



MOUNT PLEASANT PRESS

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We cannot believe that it is the end of Term 2 already; what a busy last 5 weeks we have had.

Primary 4, with the help of Mrs Geddes, performed an excellent Road Safety Play which all the children from Nursery to Primary 3 thoroughly enjoyed. Primary 6 & 7 were visited by our local Police Liaison Officer, PC Audrey Dunnett, who gave them a talk and video on Cyberbullying. With children being so much more "computer savvy" we would urge parents to be aware of what their children are doing online and to visit www.childnet.com which has a wealth of information on how to keep children safe online.

We had a fantastic Children in Need day when everyone came to school in their PJs or onesies, each class collected donations and the children bought Children in Need wrist bands. The total collected was a staggering £447.73 which has been forwarded on. Well done everyone!

Primary 7 recently donated £100 to the local North Highland Cancer Information and Support Centre. This was money that the class had raised by growing and selling plants during their time in Primary 6. They were delighted to be told that their donation will go towards pots and plants to brighten up the patio area of the Centre. The remaining money from was distributed to Children in Syria and the Philippines Typhoon Disaster.

Primary 6 have recently bought watercolour paints and brushes for the whole school from their Primary 5 enterprise money made after organising their fantastic Art Exhibition. This will help all the pupils in their artistic endeavours. Well done and thank you!

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:

- Lynn McLean (Lainey P4) - donating foam alphabet shapes, Christmas dressing up outfit and craft items
- Susan MacColl (Skye P4 and Finn P1) - donating paper
- Isobel Miller (Liam P7) - donating books
- Tracy Mackay (Rhiannon P5) - donating books
- Gillian Hossack - (Geena P2) - donating paper
- Laura Gunn (Jack P7 and Bruin P2) - donating Christmas decorations
- Lynsey Will (Jake P5 and Kyle P3) - donating side plates
- Jenni Mackenzie (Grant P7) - donating Christmas baubles

CHRISTMAS ROUND UP

A big thank you to everyone who came to our Christmas Shows. The children did a magnificent job performing two shows in one day. Thank you to the staff and pupils for putting in the hard work. The total amount raised on the night between ticket sales and raffles was £1830.60; this will be put into School Funds.



Well done to P4 who made a fantastic £305.10 by asking for donations for their programmes for the Christmas Show. Thank you to everyone who donated money.



Primary 7 ran this year's Christmas Stamp enterprise by selling 2p stamps for using the school's Christmas Postal Service. They collected an amazing £124.76 (50% to school excursion fund and 50% to a local charity yet to be decided).

We are so proud of our Primary 4 to 7 choirs who spent the morning carol singing in Tesco's on Monday 16th December. They collected the fantastic sum of £135.28 for all their efforts. Many thanks to the management and staff of Tesco for inviting us along.



Our Primary 7s had their annual trip to the Thurso Players Pantomime on Thursday 12th December. They all had a fabulous time and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We were delighted to see that they all threw themselves into the spirit of pantomime by fully participating.

Primaries 1-3 visited the Episcopal Church to take part in the Christingle Service on 11th December. All children got to make their own Christingle which proved to be a lot of fun. Thank you to Reverend Wendy Knott for inviting us along.



Our Nursery and Primary 1 classes had a wonderful time when they visited Santa Claus in his grotto. The children sang songs that they had rehearsed for our Christmas Show and played in Santa's sleigh. The highlight of the visit was of course meeting Santa and telling him what they wanted for Christmas. The children were beautifully behaved and were extremely polite to Santa!

In the final week of term the fun and games continued with the Primary 1-3 and the Primary 4-7 Christmas Parties. Staff and children had a wonderful time full of party games, buffet party food and hilarious group dancing efforts.

NEXT TERM

School reopens to both pupils and staff at 9am on Monday 6th January

Mondays

From 6th Jan

Piping with Kevin Gunn

From 6th Jan

After School Music Club with Susie and Katrina

Wednesdays

From 8th Jan

Swimming lessons will resume for Primaries 4 and 5

From 8th Jan

Guitar with Andy Macleod

From 8th Jan

Feis Rois for Primary 6 (6 week block) starts

From 16th Jan

Primary 5 to 7 After School Football Training (permission slips to be issued w/c 6th Jan)

Thursdays

From 9th Jan

Strings lessons with Niall Laybourne

Fridays

From 10th Jan

Woodwind lessons with Karen Anderson

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year