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We have enjoyed some practical outdoor learning this week. In science, the children were exploring microhabitats in our school grounds. We were able to find a good range of small creatures as well as fungi. We had learned about what micro habits are as well as how to investigate them safely and without damaging the habit itself. The children were very engaged and we are looking forward to writing this up more fully. Older children were learning about gestation periods in biology.

In geography we are learning about rivers. This week we went outside to create our own rivers to observe how water moves and re-create part of the process of the water cycle. Older children have also been using digital maps to track the journey of the River Tweed. In computing the children are learning about making videos and using the iMovie in our ipads. We were also able to use our ipads to access a hieroglyphics typewriter as we continue learning about Ancient Egypt.

In English the older children are exploring the book 'Egyptian Cinderella' and the younger children are doing English work linked to the book 'Fergal is Fuming'.



Green Tree School Awards

We are delighted to be awarded the Silver Green Tree Award by the Woodlands Trust for our work with the children linked to the environment as well as our ethos of learning outside the classroom and making use of the world around us to support the children's learning and well being. This award is recognition of what we have already embedded into our school culture and we will continue to work to attain the gold award in due course.



Children's Ceilidh in February

We are excited that Mrs Cochrane has arranged for her band - the Glendale Ceilidh Band - to lead a children's ceilidh in Lowick in February to raise money for our schools.

The ceilidh will be at **Lowick Village Hall 6pm - 9pm on Friday 13th February**. There will be a caller so we know what to do (the children will learn some dances in school

beforehand too) and Olive will be making cakes. If you are able to donate any cake ingredients we would be very grateful. We think it will be a fun evening and we hope lots of you can come.



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RESCUE A
DOG?

CHANNEL 4'S
the
Dog House
IS BACK!



Channel 4's The Dog House is looking for local families to offer a loving home to a rescue dog and share their reasons why on the show! If you're interested, find out more here: <https://c4thedoghousetakepart.co.uk> or email thedoctorhouse@fivemilefilms.co.uk.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 29th January - main school trip to the National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh. We will be late back on that date as we plan to leave the museum at 2pm. Children will need a packed lunch or grab and go.

Friday 6th February - Number Day to raise money for the NSPCC. Children can wear maths themed clothes or their usual own clothes if preferred - a donation is appreciated but not necessary.



Thursday 12th February - Doodlebug Day (maths and art) with a focus on having a growth mindset. Read more about it here: <https://thedoctorbug.net/pages/math-art-workshops>

Friday 13th February - Glendale Ceilidh Band are leading a Children's Ceilidh at Lowick Village Hall at 6pm to raise money for the schools.

Week commencing 16th February - Spring half term - the school is on holiday for a week.

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day - more information will follow closer to the time.

Friday 3rd April - Good Friday and the beginning of our Easter holidays for the following two weeks. School will reopen on Monday 20th April.