

School Newsletter

Praise the Lord!

One of our favourite Psalms to sing together in the mornings is Psalm 150. It is a wonderful reminder at the start of the day that ‘everything that’s breathing’ should praise the Lord! We are now halfway through our second term at Melville-Knox Aberdeen and have many reasons to praise Him and have much for which to be grateful.

The term began with our Post Registration Inspection by Education Scotland, which was very positive, and we thank everyone who supported us in prayer. We praise God for equipping us for this process and for His sovereignty.

We also give thanks for our Melville-Knox Aberdeen family. Our parents help in so many ways. This includes assisting in the classroom, helping with the cleaning, serving on the PFA and supporting the school through prayer to name but a few. We are so grateful for this and give thanks to the Lord for the families He has brought to the school.

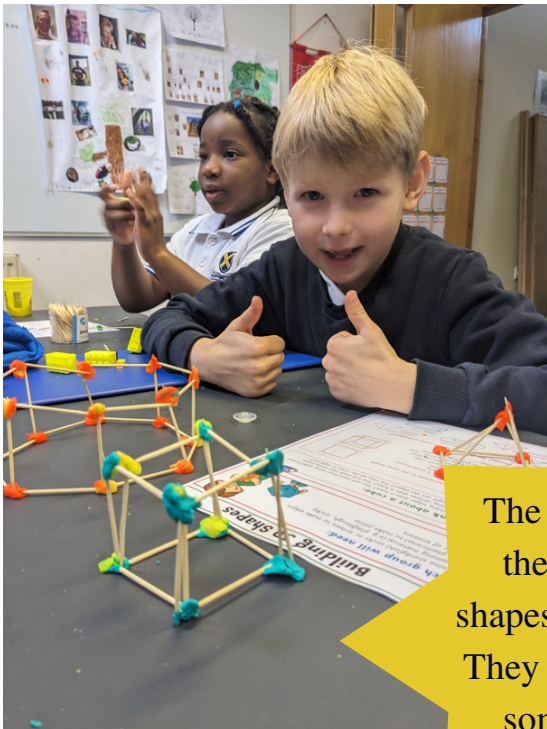
Despite the shorter, colder days the children bring a sense of energy to all they do. We praise the Lord for the way He is working in their lives. It is so touching to hear their heartfelt prayers for those affected by conflicts around the world, for the growth of God’s church in Scotland and for those who are not saved to come to know what Jesus has done for them and to accept the gift of salvation.

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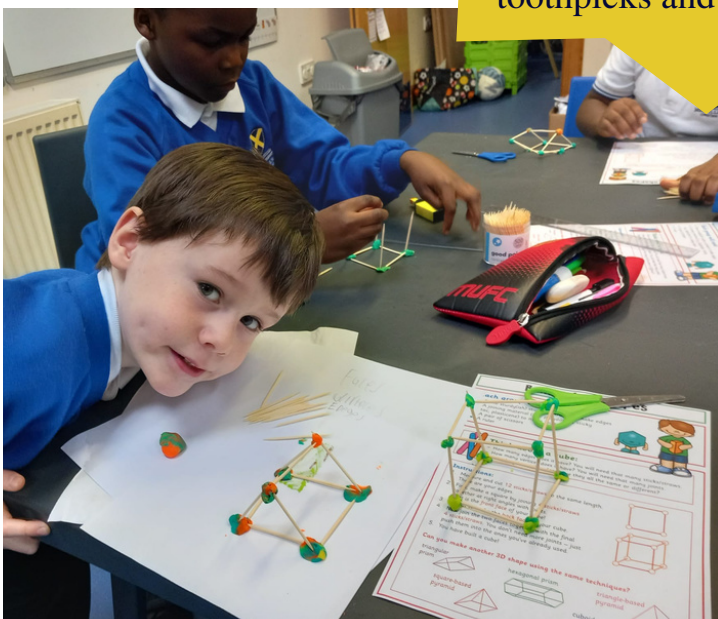
Bronwyn Gers,
Lead Teacher

Here are some impressions of what we have been up to:

Numeracy:



The P3's were finishing up their work on geometric shapes in numeracy this term. They greatly enjoyed making some of the shapes with toothpicks and play-doh.





The P1s have been experimenting with measurements and volumes as well as learning about odd and even numbers!

The P5s have been learning to calculate the area of rectangles while continuously improving their addition, subtraction, multiplication & division.

Literacy:

In literacy the P5s have been reading *Charlotte's Web* and got to act out a scene for the rest of the class recently.

P1s and P2s have continued practicing their phonics and handwriting skills.

Meanwhile, the P3s have been reading *Friska My Friend*. While doing that they had the opportunity hold a presentation about their (fictional) pet and have been learning about how to write letters.



Science:



We have been continuing our lessons about darkness and light. The P5s have been learning about lenses and magnification. With the younger ones the focus has mainly been reflection, yet they also got their turn in looking through the microscope!



PE:

With the colder, wintery weather our PE lessons have largely had to be moved inside. Mr Traynor has been practicing gymnastics with the P3-5s on Thursdays while the whole class has been practicing to dance in unison or canon with Mrs Gers on Tuesdays.



Social Sciences:

In Social Sciences one topic we discussed was Ancient Egypt. This was linked with hearing about the story of Joseph and the beginning of Israel's slavery. The pupils made some bricks of clay and straw. In Arts they also made some silhouettes of Egyptian landscapes.



More recently we have started to look at the Shang Dynasty in China. For this topic Mrs Gers even brought in our first class pets: some silkworms. The children have been very excitedly learning about the silkworm's hibernation and their silk spinning. Everyone loves to take part in making the Mulberry-paste to feed the worms!



How you can support us:

Prayer:

- We are in urgent need of regular financial support. Please pray that more individuals and churches would partner with our school financially.
- In our current building we are restricted to admitting 15 pupils. We haven't been able to advertise for a new intake next year as we would currently only have a couple places to offer. Please pray for guidance and provision in looking at other options for school premises which would allow the school to grow.
- Pray for the establishment of our Parent and Friends Association, who will elect representatives for the School Management and School Board in December.
- Thanksgiving for the positive outcome of the Education Scotland inspection earlier this month, which has lifted a heavy burden off our leadership and staff.

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.

Melville-Knox Christian School
Grace Reformed Church, Long Walk Road, AB16 5QQ
Reliance Bank,
Sort-code: 60 – 01 – 73
Account Number: 00220139

If you want more information about the school, enrolling your children or how you can support us, do not hesitate to contact our school office:

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