

The Edenside Buzz

The Pupils' Voice - Winter 2018

Bah-Humbug!

P6 and P7 had lots of practices for their Christmas production, called Bah-Humbug. Opening night was December the 11th 2018. The show showcased the P6 and P7's many talents includes singing, acting and remembering lines. The play is based on the timeless Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol'. The production tells the story of Ebenezer Scrooge who was an old miser. He was visited by three spirits: Christmas Past, Christmas Present and Christmas Future. He was shown what he could have done better and what he can still do better. Once he had been shown every aspect of life and compared his life to others he changed his ways and did his best to spread the spirit of Christmas throughout the whole year. Many thanks to our teachers Mrs Bryce, Miss Cowan, Mrs Moutter, Mrs Brown and Mrs Ballantyne for helping organise the show. Also to Mr and Mrs Coates for doing an amazing job with the makeup and we can't forget Mr Mabon for the wonderful music that he provided for our songs.

Resilience

In our school from Primary 1-7 we have been learning about resilience. Mr Bewsey has taught us that we have a river of life. Sometimes we come across rocks which are hard times but we try to fix them. We have a new mascot for our school, his name is Skipper. Skipper helps us figure out what to do when we have to deal with tricky things. In P6MB we do resilience shout-outs. If you see someone going through a big bump in life and they are being resilient you can give them a shout-out. In P6\7C there is a wall of resilience. Other classes have been learning about Building Resilience in different ways. Some have made Resilience toolkits, some have imagined journeys in hot-air balloons and others have changed the words to 'If You're Happy and You Know' it to help them to deal with different situations.

Upcoming Events

Monday 17th December: am P3 Party/pm P4 Party

Tuesday 18th December: am P5 Party/pm P6 Party

Wednesday 19th December: am P7 Party/pm P1/2 Party

(For afternoon parties children may bring a bag of party clothes to change into at lunchtime.)

Thursday 20th Christmas Lunch: Wear something Christmassy!

Friday 21st December: Church Service/school closes 12.50pm

Monday 7th January: New Term begins



Primary 1 and 2

Primary 1 and 2 have been learning lots about Nocturnal animals. We have been finding out where some of the animals live, what they do and what they eat.

We also found out lots of interesting facts like:

Bats hang upside down.

Owls can't move their eyes.

A fox baby is called a cub.

We dissected owl pellets to find out what Barn Owls eat and which bits they spit back up! We even had a real Barn Owl to visit our classes.

Some of the children made these great animal pictures.



Recycling at Edenside

We have made a good start to recycling at Edenside. In the dinner hall we are putting clean paper and plastics in bins to be recycled. Classroom waste paper is also being collected regularly. We are still collecting red, green and blue plastic milk bottle tops and now have a box in reception for used postage stamps. All contributions will be gratefully received!

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Recount of our day with Kelso music society

Yesterday we had the most amazing day with people from the Kelso Music Society. They came to work with us on a piece of music by Matyas Sieber. First we changed into our P.E. kits and were introduced to Liz and Monica, who were going to be working with us for the day. Next we listened to the music and tried to think of actions to fit into a dance. We had to pretend we were police officers, inspecting a crime.

Later we joined with P5W and put their actions together with ours, to create a dance to the music. We had lots of run throughs to get the dance perfect. Soon after, our parents arrived to watch our performance. I was nervous but excited. It went very well and our audience was very pleased! By Max Currie

Harry Potter

All of the Primary 6 and 7 pupils are continuing with their topic Harry Potter. Recently they have been doing their potions classes. In some of the exciting classes we made slime, fizzing potions and fizzy lemons. All of the classes have finished reading, Harry Potter and the Philosopher Stone. The story tells us about Harry, Ron and Hermione's adventure to get the philosopher stone and to figure out the secrets behind it.

Christmas Quiz

Complete the lyrics

1. I'm dreaming of a _____ Christmas.
2. The stars in the _____ sky look down where he lay.
3. O' come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, o come ye o come ye to _____.
4. Good tidings we bring, to you and your _____.
5. Little donkey, little donkey on the dusty road. Got to keep on plodding onwards with your _____ load.

Answer the Christmas questions

6. Who wrote 'A Christmas Carol'?
7. Which is not the name of one of Santa's reindeers?
A) Comet
B) Vixen
C) Brixton
D) Donner
8. Which is not mentioned in the song 'The 12 Days of Christmas'?
A) Lords Leaping
B) Kings Singing
C) A Partridge in a Pear Tree
D) 5 Gold Rings
9. What colour suit did Father Christmas originally wear?
A) Blue
B) Red
C) Green
D) Black
10. Which is not a name of one of the 3 Wise Men?
A) Melchior
B) Caspar
C) Belthazar
D) Emanuel

The Victorians

Primary 3, 3/4 and 4 have been learning about life in Victorian times. The highlights of our topic were our visit to Paxton House and our Victorian School Day.

As part of our topic we studied Victorian buildings. P3 and P3/4 made some great pastel drawings of the houses. We learned that some children had to do hard and dangerous jobs.

We found out what a Victorian classroom was like for the children that went to school.

We learned lots of interesting facts about Queen Victoria and her life. Primary 4M decorated one piece of a mosaic each and then joined them together to make an amazing portrait of the Queen.

On the 7th December we came to school dressed in old fashioned clothes to experience life as a Victorian child.

We looked at how the Victorians influenced today's Christmas traditions and in Art and Craft lessons we made some Victorian decorations of our own.

Unscramble the Christmas Words

11. ganel
12. ownsnam
13. repsten
14. ightskoc
15. rete

Primary 4 are continuing to take turns to litter pick in the playground. They are doing a great job.

Our outdoor areas look a lot better and are much safer for the wildlife in our school grounds. Well done P4!

As part of our 'Developing Young Workforce' initiative The Edenside Ambassadors visited West Morriston Farm near Earlston.

West Morriston is a large arable and poultry farm. We were shown into the poultry sheds and the egg packing area. We were amazed at the huge number of hens and how well they are looked after. The hens had food, water, outside places to explore and to shelter under, places to sleep and quiet places to lay their eggs! We were driven around the farm to see the crops that are grown for us and for the animals to eat. We saw enormous machines that worked on the farm.

We each lifted a big potato from the potato field to take home with us!



We did a survey in school and found out that very few of our pupils wanted to work in agriculture. We wanted to find out more about farming and if the skills and qualities that we are promoting at Edenside would be useful in farming jobs.

When we arrived we gave a short talk and power-point presentation to the West Morriston staff. We explained **The Edenside Learners** to them, telling them about the work being done at each stage of the school.

We told them about Charlie and Emily in the P1-3 classes, the Superheroes in the P4-5 classes and the Footsteps to Success in P6 and P7. We asked the staff if the attributes at each stage would be useful in the workplace.

The farmers told us that 'perseverance' and 'sticking at it' were great skills to have. They said it was really important to be enthusiastic and to enjoy your job.

The farmers are keen to visit Edenside sometime to tell more of us about the work that they do and perhaps to encourage more of us into farming jobs when we are older!