

# So that was November

November has been a busy wee month as always.

Pupils have set new behaviour targets for their A.S.P's which you've all now seen. The Eco group is busy changing the world and Pupil Council are collecting and ordering for our playground improvements, visiting Yooz reclamation for inspiration.

St Aloysious High have visited us and our lads wrote to their new pals who have made a donation to the playground and have offered to help with our plans.

They have no idea what they've signed up to!

Thanks Mrs Cowan's parents who visited for the Panda Showcase. After each topic, we'll invite a group of parents and carers for an informal blether led by the children about all things we've been learning during a project. If our weans can teach it, they thoroughly know it.

This month each class has been focusing on a project where they can help the world. They also organised activities to teach their peers.

Mrs Cowan's crew are running a 'Silver Surfers' club to teach the ladies of Bield House how to use the iPads.

Ms Lawrence's lovelies are sponsoring Kevin Kabatsi in Rwanda and are learning and teaching about the work of the charity Comfort Rwanda.

Mrs Bryce and Mrs McIntosh are teaching all about Fairtrade products with an afternoon of fairtrade quizzes, competitions and honey ice cream on the menu!

Miss Cassidy's clan are saving the planet. They've been filtering dirty water, setting up plant experiments and investigating air pollution.

The Pentland Providers as well as topping up school funds with Rag Bag campaigning, are doing Random Acts of Kindness all over the school.

After a brief presentation, the boys organised activities for their pals to learn more about these projects. This all helps with the lads being more globally aware.

Thanks to Mrs Dickinson who again organised a firefighter talk to keep our lads safe and congratulations Aiden who is our new football captain.

Charan Pradhahn from Nepal visited to do a music and dance session and will work with a team of pupils with an aim to perform at Motherwell Civic. The lads participated in a Kodaly music session and with Ms Ashcroft investigating sounds in her nurture room and Mrs Grieve playing a different genre of music to alert us all to Big Break, it's been a noisy month.

The Scouts are collecting badges on an epic scale (the chefs badge being particularly popular with staff) and the teachers have been learning new de-escalation Calms training.

We also learned about World Toilet Day on the 19.11.15 and if you think we're mad, read Danny's poster to explain the seriousness.

Our new project will be a science and technology toy project with the lads designing, building and making a toy and in doing so investigating forces, friction and circuits.

Mrs McIntosh and Mrs Bryce will be inviting parents to that showcase and Mrs Cowan's crew will be visiting Mavisbank to design a toy for a child with special needs to increase our understanding of disabilities.

Are you impressed so far or have any questions? If so let us know.

Yours  
Carla