

So that was December

Dear parents and lovely carers, Happy Holidays! Let me tell you what we've been up to in the last few weeks.

Our garden plans are continuing with Councillor Ferguson ordering a Hobbit House for us to play in. The lads wanted a tree house but as we don't have a tree this is the next best thing! Delivery in the New Year!

A big welcome to the lovely Mr Thomson our new Principal Teacher. The lads have made him very much at home already. We also said goodbye for a time to our Mrs Bryce who is expecting a baby mid-January. (And you think you're tired)

Our Toy project was a short and sweet technology project just before Christmas where the lads investigated circuits, friction and levers and then went onto design a toy of their own.

Mrs Cowan's guys visited Mavisbank Special School to see if they could design a toy for a pupil with additional support needs. They designed sensory toys and conducted themselves very respectfully.

All pupils went to toy workshops over at Summerlee to learn about toys from the olden days. Staff were horrified to learn that these included space hoppers from the seventies! The lads enjoyed playing with these artefacts from history!

Miss Fraser's fellows (The Pentland Providers) wrote to the ELC for a donation of sand and our lads were so charming, they came back with toys from the ladies at the shop and now we have new pals who will be visiting us in the New Year for cake and tea.

Mrs Bryce and Mrs McIntosh's class invited parents to our show and tell and a big thank you to the parents who attended at this busy time.

We've been to the cinema, had a Christmas quiz, a Christmas lunch, an assembly, a carol concert and a party.

Lee won the Christmas card competition and had a lunch date with the Headie. (He had a happy meal. I don't know what she ordered)

Our new January projects are all about the environment with classes learning about bees, animal habitats, birds and water. Miss Cassidy's class, our Eco group, are campaigning about litter.

By the end of the project we aim to have a bird garden designed. Costed and planted bee friendly planters, a hedgehog highway and a tractor tyre pond.

There will be no excuse for littering in our local neighbourhood as the lads will be leafleting the neighbours.

It's all go!

But before that, can I say we wish you laughter love and peace this Christmas and all the best for 2016.

Speak soon

Carla

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