

School Newsletter

Light in Darkness

Despite this being my family's sixth winter in Aberdeen, I must admit that I am still not used to the shortening of the days. It feels strange to leave and return home in the dark. I find myself very grateful for good head lights, cat's eyes on the road, streetlamps and coming home to an illuminated house. It is a reminder to me of the responsibility we, as Christians, have to be a light in a world of darkness. In assembly time this term we have been considering how we can fulfil this role and have looked closely at John 13:34. The children have spent a lot of time talking about how we can demonstrate love for others and why Jesus has instructed us to do so. They have practised putting this into action with one another during the school day. I am confident that they will continue to work on putting Jesus's 'new commandment' into action as they find ways to be a blessing to their families and loved ones over the holidays. We look forward to welcoming them back to school in the new year, when the days will be just that little longer and brighter!

Bronwyn Gers,
Lead Teacher

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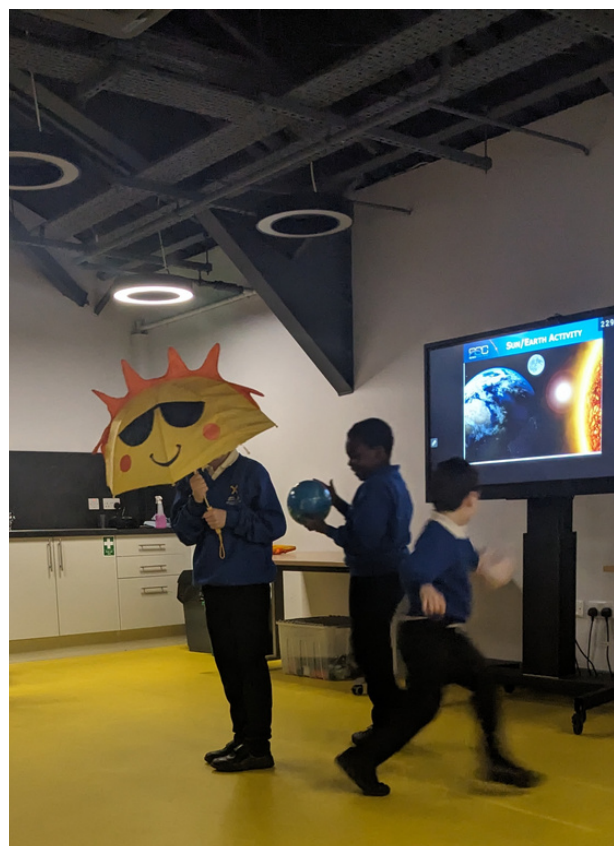
Our school continues to be in need of financial support. Please consider giving to Melville-Knox Christian School Aberdeen if you can. Even little donations can go a long way in providing resources for our pupils, covering heating and maintenance costs as well as paying for our staff salaries. If you are eligible for Gift-Aid we receive an additional £0.25 for every £1 you donate!

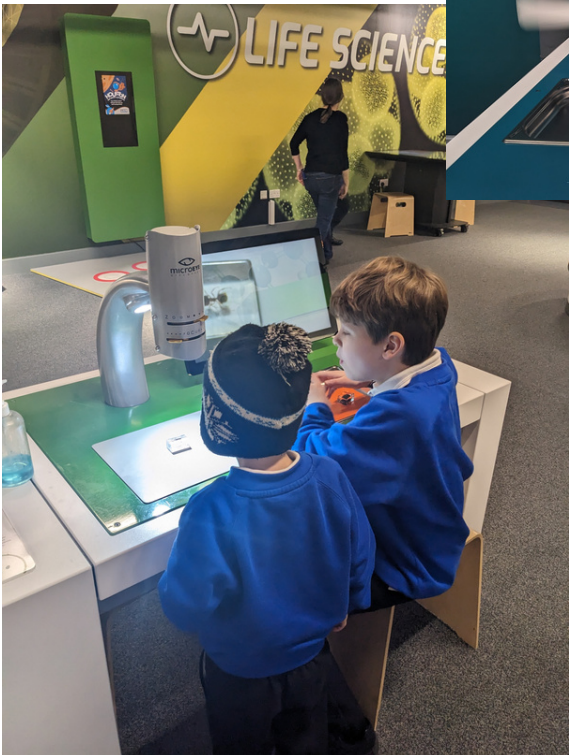
Please get in touch with our office and see the details on the last page to donate!

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

Our visit to Aberdeen Science Centre

Last week we enjoyed a workshop about Day and Night at Aberdeen Science Centre. It concluded the theme about Light and Darkness from our Science lessons over the past two terms. It also served as an introduction to our next Science subject: the Solar System. The children got to learn about different planets, particularly ours, in a fun and interactive way. Afterwards they got to explore the other areas of the centre including the Life Sciences, Engineering, Energy etc. What a fun way to learn new things!







To go with the P1 & P2's farm theme in Literacy this term, they got to make their own butter.





In Social Sciences, with some overlap in our Biblical studies, we looked at Israel's Exodus from Egypt. The children made some unleavened bread which they got to enjoy with the homemade butter from the P1 & 2s!

This wasn't the only baking we did, as the children also got to bake some German biscuits (Plätzchen) to finish of the winter term the German way. The P5s even got to attempt the rather tricky *Vanillekipferl*.





In PE we continued dancing - but specifically considered line dances. At the end of the term the children had to come up with their own choreography in pairs and present them to the rest of the class!



As the class had been looking at Eric Liddell in Religious Education, they got to have their own little relay race.



The P1s and P2s were looking at lengths and heights during their numeracy lessons. As part of that they got to trace each other and compare heights of their cardboard selves!

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.
- Our Parents and Friends Association has started to plan a few fundraising events, pray for guidance and a good turn out for these fundraisers.

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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