

Bilston School Naming Challenge

On Friday 5 February, pupils from Bilston enjoyed spending a whole morning working with staff and parents to come up with ideas for the new school name and the new school badge.



It was a very productive and busy atmosphere and members of the public had the opportunity to vote online, or by post, for their favourite name.

We wait with excitement for news of the new name!

Mining Museum Report

Written by Alasdair Brown and Sarah MacEwan

On Wednesday 20th January 2016, classes P5 and P6 from Roslin Primary School went on a trip to the Scottish Mining Museum. One of the activities was bridge building. The idea was for the children to get a grasp on civil engineering. Everybody was interacting in this and thoroughly enjoyed it.

Another activity was getting a tour around the museum itself. It was a very educational tour and the pupils all seemed to enjoy it very much.

Here are some quotes from the children about the trip.

Ross P6—"I enjoyed getting to build the bridge the most because everybody was helping each other"

Blair P6—"It was exciting because we went down to the coal face"

Lucy P6—"I enjoyed seeing all the machines work"

Charlie P5—"I learnt a lot of things because it showed how everything worked"

Alasdair P5—"We learnt all the dangers of the mine

and to be safe around the mine"

Everybody really enjoyed their trip and learnt lots of new things.



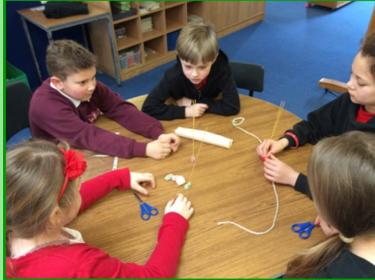
Visible Learning Event Feedback

By Emily Phillips, Website Reporter

Yesterday in school, we all had to do a challenge in our houses. We were put into groups on Monday. The challenge was to make the tallest structure out of 20 pieces of raw spaghetti, 3 jelly babies, a metre of string and a metre of sticky tape. We had to work as a team, plus it had to hold a marshmallow on top. It had to be self

balanced so no holding it. After that we got an envelope with cards that had Growth and Fixed Mindset, you had to sort them into the two different Mindsets.

I found it very exciting but stressful because we only had 20 minutes to build the structure!



Here are some pictures of parents and learners from the day:

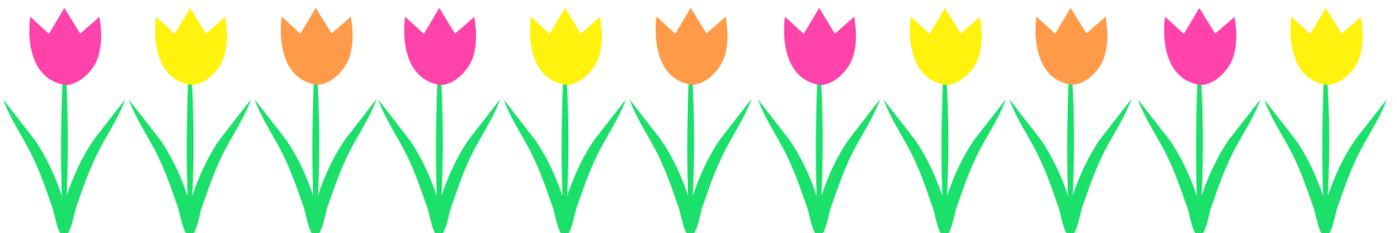


P1 News

We learned more about planting and growth. Frederic's mum came in and worked with groups to plant tulip bulbs. The children planted one each and as they grew, the children measured them twice a week to see how much progress had been made.

Through topic work, P1 have learned about Scotland. They worked well together, in twos or in groups, building castles from junk. Many of them were very impressive.

On Monday the 22nd February, teachers Sharon and Claire from 'Dance a Book' visited our P1 class, who engaged well and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The children were well motivated, very enthusiastic and had some excellent ideas. The story chosen for their 'Dance a Book' experience was 'The Fidgety Fish' by Ruth Galloway. This supported the children's learning in Health and Wellbeing, with the theme of Relationships being explored.



Primary 7 News

We are looking forward to celebrating their work as Junior Tour Guides at a special evening performance for their families on the 21st of March. Invitations have been sent home and they are excited to show how far they've come since October. On that same day, P7 head to the Risk Factory to learn vital life skills that will ensure they keep themselves safe in a variety of environments



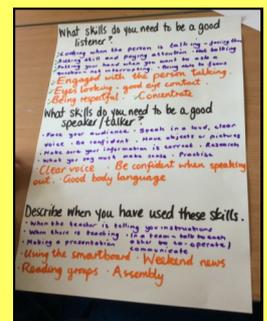
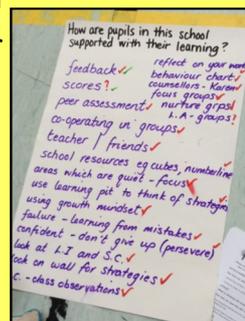
P5 and P6 presented a musical showcase and shared their learning with their parents on 15th March. Class teachers supported by Mrs Stentiford, Mr Dick and Mrs Walker worked hard to prepare the children for this event, which included, our Choir and P6/7 Woodwind, Ukelele and String instrumentalists.



We really enjoyed creating these vases of spring flowers using many different materials and iceberg pictures using chalk and blending colours
By P4 Pupils



On the 3rd March, pupils from both Roslin and Bilston came together to discuss some key aspects of learning within our school. We worked in small groups within our houses to discuss maths and numeracy, literacy, health and wellbeing and visible learning. This input from pupils helps form the core of our School Improvement Plan for next session. We were so impressed by both the behaviour and contribution from all pupils and have seen significant progress in many areas of learning. Thank you to the Parent Council members that gave their time to help lead a group.



Pupil Conference

Roslin Nursery

We really enjoyed practicing for our Nursery Ceilidh with Mrs Goodfellow in the hall.



Our Family Ceilidh took place on 28th January. The children and their families all had a

wonderful time dancing the night away.

In the nursery we have been looking for early signs of Spring. We have enjoyed collecting things for our nature table and taking photos of the new flowers outside.



Winter Olympics?

Nope it's Primary 5's first skiing lesson



Bilston Nursery

We celebrated World Book Week by reading lots of stories and some children brought their favourite stories from home.



Are we like the Aztecs?

Primary 5/6 have been looking at the ancient civilisation of the Aztecs and comparing how they lived with how we live today. This has included looking at and comparing their clothing and their houses to our own, as well as comparing their capital city Tenochtitlan with Roslin. The children have also enjoyed trying many Aztec foods, documenting their thoughts and preferences and discussing how we still use these foods today.

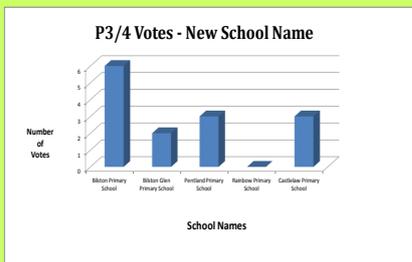
The children loved when two of our parents came in to read us stories. The new building at Bilston is getting bigger every day. We had huge excitement when a drone flew over the nursery garden and the school. We had lots of discussion about what it was doing and how it was controlled. This sparked much interest in experimenting with steering our remote controlled and programmable toys.

The New School

The children of **P3/4** have been predicting use of space in the new school.

We have made a jigsaw of the new school to test our memory of the correct layout.

We have been working on a bar chart display our class votes for the new school name.



As part of the Scotland topic P1/2 have been looking at castles. The class role play area has been turned into a castle and the pupils are enjoying being knights, kings and queens. In art we

have been painting castles and this week we enjoyed changing our junk into regal castles. The pupils worked together in groups to build and paint the structures.



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P3/4 have been working on a graphic novel study - Bone by Jeff Smith. Creating their own comic strip characters and making their own comics.



P1/2 and P3/4

The children have been really enjoying the rugby sessions with PE teacher Amy Sanderson.

Pupils have been developing ball skills through fun and energetic games.



On Friday mornings we have been enjoying breakfast snacks in the classroom. A few weeks ago the class wrote instructions to make porridge and then checked if these were good instructions by following them and actually making the porridge. The class loved this so much we have decided to have a breakfast each Friday. So we have enjoyed developing our social skills and having a wee snack at the same time.

P1/2



Bookshop

We had a very successful bookshop in the main school on Friday 4th March. Children were encouraged to bring money into school in a purse or wallet for them to purchase a book (at a greatly reduced price). The weekly collection cards will no longer be used and all monies on the card have been refunded to the child. This has helped reduce the administration time for all involved and is also an opportunity for children to practice their money handling skills!

Thank you to all the Bookshop volunteers.

P3 Visited the National Museum of Scotland

On Monday 18th January Primary 3 visited the National Museum of Scotland as part of their project on the Romans. We all enjoyed taking part in Gladiator school, learning how to use our weapons and make set formations with our shields such as the 'Pig's Head' and the 'Tortoise'. After a session looking at Roman artefacts from four different handling boxes, we finally had the chance to look at the exhibits in the museum. We had a great day and were **v e r y** tired by the end.



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Through our Parent Council and thanks to parents signing up to "Easy Fundraising", we have now received another cheque for £34.36.

Take a look at their website for more information:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Dates for the Diary:

- Monday 21st March—P7's to Risk Factory
- Tuesday 22nd March—Easter Service at Roslin Kirk at 1.45pm
- Thursday 24th March—All break for Easter Holidays
- Monday 11th April—School re-opens
- Mon 11th to Fri 15th April—Health Week
- Friday 15th April—Dr Bike (P6 and P7)
- Tuesday 19th April—P4 Trip to Edinburgh Zoo
- Thursday 28th April—Bikeability starts (P6 and P7)
- Monday 2nd May—School closed, Public Holiday
- Thursday 12th May—Walk in the Glen



Staffing

Congratulations to our class teacher Mrs Caroline Findlay.

Mrs Findlay has been acting depute head teacher at Bonnyrigg Primary School and she has now been offered the position permanently. We wish her all the very best in her new role.

MIDLOTHIAN COUNCIL
EDUCATION, COMMUNITIES AND ECONOMY
DAY SCHOOL SESSION DATES 2015 / 2016 and 2016 / 2017

2015 / 2016

Mid Term	All Break	Friday	12 February	2016
	All Resume	Monday	22 February	2016
	All Break	Thursday	24 March	2016
Term 3	All Resume	Monday	11 April	2016
	May Day	Monday	2 May	2016
	All Resume	Tuesday	3 May	2016
	Victoria Day	Monday *	23 May	2016
	Pupils Resume	Tuesday	24 May	2016
	Term Ends	Friday	1 July	2016

2016 / 2017

Term 1	Staff Resume	Thursday*	18 August	2016
	Pupils Resume	Monday	22 August	2016
	Autumn Holiday	Friday	16 September	2016
		Monday	19 September	2016
	All Resume	Tuesday	20 September	2016
Mid Term	All Break	Friday	14 October	2016
	All Resume	Monday	24 October	2016
	Term Ends	Friday	23 December	2016
TERM 2	All Resume	Monday	9 January	2017
Mid Term	Pupils Break	Friday	10 February	2017
	Staff Break	Tuesday*	14 February	2017
	All Resume	Monday	20 February	2017
	All Break	Friday	31 March	2017
	Good Friday		14 April	2017
	Easter Monday		17 April	2017
TERM 3	All Resume	Tuesday	18 April	2017
	May Day	Monday	1 May	2017
	All Resume	Tuesday	2 May	2017
	Victoria Day	Monday*	22 May	2017
	Pupils Resume	Tuesday	23 May	2017
	Term Ends	Friday	30 June	2017

* In-Service Days