

So that was February

Hello lovely parents and carers,

Here's a wee update on what we've all been up to this February.

The pupils have been busy filling out huge questionnaires to seek their views on Pentland. The questions particularly relate to us being a Rights Respecting School.

We respond to what the children say and think in order to further develop our action plan.

We are seeing less and less of some of our P7's as they attempt to reintegrate back into mainstreams.

Our Space topic will end this week and again the Science Centre visits to the planetarium were a great success. Great behaviour. Thanks to Mrs McIntosh for organising them.

Our peoples also visited the People's Palace in preparation for our next project 'Scottish Inventors'.

The lads have been charming the ladies of Bield House and classes have been visiting on a Thursday to play board games and chat to the ladies. Apparently we aren't the only ones who cheat at cards!

We've had lots of visitors this month. We've had folk visiting from other schools to see if we can help them with their pupils who experience difficulties with behaviour and Brian and Jenny, our chaplains did a fabulous Valentine assembly one week then brought a collection of young people from Brazil, Switzerland and Spain to visit. The young people travel around the world on a ship called Hope to bring their message of Hope knowledge and help. They try to help where they can and sell low cost books to people who don't have any. The children had lots of questions for them and it's so lovely to hear good news stories about young people doing really positive things for others.

We had a trio of young actors from The Take Away Theatre Group who entertained us all but also taught us about bullying. This is to introduce our 'Anti Bullying Week' which will begin in March.

All activities will be about bullying i.e. what it is and what we can do about it. As always, our pupils were welcoming, well behaved and participated in the activities the actors had for us.

The talked a very sensitive subject beautifully.

A warm welcome also to young Kriss, a new P2 who will now be part of our school.

Mrs McIntosh and her maths class ran a Valentine café with the aim to make a profit.

They sold cakes, cookies, roses, hot chocolate and Valentine sweets. You may even have received a Valentine gift yourself from the shop. Judging by the chocolate covered faces though, it seems unlikely. They made a profit of £21.30 and disappeared one morning to spend it. Although Comfort Rwanda, our charity also received a donation, so well done to them.

The Rag Bag have been writing to and leafleting our local community to collect and recycle clothes. Any funds raised will also go to Comfort Rwanda to help sponsor street children and allow them to attend school. Well done Miss Fraser's Fellows. Kevin our sponsor child, regularly writes to us and our boys write back.

Mrs Bryce and Mrs McIntosh are working hard with Darren our website designer to get everything up and running. Pupils have drawn the staff portraits and some are more flattering than others!

They have a planned launch date at the end of March. We'll keep you posted on this one. Our next newsletter could be on our website!

New Golden time clubs have been suggested by the pupils with some of our older lads running them. Casey's Chocolate Fountain Club proves to be popular. Let's hope everyone behaves well enough to earn it!

I'm sending home some certificates for our Wow Wall. We love to hear good news and achievements so if you have anything to let us know, please fill them in and send it back.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Carla

