

PENTLAND SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

February has been a busy wee month as always.

Staff have been trained in the principles of Lego Therapy and are hoping to start wee Lego teambuilding clubs in classes.

Mrs Kemmett's men visited Summerlee for a workshop to test their science skills and our in-service day was all about tracking and monitoring our pupils' progress. We are using the new benchmarks from Education Scotland to assess whether a child has reached a level (early, first, second) so we can plan all the extra interventions needed to support them.

We were all Fairtrade cooking that week too using Fairtrade products and finished with a Fairtrade fun afternoon with Mrs Cassidy.

Mrs Bryce's lads ran our Valentine Assembly and their families were able to attend to hear them teach.

The Scouts had a sleepover at the Science Centre! In fairness, there didn't seem to be a great deal of sleep – certainly not for our Scout leaders Mrs Bryce and Mr Steele, or for honorary Scout, Mrs Kemmett. A fabulous memory for the lads! 300 Scouts under the one roof – what could possibly go wrong?? It was a huge achievement for one of our boys who had never stayed away from home before – he earned his Bravery badge! Also, one lad packed a hamburger in case of emergencies – names on a postcard please!! A big thanks to staff who gave up valuable time and sleep to make this happen.

Our trip to Vikingar in Largs had to be cancelled because of the snow and it looks tight to reschedule but I will try.

Mrs Kemmett has organised a lunchtime junior football team on a Wednesday as well as our Friday big guys team. The wee fellows are wearing their strips with pride.

Two of our lads are now back at mainstream full-time and another fellow is heading that way. It's not cheerio just yet – they'll be back for Kilbowie.

I've sent home a letter explaining our latest attempt to keep you informed about the progress your child is making. It's called a "snap shot" jotter and we'd love to hear your comments. Please support your child in sending it back as it will hopefully be a jotter we pass through the school.

We also have a new teacher joining us – Mr Rolland – and he's been worth the wait. He's straight into Mrs Lawrence's class to cover as she is still off sick.

Not bad for 17 days in school! So Happy belated Valentine, Chinese New Year and blink and it will be Happy Easter!!

Let us know if we can help you in any way.

Speak soon

Carla