

Food Bank Collection

P6 have donated their collected items to the Midlothian Food Bank today (Thursday 17th) in school. Janice, from the Food Bank came to school and was overwhelmed by the generosity of our pupils and families. We are very proud to have supported this initiative that really helps families within our school community. Thank you to all who have donated.

School Dates

Please note that school closes to all pupils on Friday 18th December at 12 noon.

School re-opens for pupils on Wednesday 6th January!

Please note that our P6 pupils will start skiing on Wednesday 6th January. Please come to school in tracksuit bottoms and warm clothing and bring a change of clothing, just in case!

Merry

Christmas

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Christmas Activities

Pantomime

All classes in school had a fantastic morning out at the Brunton Theatre in Musselburgh enjoying their production of Cinderella. Our pupils were thoroughly entertained and really got into the spirit of the pantomime.

The Brunton Theatre have complimented the school on the good manners and positive attitude of our pupils on the two occasions they visited.

Nativity Play

Our production of 'It's a Baby' took place on Monday in school with an afternoon and evening performance. Our pupils were fantastic and their amazing show reflected the amount of effort that they have put in over the past few weeks to have the show ready for our families.

A huge thank you must be made to our infant teachers who have worked tirelessly to ensure that the production was a success. Thank you Mr Tilmouth, Miss MacDonald and Miss Craig.

A special thank you must also be made to our learning assistants who worked tirelessly to ensure that the scenery was completed, often working or giving up their breaks to achieve this!

We would also like to give a special thank you to Mrs Helen Rutherford for her support as she mended all of our angel outfits to ensure that they were ready for use. Thank you—it was a great help!

Finally, a huge thank you to our parents and families for attending and supporting the event. Without your support we wouldn't have a nativity play each year!

Our ticket sales and fundraising calendars etc have helped to raise an enormous £467.60 for school funds. This money will be used to improve our nativity costumes and be added to our outdoor learning fund to enhance our playgrounds. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Lunch

The whole school celebrated Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 8th December. It was a fantastic occasion, with our pupils looking very festive in their Christmas jumpers. All pupils enjoyed a traditional lunch and even had some crackers to pull too!

A big thank you to our school kitchen for making this such a lovely day for us all!

Christmas Eve Mass

Mass will be celebrated in the Parish of St. Luke and St. Anne, Mayfield on Christmas Eve. The service begins at 6pm with a carol service and then Mass will start at 6.30pm. Monsignor Allan Chambers extends a warm invitation to all families and pupils of our school to attend the Mass, where you will be most welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!

Forth One Christmas Carols

Our P1-P3 pupils featured on Forth One's Christmas Carols on Monday 14th December. Our pupils were amazing! Feedback from staff, parents and indeed schools across Midlothian has been very complimentary! Our song can still be heard on Forth One's website.

Well done to all involved!

Live Space Launch at Dynamic Earth

A group of P5, 6 and 7 pupils attended a special event at Dynamic Earth on Tuesday 15th December. The attraction was actually closed to the public and we were part of a small group of invited guests to attend the attraction!

Pupils were invited into the show dome where we watched a video of Tim Peake preparing for his mission to the international space station, before we watched the live launch! It was very exciting!

Following on from this we took part in a space workshop where we found out about astronauts living in space and how zero gravity makes life more complicated!

Finally we were amazed to have astronaut Samantha Cristoforetti come to see us at Dynamic Earth and lead a question and answer session on being an astronaut, her experiences of being at the international space station and training with Tim Peake. It was fantastic!!

It was a super day and really a once in a lifetime experience for our pupils.

Winter Weather

Please keep up to date with winter weather arrangements in times of inclement weather by following Midlothian Council on Twitter @midgov or by accessing their website www.midlothian.gov.uk. Announcements on school closures etc are made here and are also sent to local radio stations.