

# The Redmyre Review November 2017



## School Show Preparations

Well November has been an extremely busy month again. This term always seems to run away with us so we got busy very early in November with preparations for our Christmas Show. Children have been diligently learning their lines and words for all the songs they will be singing. It's shaping up quite nicely and the children are looking forward to having a proper audience to perform for. I know there has been some disappointment about availability of tickets for our evening performance. This really is something which we can do very little about as we have to adhere to our fire safety restrictions. Please be assured that the morning performance, for which there are usually plenty of tickets, is always an excellent performance as the children are still quite bright eyed and bushy tailed at that time of day.



James Nottingham's ideas about challenging children's learning are inspiring and easily put into practise with any age and stage.  
Miss McMillan P1/2

## In Service Days

Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> of November saw teaching staff attend training at Laurencekirk Primary. Here we listened to a presentation given by a representative from Numicon which is a resource used in the teaching of numeracy. This is a resource which has been used to great effect in many schools across Aberdeenshire and we, as a cluster of schools in the Mearns, are considering investing in it as a way of raising attainment in numeracy.

On Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> November all staff, including our PSA staff, attended the Mearns Learning Festival at Mearns Academy. A number of different workshops were held at the festival which staff could sign up for including workshops on Outdoor Learning, The Nurturing School, Developing the Young Workforce and Higher Order Thinking Skills. The big draw for the day however was the key note speaker Mr James Nottingham who is regarded as one of the most thought provoking and inspirational speakers in education and he did not disappoint. Mr Nottingham gave us all a lot to think about with regards to challenging children in their learning and on promoting Growth Mindsets; it's fair to say we were all quite inspired.

## P4 Performers

Our assembly on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November was extra special as we were treated to a play which was entirely scripted, produced and performed by our P4 girls Chloe, Jessica, Emily, Georgina and Emma. Their play, which was performed on this day to coincide with anti-bullying week, had a clear anti-bullying message. They did a sterling job of getting the message across and I was very impressed by their initiative and organisational skills in pulling it all together. Well done girls!



The play was good, it taught us how nasty bullying is and that it makes everyone sad. I enjoyed it.  
Mollie P2

## Staffing Changes

As you know, Ms Robertson, our music teacher retired last month and Miss Fish, our core teacher who comes in for half a day went on maternity leave. I am delighted to say that both of their posts have been filled. Mrs Carmichael will now be covering Mrs Fish's maternity leave until next summer and Mrs Simpson, who started with us this week has taken up the cluster post which was made vacant by Mrs Robertson and will also be with us on a Monday morning.

## Kodaly Showcase

It was lovely that so many of you were able to join us for Mrs Edgar's last Kodaly Music Showcase. It was a nice chance for you to see what Kodaly music is all about. Unfortunately Mrs Edgar is leaving us to move away to be closer to her family. She will be sorely missed as the children always have so much fun with her.



I was so disappointed not to have been in school on Children In Need day to see everyone dressed in their 80s finery....I have seen the photographic evidence however! It certainly looked like everyone made a huge effort, there were leg warmers, lace fingerless gloves, huge hair, stunning makeup and a couple of Ghostbusters! The P5/6/7 organised and ran a brilliant little enterprise in the afternoon which had children guessing the number of sweets in the jar, pinning the eyepatch on Pudsey, knocking down Pudsey skittles and all manner of other interesting activities. This raised £50 alone whilst as a school, we raised a total of £127 for Children In Need.



Children In Need day was fun. I wore a t shirt which said 'I Love the 80s'. Our class raised £50, my group organised the 'Guess How Old Pudsey' is game.  
Lucy P5



Last Monday saw us holding an open afternoon to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of the new building for Redmyre School. The event was well attended by former pupils and staff and by some of our current parents too. We were delighted that so many people had sent in old photographs which we could display and we were also delighted that so many former pupils and staff volunteered to be interviewed by our Pupil Council. It was really interesting for the children to hear some of the memories about how the school has changed over the years. The thing which many of them found interesting was that little bottles of milk were delivered to the school every day for children to have at break time...those were the days! Sheila Moir baked the most amazing birthday cake (shown above...yes that is a cake!) and we chose P1 pupil Sophie and P7 pupil Elena to blow out the birthday candles. The cake was so beautiful it seemed a shame to cut it but I'm glad we did because it was delicious. Thank you to Dr Smith, Mrs Adams and Mrs Moir for baking and helping to serve teas and coffees on the day and I would like to also thank Miss Gray and Mrs Sives for baking some delicious treats for the occasion. The P7 pupils did a sterling job of welcoming all of our guests and assisting with the serving of the refreshments. We have had some special 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary tea towels printed featuring self-portraits of all of our current pupils and staff. These were available to purchase at the open afternoon and will be on sale at the Fordoun shopping evening next Thursday in the village hall and at both performances of our Christmas show for a bargain price of £4 each.

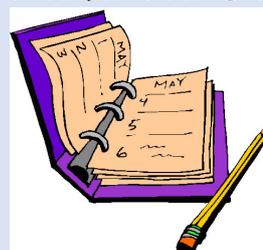


Mr West, a former pupil, is interviewed by his son Jack and Emily from the Pupil Council.

### Another open day picture



### Dates for Your Diary



- 7/12/17 Fordoun Christmas Shopping Night in the Village Hall 7pm
- 8/12/17 Parent Council Movie Evening
- 12/12/12 School Christmas Show
- 13/12/17 Trip to Panto (Oh yes it is!)
- 14/12/17 School Christmas Lunch
- 15/12/17 Christmas Jumper Day
- 20/12/17 P1/2/3 Christmas Party
- 21/12/17 P4/5/6/7 Christmas Party
- 22/12/17 Last day of term
- 8/01/18 Back to School

# Published Pupils



## Billy's Dream Adventure

Once there was a little boy called Billy, he had a floating house, yes a floating house. He looked out the window, the sky was amazing and the clouds looked so fluffy. ✓

Then out of the blue he sees candy clouds, "That's amazing" he said. He reached out to touch them, oh no he fell, but thankfully he landed safely on the clouds. "That was close" said Billy, wiping his forehead. ✓ Billy stood up, he jumped on the clouds confused. He tried to climb into the house but it didn't work. The house was too far away, so he thought he would go have a look around. He walked around for a bit and then he saw to his amazement he saw candy land, he saw chocolate rivers, ginger bread houses, gummy bears and a lot more sweeties he was astonished. ✓

Kyla P7

Last night Halloween  
Last night was halloween  
wea got lots of swea  
and wea had fun.  
I like Halloween.  
It is fun do you like  
like sweeties.  
it is awesome.

Harry P2

# Halloween



Halloween was yesterday I was

a glowing skeleton. I went

trick or treating with Brooke and

Josh and Kase. We went to

Fordin and the new houses

I had one bucket full

of sweets.

