for play-based learning
- Practical maths equipment for weight and measure
- Sound system and screen for our hall

You are invited to make appointments for the next parents consultations. Our parent consultations are on Wednesday 27th March from 5pm-8pm, and Friday 29th March from 1pm-4pm. To make your appointments please go to: www.parentsbooking.co.uk/broughtonprimary

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