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Christmas Counts for Everyone!

This week we began with our Christmas musical - Christmas Counts. We hope that you enjoyed seeing the children take part in our play, with great acting, reading, joke telling, singing and playing musical instruments. It was a joyous retelling of the Christmas story and we are very proud of every child. We believe that our performances allow every child to have a chance to develop their confidence and resilience as well as expressing their creativity and artistic talents. With everybody taking part, we get to have a shared experience which is then shared with friends and family. Mrs Cochrane is amazing with the music and Mrs Stiansen did a great job leading the rehearsals and we appreciate their talents very much.

Thank you for all your kind support of the school and thank you to all the staff who work so hard to make this term extra special for the children.



Christmas Activities

The children also got to go to a performance at the Straw Yard on Wednesday morning to see the Shoemaker and the Elves. After an active Wednesday afternoon, we had our Christmas party with a special visitor on Thursday morning before having a quiet wind-down day today before breaking up for the Christmas holidays. We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Curriculum update

Our learning theme next term is about Egypt. We will be learning about Ancient Egypt in history and rivers (including the Nile) in geography. In science the children will be finding out about living things and their habitats and Year 5 will be focusing on animals (including humans). We are looking forward to visiting the National Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh in January and the older children will have a workshop about artefacts from Ancient Egypt and the younger children will take part in a museum trail. In RE our learning theme will be God and the Trinity.



Donation for our School

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to a local family who very kindly donated £150 to our school in memory of James Frater who recently passed away and who just lived across the road from our school. Their generosity means a great deal to us, and this donation will be used to support and benefit our pupils.



Christmas Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who participated in the mini raffle at the school Christmas performance, we raised over £200 which puts our grand total for the Christmas fundraising up to **£1300**. The money raised will be used to benefit the children, helping to enhance their learning experience and support activities and trips. This wonderful total would not have been possible without the support of our pupils, family, staff and the wider community. We are incredibly grateful for your continued support. A big thank you to Mrs Walton who organises all of the fundraising, she does an amazing job every year!

Dates for your diary

Monday 5th January will be a teacher training day so no children in school.

Tuesday 6th January - everyone back to school for the Spring Term.

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.

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

Friday 13th February - Cèilidh at Lowick Village Hall in the evening to raise money for the schools.

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

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



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