



Sacred Heart Primary School

“Aspire Nurture Learn Achieve”



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Dear Parent/Carer,

Oops, we did it again... Sacred Heart Primary School is small but mighty! Our P7s fielded a team during the Midlothian Basketball Tournament and guess what....WE WON!!!!

Well done to the children for not only demonstrating exceptional basketball skills and teamwork but for also making us proud with your sportsmanship. It is amazing what can be achieved when we all work together. We are so proud of you all.



Well, here we go! The festive period is upon us! December 1st and there are lots of exciting activities planned for next week...

Saturday 2nd December – Christmas Fayre

Please do come along to support this event which the Parent Partnership and the children have put so much effort into planning and organising. Just to remind you that there will be **carol singing at 10.30am and 11.30am for all of the children and families**. The profits from this event are used to benefit all of the children within the school by subsidising transport or buying resources that the school budget does not stretch to. We are exceptionally grateful to the Parent Partnership for their efforts and to all of the parents and families who join us on the day.

Wednesday 6th December – Panto Trip

Oh no it's not – OH YES IT IS!!!!

Panto time again. The children will be scooting off after lunch for their annual trip to the Pantomime. To ensure we are on the bus in a timely manner, **lunches will be really early**. Please ensure that your child has a healthy snack and drink for the interval in a labelled bag – this snack could be a sandwich or snack bar. Please be mindful that the children will have eaten lunch before midday so a more substantial, and filling snack, would be preferred rather than sweeties. We would prefer if there were no snack boxes so that we can dispose of all rubbish at the venue. The children are not permitted fizzy drinks.



The children should return to school between 5.15pm and 5.30pm – traffic dependant. The school will notify parents via text message if there is any delay.

Sacred Heart Stars

This week the following children have been acknowledged as 'stars' within our school community:

- ★ Levi (P1) – responsible citizen
- ★ Ella (P2) – successful learner
- ★ Eliorah P3/4) – effective contributor
- ★ Zunaira (P4/5) – confident individual
- ★ Anatswa (P5/6) – effective contributor & successful learner
- ★ PJ (P7) – effective contributor

Well done to all of our Sacred Heart Stars – you have shone brightly this week.

Our RERC Learning

Primary 7 have been extending their understanding of Heaven and Hell and were introduced to the term Purgatory as a place the soul goes to before entering Heaven. We listened to the story of Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31) and discussed the messages for us today. Next week we will begin our work on Advent.

Primary 5/6 have been learning about Heaven and how our prayers and self-sacrifice can help those who are on the threshold of Heaven to take the final steps of holiness so they are ready to live with God in Heaven. They were also introduced to the term Purgatory as a place the soul goes to before entering Heaven. Next week we will begin our work on Advent.

Primary 4/5 have been discussing the different ways in which people can be poor such as economically, spiritually and emotionally. We then talked about the Sermon on the Mount and the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12) and reflected on what they mean for us today. Next week we will begin our work on Advent,

Primary 3/4 have been deepening their understanding of the lives of the Saints, with a particular focus this week on St Andrew, the Apostle. We looked at the main events of his life and works and discussed the term "patron saint". The children then created posters depicting his life achievements and how he influences Scotland today. Next week we will begin our work on Advent.

Primary 2 have been deepening their understanding of the Bible as our Holy Book and the Word of God. We read the story of Jesus calling His First Disciples (Luke 5: 1-11) and used circle to discuss what makes our friends special and how we can be a good friend. Next week we will begin our work on Advent.

Primary 1 have been discussing 'messages' and 'messengers'. We spoke about how we can communicate messages with people who are far away. The children learned about God's messenger – Angel Gabriel – and how he came to earth to communicate God's message to Mary. The children really enjoyed singing the song 'Mary, Mary Gentle One' which tells the story of that conversation.



The Parent Partnership

Thanks to all the parents for volunteering for the Christmas Fayre - it is a massive help. Your time and your efforts are hugely valued!

We also received all your donations for Tombola, pre-loved toy shop and the pre-loved festive jumper shop - we THANK YOU so much!

Our Christmas Fayre on Sat 2nd Dec from 10 till 12, we will be running the below activities and all profits will be going to the school for improvements and developments

- Breakfast/Brunch Café with Bacon Rolls
- Santa's Grotto
- Tombola Stall
- Pre-loved Festive Jumpers Stall
- Home Baking Stall
- Pre-loved Toys Stall
- Glitter tattoos
- Face paints
- Crafts sessions
- Various Fun Games
- Carol singing

There will be local private small businesses holding their stall in our Fayre - this is a great aspect to our school and the community.

I hope you will enjoy the event. We look forward to seeing you there!

Jemima

Drumming Performance for Parents in P4/5 and P5/6

Families of all pupils in P4/5 and P5/6 are invited to join us for a special performance where the children will be showcasing their drumming skills. These classes have been working, on a weekly basis, with the team from Infections Grooves to put together a percussion performance using a range of drums and percussion instruments.

We would welcome as many family members and friends to come along and enjoy the music on **Thursday 7th December at 1.45pm**. We would ask that you arrive by **1.35pm at the main office** to allow for time to sign in and get seated ready to start promptly at 1.45pm.



P5/6 - Pope Francis Faith Award

On **Friday 8th December at 9.30am**, the P5/6 class will be attending an Enrolment Mass at Sacred Heart Church as part of their journey to achieving the Pope Francis Faith Award. The children will be working towards this achievement in school during their RERC sessions. A letter, with further information, has been emailed to the families of those children who are involved. We would very much appreciate parent helpers to walk over to mass with P5/6. Please advise the office if you are able to support.

Amazing News - Read&Write Free for Families

You may be aware of the literacy toolbar Read&Write. We use this toolbar in school to support learning and it is installed on all pupil iPads and Chromebooks. This toolbar is exceptionally useful for children who are developing their literacy skills as it has so many applications which can support all children, including those with additional support needs.

Midlothian Council was part of a video case study on the positive impact of Read&Write. You can watch the videos and find out more [here](#). **The very exciting news is that Midlothian has negotiated a world-first deal that means you can now download the Read&Write toolbar at home, on up to 5 devices, completely free!**

Please [use this link](#) to download. You will be asked for the school's postcode and then be given instructions on what to do next. Have a look at this [feature tour](#) to see all the things Read&Write can do and ask your child to show you how they use Read&Write in school!

Carols By Candlelight

This is a really special night in the Sacred Heart calendar and never fails to put us all in the Christmas mood. Please keep the evening of **Wednesday 13th December** free so that we can all join together to share the Christmas story and listen to the children sing their Carols. We very much hope to see every family there as we come together as a community celebrate.



Christmas Dinner

Christmas lunch will be held on **Wednesday 20th December** this year. The children have already selected their lunch choices in school. A copy of the menu is attached for your information. A full list of allergens will follow. If you have any queries or concerns, please contact the school office as soon as possible to allow time for them to be addressed in advance of the day.

Christmas Jumper Day

To coincide with Christmas lunch, the children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers on **Wednesday 20th December**. As part of Sacred Heart's continued commitment to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle, preloved Christmas jumpers are available at the Christmas Fayre for a small donation. Remember a Christmas jumper IS just for Christmas so why buy new – give a pre-loved jumper a second chance to shine!



P1 and P2 Nativity

Our youngest learners have been working extremely hard to learn the songs and words for this year's Nativity. There will be two performances on **Thursday 14th December** at 2.00pm and 6.00pm. All families will have a 2 person ticket allocation.

We would ask for a cash donation on the day or, if you prefer, a donation via Parent Pay – which will be live next week. All monies raised go towards promoting the expressive arts across Sacred Heart.



P1 and P2 Toys

Some of the pupils in P1 and P2 have begun to bring a huge number of soft toys in to school. This has led to some disagreements and is extremely distracting as the children often make excuses to go to their bags to see the toys which reduces their learning time. We would appreciate your support in curbing this behaviour by ensuring that your child is not bringing toys in to school.

PE Days – UPDATE

P1 – Monday and Wednesday

P2 – Monday and Tuesday

P3/4 – Monday and Wednesday

P4/5 – Wednesday and Thursday

P5/6 – Tuesday and Thursday

P7 – Tuesday and Thursday

PE kit should include a fresh T-shirt, shorts / leggings and trainers.

If your child's PE session is to be outside, they can wear joggers/leggings and a sweatshirt.

The children should, for hygiene reasons, have clothes to change into.

P3/4 and P4/5 Swimming

Please remember to send swimming kit with your child on a Wednesday. We would recommend, moving into the colder months, that a swimming cap is worn – especially for those children with longer hair. There is no time for children to dry their hair and they will be outside at lunchtime. Although a cap does not keep the hair completely dry – it does help. An adult can help your child put the cap on.



Running Club – CHANGE OF DATE

Just to remind you that there is a change to the day for this week's Running Club. This week it will be on **Tuesday 5th December** (instead of Wednesday 6th) due to the panto.

Packed Lunch - We also ask that pupils participating in the running club bring a packed lunch (or request a school packed lunch) on these days.

Primary 1 Health Questionnaires

NHS Health Questionnaires have been sent home with your child. Please ensure these forms are completed and returned to school **no later than Friday 8 December**

Parent Partnership - Easy Fundraising

Parent Partnership have now registered Sacred Heart Primary School on easyfundraising.org

If you don't already use easyfundraising.org, it is a way to support local causes simply by doing your normal online shopping. You can get an extension for your web browser on your computer or on your mobile device that will prompt to approve a donation from your normal shopping purposes. Over 7,500 brands including eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos and M&S will donate to Sacred Heart Primary School - Parent Partnership, Penicuik for FREE when you use [easyfundraising](http://easyfundraising.org) to shop with them.

We would be very grateful for any new supporters. Please remember to use [easyfundraising](http://easyfundraising.org) when you do your Christmas online shopping this year. This means you can raise donations for us when you buy anything from decorations and festive food shopping to gifts like toys, jewellery, tech, experiences and more! These donations really help us and all you have to do is use [easyfundraising](http://easyfundraising.org) when you're ordering the things you'll be buying anyway. #MakeItCount

<http://efraising.org/UyvUbB8c95>

Parent partnership WhatsApp Groups

Please click the appropriate link below to add yourself to your class WhatsApp group. When you join, please introduce your name and your child's name so your class rep knows who has joined.

Alternatively, you can also send a text message to your class rep and request them to join you in the group. Please contact Jemima on 07438369168 for your class rep's name and contact number.

ELC (Nursery): <https://chat.whatsapp.com/LX0zGNIJMQC40piWCOGnXh>

P1: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/H9gf5JvswmHH6WmFGpfkP3>

P2: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/JM5QzNrl5DI3TN3tARna3X>

P3/4: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/KG4j8ghD8PvFF1bwtHd8IO>

P4/5: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/HEKnp8kJkb82oq68OCcwPy>

P5/6: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/JiH4od1GML6FkIqmjL5UJw>

P7: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/BcqbRSsruLFmEj72HBfn8>



Registering For Free School Meals



An important source of income for the school is through funding from Midlothian based upon the number of children who have applied for 'free school meals' (FSM). Unfortunately, as all pupils from P1 – P5 are now entitled to a school lunch, the numbers of families who apply for FSM status has dropped dramatically and so, therefore, has the **vital funding** to the school.

It would be fantastic if all families, who believe that they would be entitled to FSM (P1 – P7), would **apply through the link below**, so we can increase the numbers who are registered and increase the funding to school which can be used to support our children in so many ways. There are so many additional benefits to you, and your child, if you do apply for FSM such as:

- Free milk
- Access to clothing grants
- Access to financial support for trips / events



You may not be aware that you are eligible for FSM so please check see if any of the following criteria applies to your family. Do you receive:

- Universal Credit (where your monthly earned income is not more than £726)
- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income-based Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Your child is also entitled to free school lunches if you get:

- Child Tax Credit, but not Working Tax Credit, and your income is less than £18,725
- Both Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit and have an income of up to £8,717

[https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/info/855/school meals/117/free school meals and clothing grants](https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/info/855/school%20meals/117/free%20school%20meals%20and%20clothing%20grants)

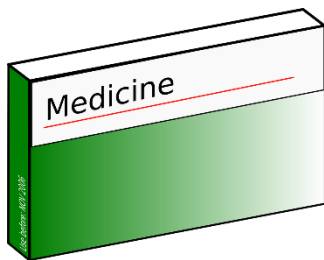
The school will be more than happy to support you in completing the necessary paperwork so please do not let that put you off applying. Remember, the more families who register, the more funding the school gets and ultimately this benefits the children.



Coffee & Chat

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Thank you to those parents who were able to attend our Coffee and Chat today. Our next planned Coffee and Chat session will be in person and will start at 9.00am to coincide with drop-off times. We would love to meet as many parents as possible. This is an opportunity to connect with other parents and to give your suggestions regarding how to make Sacred Heart even better. Please put **Friday 26th January** in your diary.



Medication

If your child is taking any form of medication in school - whether it be prescribed or over the counter - **we will require a medical form to be completed by an adult on site. No child should have any medication in their bags or be self-medicating.** It is vital that all medicines are held centrally and carefully monitored to ensure that the children are kept safe. We would appreciate your support with this matter.

Reporting Absences

Please ensure that you call or email in to school to report your child absent. You do not need to wait until the morning to do this, as you can leave a message in the dedicated telephone mailbox as soon as you are aware that your child will not be attending school. You can also email this information to sacredheart_ps@midlothian.gov.uk

Please ensure that all messages clearly state your child's name, class and the reason (advising symptoms where appropriate) for his/her absence. Your support with this matter is appreciated.



48-hour rule

We would remind parents that if your child has been sick they cannot return to school for 48 hours. This guidance also applies to those who experience an upset tummy. This is to give them time to recover and to ensure that any virus is not spread around our community. We appreciate your co-operation to help us keep everyone safe.



Dates For Your Diary

- Wed 22nd November to 13th March – P3/4 & P4/5 Swimming (every Wed except holidays)
- Wed 6th December – Panto trip – returning to school at approximately 5.15pm
- Thurs 7th December – Drumming performance to parents of pupils in P4/5 and P5/6
- Fri 8th December – P5/6 Enrolment mass for Pope Francis Faith Award 9.30am SH Church
- Wed 13th December – Carols by Candlelight 6.00pm in Sacred Heart Church
- Thursday 14th December – Nativity Performance @ 2.00pm
- Thursday 14th December – Nativity Performance @ 6.00pm
- Wed 20th December – Christmas Lunch + Christmas Jumpers
- Fri 22nd December – Christmas Parties

- Fri 22nd December – School closes 12.25pm for Christmas holidays

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- Tues 9th January – New term starts for pupils- 8.50am (8.00am Breakfast Club)
- Tues 16th January - Catechesis for Reconciliation Parents 7.15pm in St Margaret's Church Hall
- Sun 21st January - Rite of Illumination for Reconciliation children 11.00am Mass in SH Church
- Fri 26th January – Coffee & Chat in school 9.00am
- Fri 9th February – School closes 12.25pm for February break
- Mon 19th February – School reopens 8.50am (8.00am Breakfast Club)
- Wed 22nd February - Ash Wed - Parish Mass 11.00am in Sacred Heart Church
- Sun 25th February - Rite of Signing of the Cross for Reconciliation children 11.00am Mass in SH Church
- Wed 28th February - Catechesis for FHC Parents 7.15pm in St Margaret's Church Hall
- Wed 13th March - Catechesis for Confirmation Parents 7.15pm in St Margaret's Church Hall
- Tues 19th – Thurs 21st March – P6 Bikeability
- Wed 20th March - Reconciliation Practice 10.45am in Sacred Heart Church
- Thurs 21st March - SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION 6.00pm in Sacred Heart Church
- Thurs 28th March – School closes 3.15pm for Easter Holiday
- Tues 16th April – School reopens 8.50am (8.00am Breakfast Club)
- Sun 21st April - Rite of the Presentation of the Gospels for Confirmation children 11.00am Mass at Sacred Heart Church
- Sun 28th April- Rite of the Presentation of the Our Father for FHC children 11.00am Mass in Sacred Heart Church
- Mon 6th May – May Day - School closed
- Sun 12th May - Rite of the Presentation of the Creed for Confirmation children 11.00am Mass in Sacred Heart Church
- Mon 20th May – School closed to pupils
- Wed 29th May - FHC Practice 10.45am in Sacred Heart Church
- Sat 1st June - SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 1.00pm in Sacred Heart Church
- Wed 12th June – Eucharistic Adoration P4 FHC 11.00am in Sacred Heart Church
- Fri 14th June - SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 7.00pm (Place TBC)
- Wed 26th June - P7 Leavers' Mass 11.00am in school
- Fri 28th June – Term ends 12.25pm

Term Time Days of Obligation – whole school mass

- Thurs 9th May – Ascension Thursday 11.00am Mass in Sacred Heart Church
- Fri 7th June – Feast of the Sacred Heart Parish Mass at 9.30am in Sacred Heart Church

Class Updates: ELC (Nursery)

Thank you to all who managed to attend our Parent Consultations this week. If you didn't manage to make an appointment and would like to make one please see Joanne to arrange one.

The wintery weather has sparked renewed interest in ice, snow and the properties of water in relation to freezing and melting. We had lots of fun building snowmen and mark making in the snow. We also have continued our exploration into space with lots of rocket making using a variety of media while exploring the story "Whatever Next" by Jill Murphy.

Our rocket exploration involved using 2D shapes: naming and describing their features. You could help to develop this knowledge by looking for shapes around your home and in your local area.

Can I remind parents to bring in Indoor shoes and spare clothes.

P1

In literacy this week we reviewed the sounds that we have learned so far in Primary 1 as well as taking a look at the 'ck' sound and some double consonant sounds such as 'll', 'ss', 'zz' and 'mm'. We wrote a fantastic piece of writing on Thursday about how we felt when we got our iPads and some of us managed to include some of our tricky red words. In our groups with Miss Maxwell and Ms Learmonth we have been practising speedily reading these and reading them in sentences. We have been drawing pictures to match the sentences too to show our understanding of what we are reading.

In maths we started to learn about symmetry. We looked at images with one line of symmetry and engaged with lots of different play activities linked to symmetry. Some of us made symmetrical Lego and Duplo pictures while others used mirrors to create pictures using counters, 2D shapes and glass beads. We also developed our fine motor skills while painting symmetrical butterflies using cotton buds.

It has been a busy week of Nativity practise too! It is slowly but surely starting to come together and the songs are sounding great. Some children are still finding it tricky to recognise when it is their turn to speak so any practise of lines at home would be hugely appreciated - we are getting so close to our final performance and we want the children to feel as confident as possible!

We explored our feelings during HWB this week and created kindness drawings to put up in a corner of our classroom where people can go to when they need cheered up. We also learned about Advent and the Advent wreath - we will hopefully be making our own next week! We observed the changes in the environment with the arrival of the ice and snow on Wednesday and were really interested in the things that we found. We will be having a short focus on Winter as a result, following on nicely from our Autumn topic.

We will continue to practise the sounds that we have already learned next week while working on our sight vocabulary. In maths we will be learning more about symmetry and will be doing so with a Christmas theme. A large part of our week will be dedicated to Nativity rehearsals but we will be taking a break on Wednesday to attend the pantomime!

Have a lovely weekend!

P2

This week we have been working on writing a fact file about either a Barn owl, a Snowy owl or a Eurasian Eagle owl. We have been finding information using non-fiction books and will write it up next week. We hope to share them with St Matthew's as well. We have been playing with our owl dioramas and used them to demonstrate the food chain of an owl. We created the sun, trees,

berries and nut, mice and added them to our displays. You might have seen our owl masks on Seesaw? If not please take a look as everyone did a great job of thinking about different types of owls and making them come alive.

In numeracy we were excited to follow a recipe and make playdough on Monday. We then used it with numicon to help us with our subtraction calculations. We pressed the numicon on to the playdough to make an impression of the shape. Then we removed a number by splatting the playdough shape – it was good fun and a simple way to see result.

In HWB we have been thinking about knowing the difference between feelings and behaviours. In groups we worked together to understand our feelings and think about the choices we make. We remembered that even when we do something wrong it is important to own up or apologise and make things better. Of course it is always important to recognise when we do the right thing! Finally, we continue with our Nativity practice. Thank you for your support to help your child learn their lines – it's making a big difference as we put the production together. Have a great weekend and enjoy the snow!

P3/4

Primary 3/4 have been very busy this week and hard-working. In literacy we have continued to build on our skills in inference. We used our detective skills, with the help from some special magnifying glasses, to find clues in pictures that would tell us more about what was happening in them. We have also been working on writing newspaper articles. This week we focussed on what makes an eye-catching headline and tried to write some of our own. We then looked at using the 5 Ws (when, where, what, who, and why) to write an introduction sentence for a newspaper article.

In maths we have been looking at mass and capacity. We discussed what mass and capacity are used to measure and what kind of tools would help us do this. We then tried measuring different items and different volumes of water. It was interesting to see how the scales go up and how these can change depending on the size of the beaker.

As part of health and wellbeing this week, we looked at how we can use the SHANARRI wellbeing indicators to help make our classroom a better place for everyone. Based on the survey we completed in August, we discovered that not everyone in our school felt Safe, Healthy, Active, Nurtured, Respected, Responsible, or Included, so we decided to think of ways we could make improvements. It was great to see everyone working closely with their partner to come up with ideas! In PE, we enjoyed looking at different kinds of jumps in gymnastics. We also took part in hockey matches on Tuesday, and showed off our best swimming skills on Wednesday.

Finally, as part of topic work this week we used drama to explore the type of people that would have experienced the volcanic eruption in Pompeii. Using role play, we took on the role of either the news reporter or the villager to find out more about these people. We paid close attention to how we use our voice, facial expressions, and body language when playing a character.

Next week, we will be looking at building on our inference skills in reading by using a text and working on adding more detail to our newspaper reports, including quotations from people who were there. In maths, we will be using what we have learned so far in measure to explore area. Finally, in health and wellbeing we will be exploring what a role model is and why they are important.

P4/5

It has been a lovely week in P4/5 with lots of great learning going on, topped off by the beautiful snowfall to welcome in the festive period. The children had a great time during break on Thursday

and Friday playing in the snow. In literacy this week we have focused on learning the features of a newspaper and starting to write our very own newspaper articles. Next week we will continue on this theme where the children will apply all they have learned in an independent task.

In numeracy we continued looking at all aspects of time, including working out the length of time passed. Next week we will start to look at the 24 hour clock as well as possibly some timetables. We have also been learning different strategies to help us work out division sums and we will carry on with that next week.

Elsewhere in the curriculum, we had our last session of hockey which the whole class thoroughly enjoyed. There are some budding hockey stars in the class! We also continued our swimming block on Wednesday and it is great to see the confidence growing across the whole class. Please note that from next week PE day will be a Thursday, not a Tuesday, with swimming continuing on Wednesdays. This week we started to look at natural disasters, with a focus on volcanoes; what they are and how they affect the land around them. We will be continuing this next week as well.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend in the snow.

P5/6

:Hello P5/6 families! What an exciting week we've had in class - especially given the weather! The class have loved being able to get outside on the field and play together in the snow. That being said, please remember to make sure that all learners are coming to school with a coat, and a change of shoes if you would like as the cold, snowy weather continues. Onto the learning...

In Literacy this week, we have investigated how we can identify and use both direct and indirect speech. We identified the properties of each category of speech, and were all able to use this knowledge to assess what type a sentence was using. We then had a go at writing our own sentences using both direct and indirect speech, as well as converting from one to the other. We will continue to work on this next week. In reading comprehension, we were practising the skill of inference. We 'read between the lines' to assess what the author was trying to tell us. We also worked more on our narrative writing - we assessed together that our characterisation is something that we would like to improve upon, and so applied all of the skills we learned from creating a setting in order to describe and create an image of a character's emotions, dialogue and appearance.

In numeracy this week, we built upon our money knowledge from last week and found we needed a refresher of a multiplication strategies. We had revision stations set up and all feel like we now have a stronger understanding of the strategies that we can use to help us complete multiplication calculations. We will continue to revise this next week. In maths, we began looking at polygons and their properties. We were able to sort these into the mathematical category, and used a Venn diagram to display the similarities and differences between them. Next week, we will move onto perimeter and area within a shape.

In our topic this week, the class have began to give their presentations on Scottish Volcanoes. A huge well done to those that have done this so far! The learners made sure to create an eye catching presentation that kept their audience engaged. We devised a success criteria for what a successful presentation will look like - the speaker is making eye contact with and facing their audience, using a projected, clear voice. The learners then gave each other feedback on what went well with each presentation and what they can improve upon for next time. We will continue these next week, and finally get started on making our volcano models! I know we are all very excited to do this - myself included! A final plea for any newspaper that is about to be recycled to be brought into school for our papier-maché - thank you!

Have a wonderful, snowy weekend - stay safe and we'll see you for a great week on Monday!

P7

This week, as part of their WW2 topic, the children have absolutely loved building their Anderson shelter models - they have made a fabulous job of them! Thank you for all those who sent in cardboard to be used, we very much appreciate your support. Next week, they will be looking at key events within World War 2, including Pearl Harbour and Hiroshima.

In Primary 7 we have been identifying the key features of a newspaper report and next week we will begin planning and writing our own examples based on the Blitz. Our spelling this week focused on prefixes and we will be continuing this into next week. We will also be learning about direct and indirect speech to support our report writing.

In numeracy, the children have been learning about fractions. This will continue into next week as they work on finding a fraction of a number and convert fractions, decimals and percentages. We have also been building on our measurement skills by revisiting how to calculate a perimeter of a shape and learning how to calculate its area. Next, week we will be continuing with area as we look at more complex shapes.

The children have been identifying their preferred learning styles this week in health and wellbeing and will be extending this as they consider the barriers to their learning. In P.E we have been focusing on basketball and we will continue with mini games next week.

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I cannot believe that next week hails the start of December. Please keep an eye on our 'Dates For Your Diary' to stay on top of the events we have planned in the festive weeks.

Lilly Learmonth
Acting Deputy Headteacher