

School Newsletter

Snow, solar system & shipwrecks
- a new year starts with new topics!

I truly believe that a very important part of what we do at school each day is the building of relationships. This was emphasised for me when we had to close school early due to the heavy snow. I was expecting shouts of excitement and joy when I announced to the class that they would be going home earlier than usual. Instead, I was met with exclamations of dismay and comments such as ‘But it will be more fun to play in the snow at school!’ and ‘We haven’t seen each other for the last 48 hours! Please can we stay?’

We look forward to this term and await many more opportunities for us to build relationships with one another and, more importantly, to continue to grow in our understanding of God’s word and in our relationship with Him as our precious redeemer, as we seek to glorify Him each day.

Donation Appeal

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!

An overview of a couple of our upcoming learning:

In English we are looking at Shipwrecks and Pirates. Our P5s are reading 'The Sinking of the Dayspring' by Dave and Neta Jackson. Our younger children will be reading Robinson Crusoe and will be exploring several short stories. Our focus is on looking at the ultimate treasure that we have in life, all contained within the word of God.

In Science, we are exploring the wonders of the universe, according to the fourth day of creation, through a variety of experiments and activities. We continue to follow the 'God's Design for Heaven and Earth' series as the core of our lessons. This topic will also influence our Expressive Arts lessons, where we will listen to Holst's Planets and will be learning all about the instruments in an orchestra.

We continue with the Mystery of History this term and will be investigating topics such as the Wooden Horse of Troy, the Zhou Dynasty and the lives of King Saul, David, and Solomon.

We look forward to sharing more about our learning with you as the term progresses.

Bronwyn Gers,
Lead Teacher

Join our Parents & Friends Association

If you are local to Aberdeen and interested in practically supporting the school, you can sign up to be part of our PFA. Being part of the PFA means you will be involved in organising & running fundraisers, social events and the promotion of the school in other ways. It also provides a way to communicate ideas and concerns to the leadership of the school.

If you want more information you can look up the PFA page on our website or get in touch with the school office via enquiries@melvilleknoxaberdeen.org.

What we got up to in January:



We started the term with our usual Start of Term Assembly. Rev. McGlynn of Grace Reformed Church gave an opening address on Matthew 6:8-9.

The following week was shaped by the heavy snowfalls in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire. The school remained closed for one day and had to close early another day of the week. On the days we had school, they enjoyed playing in the snow together and even attempted to build a snow castle.



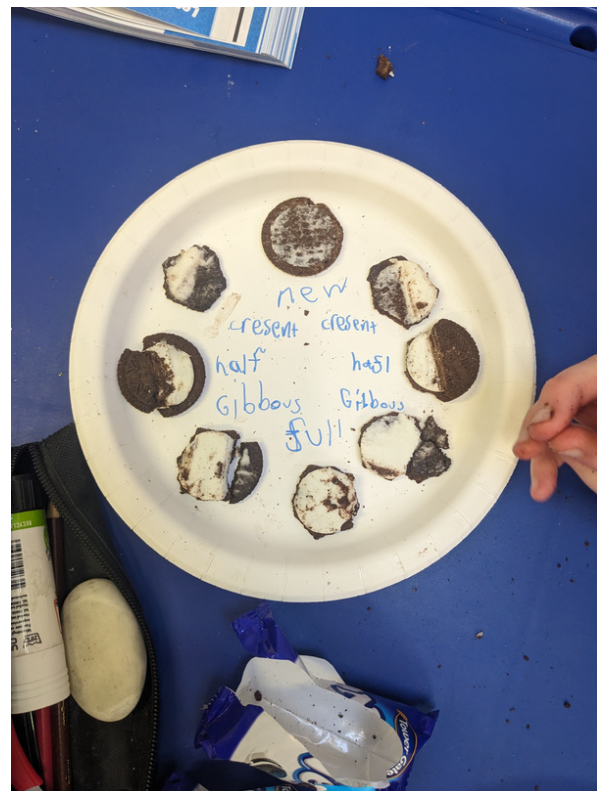
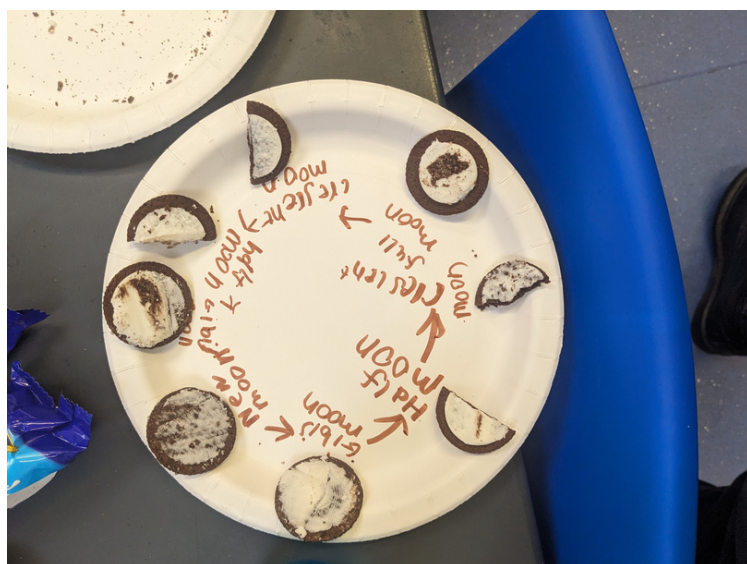
One of the highlights of this month certainly was our Ancient Egypt themed day. To wrap up the topic in our Social Sciences, everyone came to school dressed up as someone or something from Ancient Egypt. We welcomed quite a few Pharaohs and a mummy that day. Together we then had an Egypt themed feast at lunch time to which every child contributed something.



While learning about Ancient Egypt the pupils discussed specific Pharaohs, the mummification process, the beliefs of Egyptians and much more. They also built some paper mummies.



In Science the pupils have continued to learn about the Solar System. Recently, they were looking at the different phases of the moon and had a lot of fun making them out of cookies!



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.

Volunteering:

- We are looking for Aberdeen locals who would be happy to help clean the schools on Wednesdays and Fridays.
- You can join the Parents and Friends Association to find other ways to get practically involved.

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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