

Primary 1, 2 & 3

Term 3 – 2015/16

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The purpose of this overview is to give parents and carers an indication ('Snapshots') of some of the activities pupils have participated in to develop a knowledge and understanding of the world around them and to develop necessary skills and qualities.

You will appreciate that pupils participate in many more activities than those listed, for example, very few, if any, of the literacy and numeracy activities undertaken are mentioned.

However, development of literacy and numeracy skills remain at the heart of our school curriculum.

BIRD PROJECT- Science /Maths

The term began with Storm Frank blowing across the North East Coast of Scotland, as a result Auks, tiny black sea birds were blown away from the cliffs and one landed in our playground!



The children found it and then listened to a BBC report explaining what had happened. This began a real interest about the birds which live in their local environment. They researched this on the internet and in books, drawing pictures and writing facts about a wide range of birds. P1/2/3 took part in the RSPB Big Garden birdwatch at the end of



January by counting the birds in our neighbour, Mr McKenzie's garden. He is a bit of a bird expert and was able to help the children identify these visitors to his garden.

The class were able to use tally marks when counting and then converted this information into graphs which was sent into the RSPB to help them identify falling numbers of specific birds. Their interest continued and Primary 1 made hanging bagels, covered in seeds, to attract the birds in- to our playground.



Scots Poetry Competition/ Burns

Everyone learned a poem using the Scots language to celebrate the birthday of our National Bard Robbie Burns on the 25th January.

This year the competition was judged by Mrs Glennie and Mr Samways from the Stonehaven Burns Federation.



The winners were P1 Lucy, P2 Ronan, P3 Jake.

On the 25th of January the whole school, worked in mixed ages within their house groups, playing games with a Scottish theme, guessing the Burn's poem, designing a Scotty dog mobile and cooking their own yummy Scottish tablet.



Health and Wellbeing

Fizzy Drinks

Graph work continued with Miss Munro, our PE teacher, on making the children aware of the very high sugar content in fizzy drinks. The class discussed the negative effects this can have on their body!

Sports Relief Mile and Sportshall Challenge

Both these events were enjoyed by everyone either outside, up the hill, or in the gym hall with Miss Munro. Several children from P3 and P4 represented Glenbervie School at the area Sportshall Challenge at Stonehaven Leisure Centre. Several other Primary Schools competed and Glenbervie were the clear overall winners. Well done Grace, Stuart and Callum from P3!

P.E. Specialist

The learners have been focusing on net games this term in Physical Education. They have enjoyed a number of lessons on badminton and tennis. The badminton Sportshall Challenge was a key focus with the class getting put through their paces in a range of stations that encourages the first steps of badminton and actions that encourage fundamental skills such as throwing, catching, underarm hitting and movement/footwork. During the tennis block the learners have been working hard on building up basic racket control skills such as keepy ups, balancing the ball on the racket, underarm hitting into targets and working together in small group practices. We also high-

lighted the Davis Cup with the class as Team GB were defending their title against Japan in the UK and this allowed learners to watch some world class tennis on TV if they wished to. Miss Munro was lucky enough to go and see the Davis Cup Trophy in Aberdeen during the Easter Holidays. This has been a very busy term for PE and the learners have worked incredibly hard to develop a good selection of skills through the net games block. Well done!"

SCOTTISH BOOK TRUST

To improve the children's interest in reading, the Scottish Book Trust, gave every P1 a copy of the short listed books for 2016. They were -

Never Tickle a Tiger by Pamela Butchart

Wanted! Ralfy Rabbit, Book Burglar by Emily Mackenzie

Mouse's First Night Moonlight School by Simon Puttock

These books became a major focus in the class for our literature and language work in term 3.

Fantastic poems using alliteration were written, how to use a library to access more books, as well as researching nocturnal animals who might go to Moonlight School.

Everyone was then able to send to the Scottish book Trust their vote on their favourite. In our class Never Tickle a Tiger was the outright winner. P2/3 were then invited to attend in Glasgow the overall presentation of the outright winner from across Scotland. Great excitement brewed because they were going on a train journey and were going to meet the authors in person. They set to work and wrote questions to ask them. They met Pamela Butchart and found out she is a teacher from Dundee, they particularly enjoyed chatting to her and finding out why her character Izzy could not keep still! Just ask your child for the details.



The trip went very well and we were blessed with sunny weather and no rain in Glasgow. We were able to sit in George Square and enjoy lunch before heading back on the train to very snowy Drumlithie.

World Book Day

Our focus on literature continued when the children came to school dressed as a character from a popular book. We had several Ralfy Rabbits



Once again P1/2/3 split into house groups and worked with older children for the day on various activities related to books e.g. a rhyming oragami game linked to Dr Suess.



Mixing spells related to Harry Potter was another popular activity. The day ended with a Where's Wally hunt around the school. Photos were hidden showing a member of staff dressed as Wally but Who? And Where? Great cooperation and fun was had by all!

Katie Morag – Arts, Literacy

The children have enjoyed our Katie Morag topic which has provided so many fun opportunities for learning.



P1 drew lovely pictures of Katie Morag and her two grannies and learned how to use adjectives to describe them.

P2/3 used adjectives, alliteration and connectives to write detailed descriptions of Katie Morag and her two grannies. These were accompanied by some lovely illustrations. The children have

also had great fun drawing and writing about Katie Morag's teddy and his adventures, designing Fair Isle jumpers and tartan kilts.

The P1s worked really hard to create a huge wall frieze of The Isle of Struay using collage and paint techniques. There were plenty of sticky fingers that day!



Best of all the final treat was a trip onto a real ferry boat "North Link Ferries", just like the one Katie Morag uses. We were welcomed on to the bridge by the Captain who showed us the technology used to sail the ship to Orkney and Shetland. Everyone got to sit in his chair and wear his hat.



Science Week

Science week saw us all turn into super scientists learning all about hard solids, sloshy liquids and gases that go everywhere – even creating quite a few of our own bubbles



and fizzes! The children had lots of fun experimenting with dancing raisins and making lava lamps. We investigated the properties of materials and tested them out on Tiresome



Ted to see whether or not they were waterproof or not. All children were motivated during the experiments and they produced super reports at the end of each experiment.



Sponsored Walk – Stonehaven Harbour

P1/2/3 got dropped off at the war memorial in Stonehaven and walked down the coastal path to the harbour where they met Captain Samson who explained the importance of being safe around water. This reinforced what they had been learning in the classroom. They then walked to Auntie Betty's for an ice cream and continued to walk back to the Square to get on the Land Train for a ride and a guided tour telling of the important sights of Stonehaven. Several miles were walked, the children kept healthy and raised money for our school funds , while having fun!

