

Maths Magicians!

Children in Primary 5 are participating in an online maths programme called "Mathletics", which Miss Nimmo co-ordinates, encouraging the P5 children to take part over the past two years. Each week the pupils complete set tasks and battle it out with children around the world in 'Live Mathletics' to answer numeracy questions as fast as they can. Two P5 girls achieved a Gold Award in Mathletics after only 20 weeks on the programme. Aurora Campbell and Iona Oathamshaw have worked so hard to gain over 1000 points every week and have already achieved this level with half the school year still to go!



Over the last couple of weeks they have been joined by Rayna Douglas and Annabelle Allan bringing our total to 4! There are a few more P5 pupils hot on their heels and we're hoping that by June 2018 we will have a 'Mathletics Hall of Fame' full of Gold Award winners. Congratulations girls, we are so proud of all of you!

Meanwhile, Miss McManus led Primary 3/4 to glory in the National Sumdog Championships. Children had to complete up to 1000 numeracy questions in one week. We were delighted when P3/4 achieved second place competing against the whole of the Scottish Borders. Out of almost 400 children, we also had two pupils placed in the top ten, with Charlotte Schoeman fourth, and Jacob Harradine 6th. What an incredible achievement! All the children in P3/4 made it onto the top 100 leader board; we are looking forward to taking part in the next competition later in the year.

Primary 7 - Harry Potter

During the holidays Primary 7 all received their Hogwarts acceptance letters and kit lists by owl post. Term started on Monday 8th January. The novel 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone,' will provide the stimulus for work this term and there will be lots of magical happenings at Edenside. The children are particularly looking forward to 'potions' classes where they will learn about chemical reactions and also taking to the skies on their broomsticks in the annual P7 Quidditch Games – may the best House win!

Internet Safety

Following successful workshops with PC Logan about Internet Safety, Primary 7 were keen to share their learning with parents. They have written persuasive texts entitled 'How to keep your child safe online' which they hope will alert parents to possible dangers of the internet, as well as inform them of actions which they can take to help to keep their children safe. These are now published on the school website – please have a look at this very sound advice.

Edenside Ambassadors

This term saw the launch of our exciting new committee called Edenside Ambassadors which is made up of a group of pupils from P5 – P7. The purpose of our group is to allow our pupils to be effective contributors, and have their ideas and views shared



on how we learn, and what we learn in our school. We work very hard here at Edenside to develop skills for life through a programme we call 'Edenside Learners' which helps us develop perseverance and resilience skills to enable us to "Be The Best We Can Be". We have written to local businesses and individuals who have developed businesses themselves; such as Mr Malone at Granny Jean's, Plexus, M & J Ballantyne Ltd and our local pet expert Jane Lothian from Kelso Critters, among others, to look at the skills we are developing in school, and how we can build other skills that our future employers view as important for their workforce. With the help of our local business experts, we hope to inspire and cultivate the future generation and prepare our pupils for life beyond school, all the time encouraging them to follow our motto of: '**Be the Best We Can Be**'.

Finally – warm congratulations and good luck to our friends in Broomlands Primary School, now in their new school.