

# Skene School Bulletin October 2017

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## **A message from Miss Hampton...**

I hope you all had a fantastic holiday - it certainly sounds like you did from all of the stories we have been hearing.

As always a busy term ahead. We will do our best to keep Christmas under wraps until the start of December and then we will be full swing into rehearsals of this year's nativity: Angel Express.

It was great to meet with you all at Parents Night and we look forward to working with you all this term.

Miss Hampton

## **Class Updates:**

### **P1/2/3 - by Aimee**

In Maths we have been learning about chimney sums. We love them! We have been adding and taking away. Taking away is trickier but we are trying our best. We sometimes use cubes or our fingers to help us.



For our writing we have been focusing on punctuation and adjectives. We have been learning about question marks and when to use one instead of a full stop. We used some of our Halloween jokes to help us learn about them.

Q: What did the witch put in her hair?

A: Scare-spray

We are still learning about dinosaurs. Did you know a stegosaurus has 17 spikes on its back? This week we have been creating dinosaur silhouettes and thinking about the different colours in a sun set.



### **P3/4 by Beth Pirie**



In Maths, we have been learning lots about times tables and to help us we have been using the Percy Parker songs. Each group has been working on different times tables.

For topic we have been learning a lot about Viking Gods. Did you know Freyja, one of the Viking Gods, is the god love, war and death?

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Before the holidays we were writing about Lego people. We each brought in a Lego character and had to create a character profile for it.

In Music, we have been learning about the pentatonic scale. Chinese music uses this scale as well as Scottish music. Next week we are going to create a class song about the Chinese Dragon.



### P5/6/7 by Isla Beltran



In Maths we have been learning about angles. Did you know that there is 90 degrees in a right angle? We are now learning about times tables and prime numbers.

In Writing, we have been exploring similes and metaphors and the difference between them. We included some of these in our writing about the Victorian workhouses.

Our topic is still the Victorians. We created Victorian Houses out of cereal boxes and used a range of materials for the detail such as the washing line and the clothes.



### Farewell Tom

On the last day of term we bid farewell to Tom, our crossing patroller. We were all very fond of Tom and he will be sorely missed. Thank you to everyone who contributed to his leaving gift and to those who joined us at his Tea Party. We have told Tom not to be a stranger so hopefully he will pop back and see us sometime. He was looking forward to some long lies so hopefully he has been enjoying them this week whilst we have all been back to school.



The Crossing Patroller post was advertised and we hope to have more information to share next week.

### ALEC

We had a very successful visit from the ALEC team this week. Although they are phasing out the caravans, we still had a great time learning all about health topics. Topics covered were as follows:

- P1/2 - My Wonderful Body
- P3/4 - Meet the Brain
- P5/6/7 - Decisions



Please ask the children about their sessions and answer any outstanding questions that they may have. Harold the Giraffe was a popular visitor as always and is likely to be the first thing they want to share with you about it. The photo above is of the Primary 7's with their last visit to see Harold - never too old!

### **Jack O'Lantern Competition**

Wow! What a great range of designs we had for this year's Jack lantern competition. Lots of effort and time invested into them all so thank you very much. Please see the pupil winners below.



### **The Bagpipe Experience**

We have been very lucky to secure an additional music experience for our P5/6/7 pupils this session: The Bagpipe Experience. Run similar to Jazzmattaz with Mike last year, Siobhan will deliver 12 sessions across the next couple of terms and there will be a short concert at the end for the class to share their new found knowledge and skills with the younger pupils and their families.



### **Skene School Calendars**

A big thank you to Mrs Buckett and her team of helpers for preparing the Skene School Calendar for 2018. It looks fantastic and it is great to see so many photos from our Snappy September competition in it. A calendar went home to every family on Monday, please pop the money back to school as soon as possible or return the calendar if you do not wish to purchase it. The calendars are £6 each and we have additional calendars should you want more.

### **Prayer Space**

Rev Stella has been working with the pupils in P5/6/7 to gather ideas for the Prayer Space. This will be set up in school for 2 days, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. This is

always a successful event and we thank Rev Stella for allowing the children to be part of the planning process.

### **Hampton by Hilton - Statue Reveal**

We were honoured to be invited to the unveiling of the statue at the new Hampton by Hilton Hotel Westhill. The statue celebrates the local area in times gone by. If you are passing, please do stop by to admire the intricate details on the statue.



### **Remembrance Day 2017**

Next week we will be selling poppies as a symbol of respect for Remembrance Day. P5/6/7 will go around classes each morning to sell them. We ask for a donation in return for a poppy.

### **Work Experience Students**

We are delighted to welcome to Westhill Academy pupils to Skene School next week for Work Experience. Miss Coull and Miss Brown will join us for the whole week and will visit all classes to gain experience across the whole school.

### **Dates for your Diary**

- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November - Parent Council Meeting 6pm
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November - TECHFEST visits for all classes
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November - INSET Day
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November - INSET Day
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November -Bingo Night at Milne Hall
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need - more information to follow
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>/Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November - Prayer Space
- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November - Rotary Young Speaker Competition
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November - P7 trip to The Underwater World of Science and Technology at AECC
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Carols at Pitcairn Lodge
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Whole School Trip to HMT Pantomime
- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Carols by Candlelight at Kirkton of Skene Church
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Lunch
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December - proposed date for P3-4 Christmas party (pm) and P5/6/7 Party (am)
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December - P1-4 Nativity at Kirkton of Skene Church, 6:30pm start.
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December - proposed date for P1/2 Christmas Party (am)
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December - Last day of term
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December - Holidays Begin
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 - Back to School