

The Redmyre Review

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Children's Eye Checks



We have been asked to disseminate the following information on behalf of NHS Grampian.

A Reminder for Children's Eye Health & Sight FREE EYE EXAMINATIONS

All children in Scotland are entitled to an annual free eye examination by a qualified Optometrist (Optician). These examinations are really important for checking the health of your children's eyes and for making sure that children get any help they may need to make the most of their vision.

Sometimes children do not notice that one eye cannot see as well as the other and an eye examination can check to see if your child has any squints or 'lazy eyes' or if they need glasses. Vision can change over time so it is important to have checks regularly to see if there has been any change.

The Optician will give a prescription for glasses for your child if they need it. There is no obligation to buy glasses from the same Optician. Your child is entitled to an NHS optical voucher to help cover the cost of glasses. If the glasses you choose costs more than the voucher, you will have to pay the difference. The Optician will explain this in more detail.

We would encourage all parents to take their children to any high street Optician for regular eye examinations whether or not they think they may need glasses.

In Service Days

February 14th saw the teaching staff all visiting Newtonhill Primary School to attend a course called 'Big Writing'. Raising attainment in writing is Improvement Priority 1 on our School Improvement Plan and 'Big Writing' is an approach to teaching writing with a proven track record in raising attainment. It was a most enjoyable day and the staff have all been trying out some of the approaches in their classes already.

Mrs Hunter attended a First Aid training course at Laurencekirk on this day.

The second of our in-service days was an opportunity for us to work on priority 3 from our School Improvement Plan which is Developing Improved Approaches to Reporting. You may remember a few weeks ago I sent out a letter regarding our new approaches to reporting with an invitation for you to comment on our current end of year written report. As a staff we worked on developing a more streamlined written report format based on the feedback we got from you and based on the most current guidance from Education Scotland. These will be issued in May.

On the afternoon of the 15th all staff travelled to Marykirk Primary School to receive training on how to recognise and deal with anaphylactic shock.

RSPB Visit

We were delighted to be joined by Thalia from the RSPB for the whole day on Thursday 23rd February. In spite of the dreadful weather each of the classes bravely ventured outside to investigate bug habitats and to find out how welcoming our playground is for wildlife. Thalia was also able to give our ECO group lots of ideas of how we can very easily create habitats which will attract all sorts of creatures into our grounds.



Thalia showed us how we can make the playground safer for animals. I think building a bug hotel is a good idea.
Kyla Moir P6

Celebration of Scotland



We were delighted that so many of you could join us for our Celebration of Scotland on the 21st February. The children really enjoyed performing all of the songs, poems and dances which they learned in school but it was also great to see some of the children showing off some of the wonderful talents they are learning out with school too. We were once again very grateful to Mrs Moir who came in and accompanied the children with her bag pipes. The collection which we held on the day raised £44.65 for Cancer Research UK.



I enjoyed hearing the younger classes saying their poems because I hadn't heard them before.
Kayleigh Stott P6



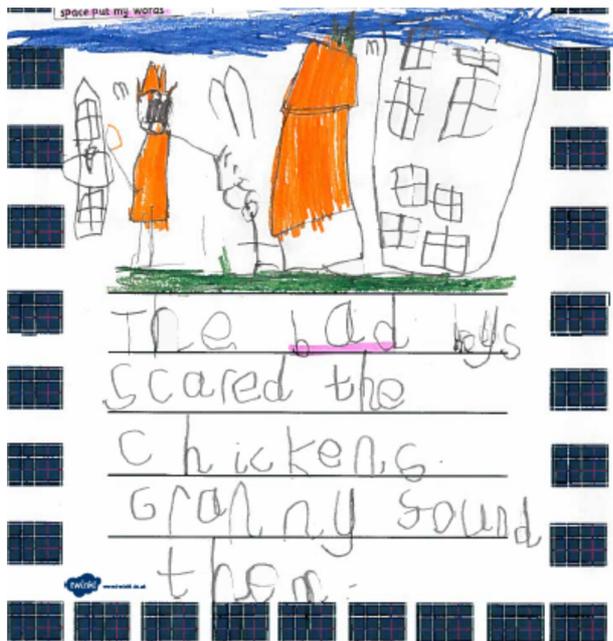
The Fairtrade Community Café group are collecting old bits and pieces of costume jewellery to put towards Traidcraft projects. They are also collecting Fairtrade wrappers for making a wall mural. There are collection boxes in school for these items to be deposited. We will be holding our next Community Café on the 22nd of March.

Dates for Your Diary.

2/3/17	World Book Day
7/3/17	P6/7- Forest School
14/3/17	P6/7 Forest School
21/3/17	P6/7 Forest School
22/3/17	Fairtrade Community Café
24/3/17	Cinema evening
28/3/17	P6/7 Forest Schools
31/3/17	P1/2 French Café Open Morning
31/3/17	Last Day of Term
18/4/17 (Tuesday)	Back to School

N.B Please, please, please ensure that children have appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear for Forest School days.

Published Pupils



By Steven P1

Steven 18.1.17

Tutankhamun's Tomb

Hi, I am Howard Carter the main archaeologist in my group. I have been searching for 5 years in the Valley of the Kings Egypt in 1922 and I was soooooo tired. One day later one of my men had tripped over a rock in the sand, and when I looked at it properly I had found what I was looking for!!

This was Tutankhamun's tomb so me and my men started to dig. As we dugged further we started to see a tunnel take shape. After a while when the tunnel was clear I started to crawl in. When I started to crawl it seemed to be getting darker so I took my torch out. When I lit my torch I couldn't believe my eyes.

I saw a room that had extraordinary treasures gold statues, sparkling diamonds and even more. On the wall there were strange paintings of people because they had animal heads. Later I found a papyrus scroll, gold cats and red green and blue jewels!

A while later I found a coffin looking thing but it had colourful patterns. It had a golden and blue mask on the man. After that I was so excited so I decided to

stop. I came out and told my men to look inside. It was the best day I ever had!!!

By Ruby P5

Wednesday 22nd February 2017

Emily

A Plants Life

Hello and today we are going to talk about the 7 life processes of a plant, what plants need to grow, the parts of a plant and the life cycle of a plant.

The Life Processes of A Plant.

The first life process is Movement. Movement is when the plant grows towards light and water.

Next is sensitivity, which is when the stem and leaves turn to face the light.

Now we can talk about Nutrition. This is when the roots take in minerals from the ground. The leaves turn it into food using the sunlight.

When the male organ (stamen) and the female organ (carpel) produce new seeds, we call this reproduction.

Meanwhile, respiration is when the plant's breathe in carbon dioxide. They use this to make food.

Another thing is Excretion. This time the plant breathes out oxygen which is a waste product of photosynthesis.

Lastly, we have growth. The plants grow by eating the food they make during photosynthesis.

What Do Plants Need To Grow?

Water

Water is important to a plant because the plant will frizzle and die without it.

Sunlight

Plants need the sun's light to grow because it helps make the plants food. The stem and leaves will turn to face the sun to get as much light as possible.

Minerals

Finally, the roots will suck up salt minerals from the soil which will also help to make the plants food.

The Different Parts of A Plant.

Stem

Firstly we will talk about the stem. The stem acts like a straw to suck up the minerals and water from the soil. Also, it holds the plant upright and steady.

Leaves

Next come the leaves. The leaves play an important part in a plants life as they use the water, minerals and

sunlight to make food.

Roots

Meanwhile, roots keep the plant in the ground and they suck up the salt minerals and water from the soil and the leaves then and the sun to make food for the plant.

Flower.

Finally, the flower. Every individual flower contains a stamen and a carpel. These are the organs. Together they reproduce new seeds for the next generation of flowers.

The Life Cycle Of A Plant.

First, a plant always starts off as a tiny seed or bulb in the soil.

Within a couple of days, a tiny stem will pop out of the ground.

Eventually, it will grow some little leaves.

Within a few weeks, it might have a small flower.

The plant should continue to grow upwards, outwards and bigger.

- Soon the plant will be fully grown. (unless it's a tree!)

- Meanwhile, the stamen and carpel should reproduce new seeds.

- Eventually the plant will sadly wither and die.

- The seeds will drop from the dead flower onto the ground.

- Then the seeds will bury and start to grow and the life cycle will start again.

Conclusion.

Sadly my talk about plants has come to an end. I hope that I have completely filled you with my information and that you enjoyed reading it as much as I enjoyed writing it.

By Emily P6