

## Edenside Primary School

Here at Edenside Primary School, we have been enjoying a rich musical life over the past few months, both in and out of school. Here are some highlights:

### Choir Visit

Members of our P6 & P7 school choir, ukulele group and brass group recently visited Kelso Hospital to perform. They were very warmly received by the staff and patients, who were full of praise for our talented youngsters. After they had performed, the pupils stayed to have a chat with the patients, which was a very rewarding experience all-round. Following the visit, the school were delighted to receive grateful messages of thanks and to hear how impressed the patients and staff were with the behaviour and mature manner of our pupils. A huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Mabon for organising and coordinating such a worthwhile trip into our local community.

### String Performance

Thanks to Kelso Music Society, our senior pupils enjoyed a musical treat recently when the Aurea Quartet came into school to host a workshop with our pupils who are currently learning instruments. This was followed up with a string concert performance for all P6 & P7 pupils in Kelso Old Parish Church. Both the workshop and concert were fun and interactive, giving the pupils a chance to try out different string instruments, learn about different musical styles and some pupils even tried their hand at conducting!

### Musical Showcase

We regularly enjoy the musical talents of our children through our whole school showcase events. Various classes delight the school audience with their singing as well as performances from our ukulele, brass and string groups. We are so lucky to have such wonderful musical experiences and input to our school and we would like to publicly thank our fantastic music teacher John Mabon, instrumental specialists Simon Johnstone and Rob Hume and volunteer choir support Gwen Mabon for their ongoing hard work and expertise. On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November we were treated to a performance in the school Hall featuring our choir, our strings players, solo performances from Lucy Campbell on violin and Joshua McKellar on trombone, and our ukulele group.

### Jupiter Artland

Last term, our P5/6 and P6 classes were enchanted by their trip to Jupiter Artland, a unique, 100 acre sculpture garden near Edinburgh. These exciting installations provided our pupils with a wonderful, though provoking introduction to sculpture and proved to be the perfect setting for them to engage their artistic sides. According to our pupils, this trip would get 10 out of 10!

Our next exciting trip is for P3/4 and P4 pupils who will visit the Royal Observatory on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December to deepen their learning of their current 'Day and Night' topic. Our Parent Council subsidise the cost of school trips by £3 per child, and we are very grateful for this support.

