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SUMMER FAYRE

Wow, I have been informed we have made a fantastic total of £1287.82. A huge thank you to everyone who donated towards this, to those who helped out on the day and to everyone who came and visited the stalls. The children really enjoyed the new activities that the Parent Council added to this year's Fayre. The Parent Council have excelled themselves yet again! Thank you!

WINNERS: GUESS THE BIRTHDAY - Mickey: Emily P4 Minnie: Lainey P4
 TREASURE HUNT - Miss Lipka

We have a variety of bags and tubs left over from the Fayre. If you would like yours back please contact the school office by the end of term.

SCHOOL ELECTIONS

The whole school voted in our annual school election to nominate their House Team Captains. Each child who was interested in being a House Captain had to give a speech to their house.

Congratulations to the following pupils who were successful:

HARALD Ebonnie Bremner, Jack Gunn
SINCLAIR Kaila Hay, Tyler Body
THOR Kody Trueman, Cameron Ross

Within the classroom, P4-7 pupils voted on reps for the Pupil Council, SNAG and Eco committees. Congratulations to the following pupils:

PUPIL COUNCIL Jennifer Carruthers, Aaron Wilson, Kara Mackay, Danny Elder, Sadie Bell,
 Don Miller, Laya Cowie, Lainey Warner, Nathan Tait, Calum McArthur.

SNAG Payge Allan, Danny Reid, Teoni Sutherland, Calum Sinclair, Rhiannon
 Mackay, Michael Swanson, Charlotte Gillon, Leighton Cannop.

ECO Hazel Gunn, Lewis Duffy, Fara Donald, Kieran Johns, Katie Chambers,
 Shaun Hay, Skye MacColl, Allan Robertshaw.

STAFF CHANGES

This month Miss Gulloch has taken up the post of Acting Depute Head Teacher and Sandra Noble has joined us as School Secretary.

WELL DONE KELSEY!

We were absolutely delighted when Kelsey from Primary 2 arrived in the school office with a donation to kick start our fundraising activities for Malawi. Kelsey decided that instead of receiving gifts for her birthday she would run a collection instead. She raised a fantastic sum of £165! Plans are currently underway for a speaker to come to our school next term to tell us more about what we can do and what happens with our money.

HELPING HANDS

We are delighted and extremely appreciative of the continued support we receive from the families of our pupils, it certainly helps our school enormously. Please find below a list of the parents/grandparents/relatives who earned their child(ren) a helping hand for our Helping Hands Tree in the main hall:

Helping at the Summer Fayre - Julie Gunn (Nicole P7, Sophie P6, Kieran P4, Kelsey P1), Elaine Laird (Matthew P3), Jackie King (Lucy P5, Emily P4, Lois P1), Fern Sutherland (Kelsey P6, Alan P4), Jacqueline Sinclair (Calum P6), Eileen Mullins (Ryan P7), Allison Fraser (Tamsin P1), Amanda Sinclair (Danny P7), Ellen Murray (Elle P3, Kenzie N4), Kerry Bell (Sadie P5), Wendy Trueman (Kody P7), Joyce Menzies (Kyle P4), Megan Gillon (Charlotte P4), Mrs Boulton (Elle P3, Kenzie N4), Carol-Anne Farquhar (Donald GM P1), Lynsey Webber (Payge P7, Chase P2), Hazel Allan (James P5, Freya P1), Nicola Munro (Donald P2), Melanie Greig (Mya P1, Chloe N3), Tracey Allan (Zoe P6), Julie Taylor (William P6, James P2), Lizzie Cannop (Noah P1), Amanda Greig (Teagan P5), Sandra Mann (Ruby P3, Amber N3), Debbie Stracey and Barbara Swanson (Mackenzie P3), Claire Clark (Callum P7, Cameron P5, Danny P2), Laura Sutherland (Emily P3, Erin N3)

Helping on school trips - Julie Gunn (Nicole P7, Sophie P5, Kieran P4, Kelsey P1), Lesley Baker (Darran P3)

Donating books - Michelle Hay (Kaila P7, Shaun P5), Donna Farquhar (Alana P3)

Donating home grown apples - Mrs Allan (James P5 & Freya P1)

ASTRONAUT VISIT

American astronaut, Duane "Digger" Carey, visited our school to talk to the pupils about his space missions as the pilot of the Colombia. The children were excited and enthralled with his tales of space travel and his missions to the Hubble Space Telescope.

LIBRARY VISIT

Last Thursday we were invited along to the opening of the temporary new library which is located at the old Hydro Electric premises in Princes Street. The children were shown around the new library, told more about how a library operates and listened to a story. We encourage children to read in their own time and, for those children who do not currently have a library card of their own, have sent forms home.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

On Friday 27th September we held a coffee morning in support of Macmillan Cancer Support's World's Biggest Coffee Morning. This was a huge success and we raised the grand total of £414.15. Thank you to everyone who helped us on the day provided us with scrummy baking and visited our coffee morning. The winner of our Guess How Many Coffee Beans in the Jar competition was Mrs Gunn (Calum P6's Granny). Mrs Allan (James P5 & Freya's P1's Granny) donated a large amount of apples from the trees in her garden. We completely sold out and raised a fantastic sum of £53.75 towards this excellent cause.

STANDARDS AND QUALITY REPORT

The Standards and Quality report for 2013/14 is now available for parents. There is a copy outside the school office and on the school website. If you require a copy sent home, please let us know.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Monday 30th September Walk to School Week
- Thursday 3rd October Official opening of our Gaelic Medium Unit
- Friday 4th October Harvest Festival in aid of Thurso Food Bank
- Tuesday 22nd October First day back to school
- Thursday 24th October School Photographer (individual and family groups)
- Thursday 31st October Halloween Lunch
- Wednesday, 13 November Parents' Evening
- Friday, 15 November Children In Need
- Tuesday, 10 December Christmas Show
- Thursday 12th December Primary 1 visit to Santa's Grotto

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - <i>The school is closed to pupils on the following dates</i>	
October 2013	Saturday 5 th to Monday 21 st October
Christmas 2013	Saturday 21 st December to Sunday 5 th January 2014
February Half Term 2014	Saturday 15 th to Sunday 23 rd February
May Day 2014	Saturday 3 rd to Monday 5 th May
Easter 2014	Saturday 5 th to Monday 21 st April
Summer 2014	Friday 4 th July to Monday 18 th August
September Long Weekend 2014	Thursday 25 th to Sunday 28 th September
October 2014	Saturday 11 th to Sunday 26 th October
Christmas 2014	Saturday 20 th December to Sunday 4 th January 2015
February Break 2015	Saturday 14 th to Wednesday 18 th February
Easter 2015	Saturday 3 rd to Sunday 19 th April
May Day 2015	Saturday 2 nd to Monday 4 th May
June Long Weekend 2015	Saturday 30 th May to Monday 1 st June
Summer 2015	Friday 3 rd July to Monday 17 th August