

Newsletter
Primary 5 Room 10
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The final Term before Primary 6 and growing up quickly!

Last term we completed work on Roman Britain. The pupils worked hard in class, and at home, to produce individual and paired projects. It was clear that skills for life such as independent learning, research and presentation had benefited from previous work and the four week period provided for tasks helped pupils to plan their work within a timescale. Well done to all for sharing their thoughts and ideas. We enjoy learning from each other. All pupils earned certificates. A special mention goes to Jai Jai Cook and Hannah Blakely for outstanding improvement in confidence and effort. It was hard to choose only two because of the high standard!

Mrs. Byrne completed work on weather, in Science. Displays from both projects are being left on the walls to allow visitors to see on Wednesday's open afternoon.

Diaries & Homework

We would like to take this chance to thank you for ensuring that pupils are encouraged to be more responsible for their own notes and homework deadlines. This is now of a high standard and will benefit pupils for any future work. All pupils can now record the requirements and dates for tasks. Well done to them!

South Africa & Scotland

We are looking for information on South Africa and Scotland as part of our Commonwealth Games 2014 project this term. Our mini comparative project will include athletes, events, foods and tourist attractions that encourage Health and Wellbeing. There will be a number of events related to our Commonwealth Games projects. Look out for notes related to our tourism brochures that we will be sharing with other classes. Any types of brochures aimed at promoting these countries, or others, will help with writing projects and looking at the use of language to engage the reader.

Proud to be Me

Mrs Byrne will be working with the pupils on aspects of Health and Wellbeing related to the body and mind.

Talking & Listening

This will be an ongoing focus for the last term as pupils have even more opportunities to choose seating arrangements and types of activities. This can lead to added excitement and we want pupils to have fun but still complete tasks! It was special to see many participating in the end of term talent show. Those who were audience members really supported their peers and it was a special last day of term for them.

Chess

We've had a large demand for chess during lunch time. Over 60 Primary 5 & 6 pupils applied. The pupils who are enjoying this opportunity are able to use boards and ipads to help learn about the pieces and moves. I intend to offer this next year when they're in P6 but have split the numbers to allow others to have a turn, a term at a time. Hopefully term 2 of Primary 6 will see their moves being sharpened up!

Bikeability

This has started and it's great to see so many of our pupils keen to learn safety procedures for cycling. It's sure to be a useful life skill.

Health & Wellbeing

This term sees a big focus being placed on Health & Wellbeing with the Glasgow Commonwealth Games as a great context for exploring the values of humanity, equality and destiny. We look forward to encouraging pupils to develop and maintain a rounded healthy lifestyle!

Last Term of Primary 5

The time has flown in this year and it's a short term before the pupils will be in Primary 6, having moved up the senior ladder. I'm sure you'll have seen a huge difference in maturity and confidence. We hope that this last term is a special one for the pupils as they continue with their learning. It is a pleasure to work with such fantastic children and once again recognise and appreciate that home support and working together makes a difference to your child's ongoing development.