

School Newsletter

An exciting first term comes to a close - as we look to a new one ahead!

A word from our Lead Teacher:

Although we are all very excited for the holiday, it is hard to believe that our first term has already drawn to a close. As we reflect on the last eight weeks, we have so much to be grateful for. Friendships have developed, learning has taken place and many fun, happy memories have been made, all to the glory of God.

We look forward to returning, rested and refreshed, for the new term. A few of the highlights we anticipate are outlined below:

- Our main themes for Literacy will be 'Friendship' and 'Farm Life'. P5s will be reading 'Charlotte's Web' by EB White and our P3s will begin their first literature study, reading 'Friska my Friend' by Patricia St John. Our younger children will explore several shorter texts in keeping with these themes.
- In Science we are continuing with our exploration of Light and Colour and will then be moving on to learning about the Solar System, as part of God's amazing creation. This will include a trip to the Aberdeen Science Centre later in the term.
- We continue with 'The Mystery of History' in Social Studies and begin the term in Ancient Egypt!

- In Biblical studies, we will continue with learning the Westminster Shorter Catechism and exploring God's word. We will be looking at the lives of Amy Carmichael and Eric Liddell, as missionaries who dedicated their lives to serving God and spreading the Gospel.

Here some impressions on what we did in October:

When the children were learning all about the Tower of Babel, they themselves got to compete in a tower-building contest. The winning team was very happy with their tower!





In Social Sciences the children learned about Stonehenge and considered questions about why and how it was built. Later on they again were able to put their own skills to the test in a building competition.

Instead of heavy stones they got to use delicious biscuits. All groups did really well!





In Science the children were having fun with colour - from building a travelling rainbow, experimenting with food colouring to building fun bubble snakes!



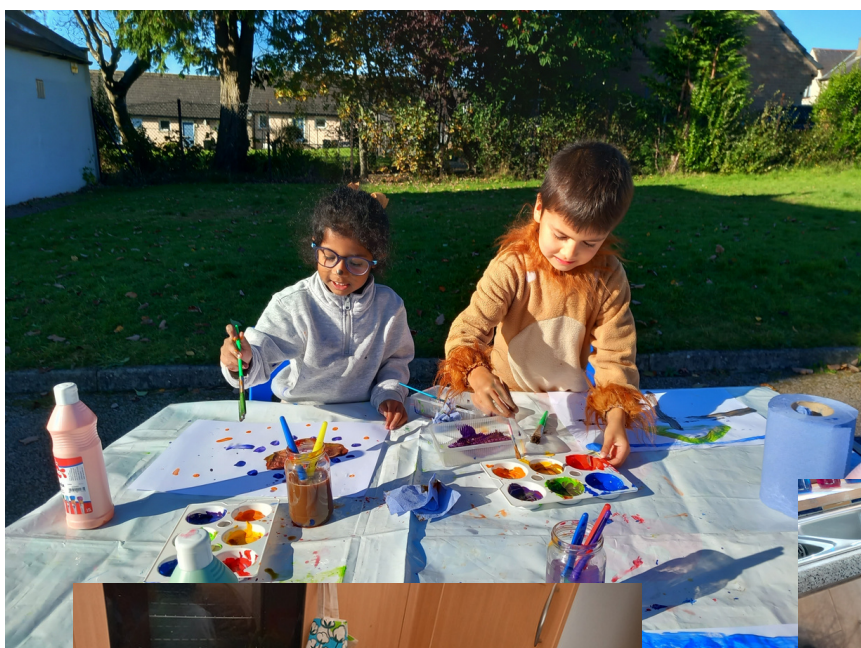
The highlight of the term was without a doubt our dress-up day just before the Autumn holidays. The pupils were told to dress up as a character from their literacy studies; for P1-P3s this was any character from Aesop's fables and for P5s characters from C.S. Lewis' *The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe*.



The kids had to present their character in a short monologue - a task which some mastered very well!



On dress-up day, anyone over the age of 7 was allowed to watch *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* - meanwhile the little ones were busy preparing a picnic lunch and painting!



How you can support us:

Prayer:

- Thanksgiving for a successful first term, with students settling well and first learning successes being celebrated!
- We are facing an inspection from Education Scotland in the first week of November - pray for the inspection outcome to be positive.
- Pray for the continued growth in interest in the school and the implications for planning ahead.

Financial Support:

Our school depends greatly on donations so we can keep tuition fees as low as possible.

If you want to support us financially you can do so via bank transfer to the following account, please contact our office for further information or with questions.

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