

The Redmyre Review September 2017



Beat the Bog Update

You will have noticed that over the summer holidays the grounds department for Aberdeenshire Council laid wood chips under our timber trail. Whilst this is great news as it means the children are able to play on the timber trail much more frequently without getting their feet soaked, it also seems to have worsened the drainage on the grass surrounding the wood chipped area. We think that the heavy machinery which has been in digging out earth for the laying of the wood chips has compacted the ground so much meaning that even less water is draining away. This, coupled with the fact that it has been a very soggy September has meant that the children have rarely been able to get on the grass this term. I have been trying to get something done about this but I'm afraid I'm not making much headway. Myself and Dr Rachel Smith, current

Chair of the Parent Council, also met with Jacky Niven from the Kincardine Development Trust last week to discuss possible sources of funding for improving our playground. It was agreed that it is highly unlikely that any organisation will provide us with funding to fix our drainage issues as this is something which should, theoretically, be financed by the local authority. It was concluded that our drainage problems must be addressed before applying for funding to build any new structures or play equipment on our grounds. Ms Niven agreed to also approach Aberdeenshire Council's grounds department, with whom she has worked closely in the past, to discuss possible solutions to this problem. I would urge you to get involved in the Beat the Bog Campaign by coming along to the Parent Council meetings.



Read my piece of writing about the Beat the Bog campaign in the Published Pupils section at the end of this newsletter.
Lucy P5

Dodgeball

Our Dodgeball sessions have started up again on a Monday evening organised by our Active School Coordinator Mr Mark McConnachie. We are very grateful to Miss McMillan who has run these sessions for the last two years but she has taken a step down this year. We are delighted that Miss Forster kindly volunteered to give up her time to lead the sessions this year.



Going to
dodgeball
keeps me fit.
It's really fun.
Ben P6

Work Experience

We are thrilled to be joined by Emily Donald, a pupil from Mearns Academy every Friday between now and Easter next year. Emily, who is actually Mrs Donald's daughter, will be mainly working in the infant class but she has also very kindly agreed to run a netball club for our older pupils on a Friday lunch time. The first of these went ahead last week and was a roaring success.



Move Over Picasso!

Our children were all thrilled to be exhibiting their art work in a real art exhibition for this year's NEOS. We are so grateful to Mrs Sheila Moir who very generously offered us hanging space at her own exhibition. I understand that many of you were able to go up to the hall and look around the fabulous art work. If you did not get a chance to do so, it's not too late, we still have a number of the children's framed pictures available to purchase from the school office for £3 each. For an original work of art, that's a bargain!



I felt like a
real artist. It
was fantastic!
Eilidh P2

Pupils as Effective Contributors

The competition for places on our various school groups was as fierce as ever this year. Our P5/6/7 class wrote letters of application for the positions they wanted and wrote very persuasively about why they should be given the jobs they had applied for. It is heartening to see so many of our boys and girls being so keen to take on responsibilities to contribute to the life and work of the school.

Our school librarians are Verity, Jamie M and Kyla who will work with Mrs Hay to keep our library in tip top order. Children are allowed to borrow books from the library and the librarians will be on hand to oversee this every second Monday.

Our JRSO (Junior Road Safety Officers) are Ruby, Demi, Brooke, Liam and Josh. They have already been busy by writing away to the Roads Department to campaign for our bus bay to be repainted to prevent people from parking there.

Our WOW board administrators are Jodi, Elena and Amy. These pupils are responsible for ensuring that all the photographs and notices of achievement are taken down from our WOW board every term and placed in our yearly scrap book.

Kacey, Kayleigh, Emma S, Ben and Emily W make up our Fairtrade Community Café Crew and they have already been busy with their first very successful

Community Café of the year which raised £68.79 for Traidcraft. As well as helping Mrs Gall at the café, the children had a morning of baking scones and chocolate crispies with myself and Mrs Sheila Moir in Mrs Moir's kitchen the day before. Thank you to those who attended the café and a huge thank you to Sheila for allowing us to use her kitchen and showing us how to bake lovely scones. If it had been left to me the scones would have had to come from Tesco I'm afraid, I'm not exactly a prime candidate for Bake Off!

Archie, Jamie M, Liam, Josh and Ben are the members of a new group this year called our Playground Support Group. Their role, which they spoke about at a recent assembly, is to act as a responsible older pupil whom children can approach for advice should they have a problem in the playground which is perhaps not serious enough to approach Mrs Donald or Helen about. Children can, of course, still seek help from Helen or Mrs Donald if they wish.

Finally, our successful candidates for our pupil council are Emily M (P4), Theo (P3), Eilidh (P2), Jodi (P7), Katya (P6), Lucy (p5) and Ollie (p2). These children have already been hard at work in writing a 'child friendly' version of our School Improvement Plan and presenting it to all of the children at assembly.

Rugby Taster Session



The P6/7 class enjoyed a free Rugby taster session from a representative from Mackie Rugby Club. This was kindly organised by Mark McConachie, our Active Schools Coordinator.

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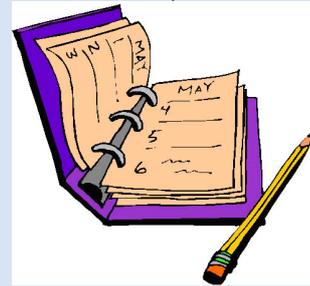


I've never seen anyone doing this at Murrayfield!



The rugby was fun and very tiring. I really enjoyed myself.
Demi P6

Dates for your diary



- 4/10/17 Critter Keeper visit for P1-4
- 5/10/17 Meet the Teacher Night 6-7.30
- 10/10/17 P5/6 at First Aid training
- 11/10/17 P7 at First Aid training
- 11/10/17 Parent Council AGM 2.15-3.15
- 12/10/17 P1/2 open morning
- 13/10/17 Last day of term
- 30/10/17 Back to School
- 30/10/17 P1-3 Road Safety Magic Show
- 13/11/17 and 14/11/17 In Service
- 16/11/17 Kodaly Music Showcase

Published Pupils



7 Persuasive Writing

At Redmyre primary school we have a bog and a very bad one. It is horrible, yucky and not fun. We want parents to help stop it. ✓

We can't play on it or do gym on it. If we can stop it the pils will get to go on it for the first time. ✓

It also will make us have more playground space. The bog is yucky, slimy and dangerous. We could slip on it and hurt our self. ✓

We have not been on the grass since we came back from our holidays. We can only play on the chipings. ✓

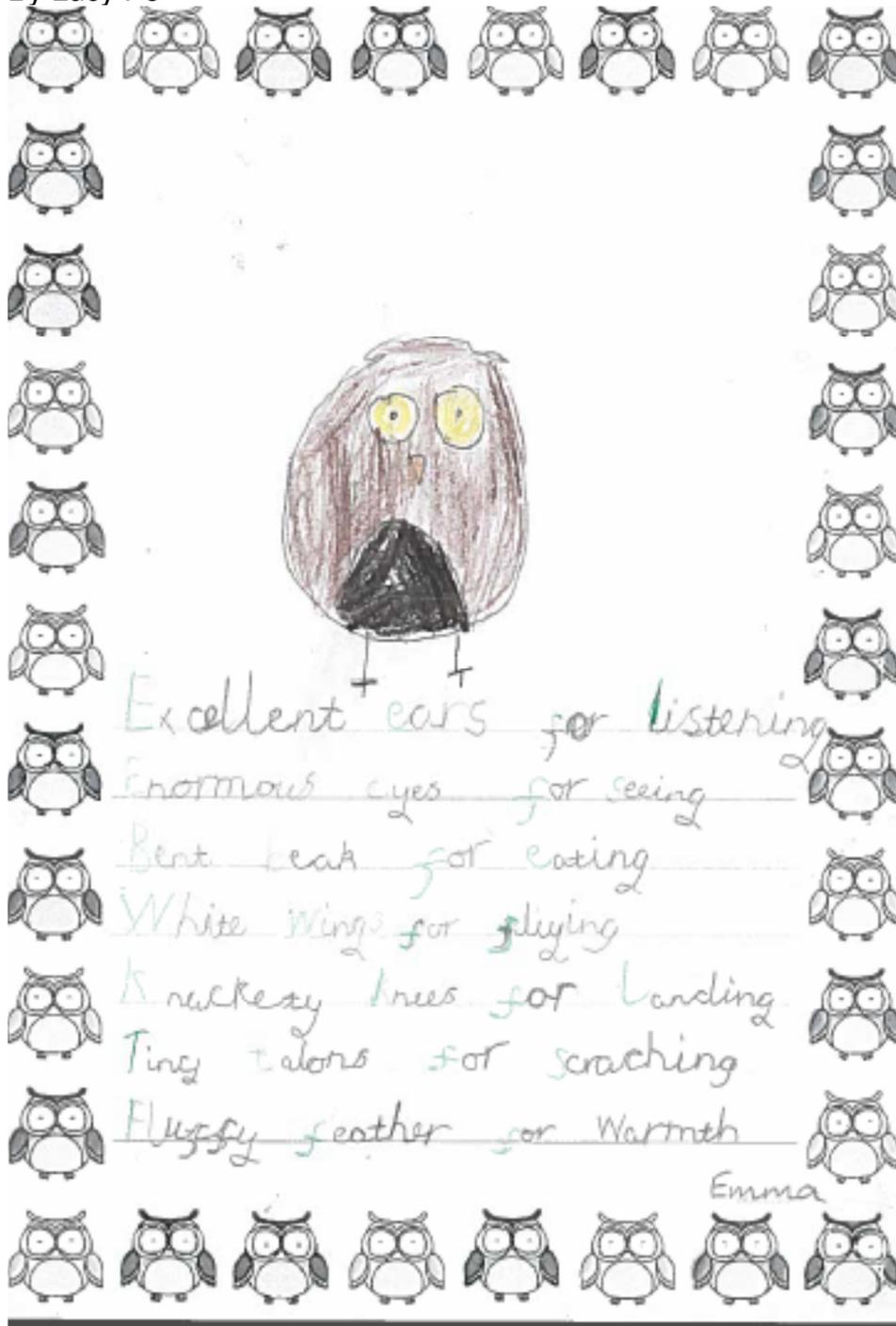
If we can go on it we even could get new equipment. I think it would change us. ✓

In my opinion it would be GREAT to get it back! If we get it back the boys will get football back. ✓

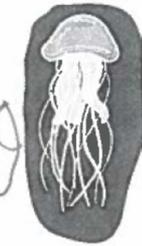
The bog is the biggest and the worst. We all HATE it! ✓

ALSO if we get it back Mrs. Donald and Mrs. Wilson will be HAPPY like us!

By Lucy P5



By Emma P4



I went
swimming
out
to the beach.

great writing!

I made
sand
castle
in the sand