

# Newbigging Primary School

## October 2014

### Fraser Brown

Mr Brown, from the Black Watch, came to talk to the children about what it was like during World War 1. He brought artefacts with him and we all learned lots – it really helped us in preparation for our concert!

### Monikie Park

Lesley, Eva and Hailie have had a great time joining their peers from Monikie P.S. at Monikie Park. They have been raft-building, canoeing and using the high ropes.

### Playground Games

We have now got some new games painted in the playground thanks to the lottery funding that was allocated to us. Mrs Gray did not need much persuasion to demonstrate how to play hopscotch ☺

### Dinozoo

Mrs O'Neill and Anne had a thoroughly entertaining time when they visited the Dundee Rep to watch Dinozoo with the nursery children. Our children were not frightened of the giant puppets one little bit and even had a private meeting with them! Thank you to the Parent Council for funding this outing.

### Clubs Festival

The P4/5's had a taster session in Carnoustie Leisure Centre of lots of different clubs and activities on offer locally. They included dancing, Tai Kwando, athletics and rugby.

### Dance Session

Rebecca Hillyard who is holding dance classes gave the children a taster of what she has to offer. Her classes are for the 3-5, 5-8 and 8-11 age range. Watch this space for fliers with more info!

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

Mrs O'Neill and the children and mums from the nursery provided us with a super coffee morning with lots of lovely cakes and biscuits to eat. The P7's waited on the tables and it was good to see people from our local community pop in for a cuppa. A grand total of £107.40 was raised – a real achievement and one to be proud of. Thanks to all who donated.

### Councillor Visit

Councillor Sheena Welsh popped in to school to say well done for our good report from the inspection. We appreciated not only the gesture but the box of biscuits she brought too!

### Class News

#### P4-7

We have been learning about animals in WW1 as well as key dates and people. We enjoyed looking at the costumes and artefacts. We have also played games linked to WW1 themes at PE and had a visit from Fraser Brown who did a WW1 artefact treasure hunt in the hall.

Stephanie has enjoyed working with decimals, Lesley and Hailie can now times and divide by multiples of 10, 100 and 1000. Isaac has been learning about Pi and calculating the circumference of a circle. Oliver was proud at winning the Star Maths medal.

Sophie has enjoyed writing WW1 themed news articles and Hiba has enjoyed reading and watching Warhorse.

Out of school:

Ellie has had a certificate for dancing, Edina for swimming, Joseph for hockey.

Isaac is learning about Python at his computing club.

Lesley and Edina were 3rd for the Carnegie Trophy at Brownies.

During Thriving Thursdays we have created school rules, visions, values and aims. We have started working on GIRFEC, Wellbeing Webs and SHANARRI wellbeing indicators. We have learned about needs and wants, rights and responsibilities and had a visiting teacher from Inchtute PS, Miss Edwards, come in and talk to us/show us photos of her trip to Zambia to work with the Book Bus project. Stephanie, Ellie and Alex liked hearing about the schools and houses the children live in.

During other Thriving Thursdays Lesley has enjoyed whole school paired reading, Thomas the skills challenges and whole school PE.

Eva, Hailie and Lesley enjoyed Monikie Park and did raft building, canoeing and high ropes.

During our HOLA day Ellie enjoyed seeing the frogs living in the playground. Stephanie enjoyed pulling out the weeds. Hailie and Kayla liked the bug hotel but think we need to improve it on the next HOLA day. Oliver worked hard at clearing the moss. Ann Margaret enjoyed working in groups.

French – the children have been enjoying learning about hobbies and animals in French.

### P1-3

Primary 1 pupils have settled in well.  
We have all been learning about WW1.

Some comments from children:

Rowan said, 'I am really enjoying taking away during Maths.'

Ann-Margaret is enjoying dance club at lunchtime.

'I like writing,' said Laura.

Naomi and Sienna are enjoying soft start in the mornings.

Alex is enjoying the different activities completed during language work.

Cailean got his safety badge at Beavers not very long ago and he is now working towards his healthy badge.

### Future Events

#### Halloween Party

Due to Monikie Community Hall being double booked it is no longer possible for us to hold a joint Halloween party with Monikie Primary School on the evening of Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October. Instead we will hold our own party, run by staff, during the morning of Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October. Children should come to school with their fancy dress costumes and we will play the usual party games, with a competition for the best costume. If wished, children can change into their school uniforms after the party.

#### P1/7 Trip to Arbroath & Monikie

As part of our topic on World War 1, on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October our P1/7 pupils will be going to the Signal Tower Museum in Arbroath in the morning, followed by the Montrose Airbase in the afternoon. We will travel by bus, leaving the school at 9.30am and returning in time for the end of the school day. Children should come to school in their uniforms and bring a packed lunch. As our visit to Montrose Airbase will take place outside and in hangars it will be very cold so please ensure that your child comes to school dressed warmly – we've been told that feet get particularly cold there!! The Parent Council have kindly paid for the bus for this trip.

#### Flu Vaccinations

P1-7 pupils will receive their flu vaccinations in school on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

#### P7 Commonwealth Games Transition Morning

Our P7 pupils will be going to Carnoustie High School during the morning of Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October to take part in a Commonwealth Games themed transition event. They will be taken to the High School by staff. As some of the activities will take place outside, children should come to school in tracksuit bottoms, sweatshirt/hoodie and trainers, with shorts and t-shirt

underneath for indoor activities. They should also take a play piece and plenty of water to eat. As the event doesn't finish until 12.30pm pupils should take a packed lunch.

### World War 1 Concert

On Friday 7 November 2014 there will be a concert at the Monikie/Newbigging War Memorial Hall at 7.00 pm. The programme includes WW1 songs sung by the Monikie/Newbigging nursery and Primary 1/2/3 pupils, a play performed by the Monikie Primary 3/4/5 classes, displays and readings by the Monikie/Newbigging Primary 4/5/6/7 classes.

A brochure with full information and programme will be sent out with each pupil in both schools the middle part of next week. Looking forward to seeing you all there to help us remember the brave individuals from Monikie and Newbigging who fought and died in WW1.

### Friday After School Football Training

Football training with Grant Thomson will start next Friday from 3.30-4.15pm. If you have not returned the consent form but wish your child to attend, please do so as soon as possible.

### Micro-Tyco

Throughout November, P1-7 Newbigging pupils will be participating in Micro-Tyco. It is the product of over ten years experience in enterprise education and entrepreneurial success and is designed to invigorate, challenge the dependency culture and stimulate self-reliance and enterprise.

We have applied to WildHearts for 'seed capital'; a micro-loan of £1 for each Newbigging House team. Once the clock starts on November 1<sup>st</sup> the children have one month to turn their £1 into as much money as possible. There is only one rule: transactions must be legal. It is fast, fun and furious. The short time-scale of Micro-Tyco inspires an entrepreneurial environment that unleashes participant's latent talents, whilst at the same time fostering creative thinking, resourcefulness and team work. Micro-Tyco also helps pupils to develop their financial, literacy, communication and leadership skills.

The money created from Micro-Tyco will then be invested by WildHearts in micro-loans to help the world's poorest people work their own way out of poverty with dignity and self-respect. Thousands of people have already set up small businesses to work their way out poverty. As a result the pupils will go from becoming dynamic wealth creators to global ethical investors.

Pupils will receive monthly case studies, photos and videos from the people they have helped. Not only does the opportunity to empower thousands of people around the world help pupils become more informed Global Citizens, it demonstrates how business can be a force for good in the world.

Pupils from each of the school's houses have already shortlisted the activities below which they would like to do to increase their £1.

We hope you will enjoy encouraging your child's creativity and talking to them about their team's progress. We would be grateful for any help – time, donations for raffles/auction/baking as well as any expertise, eg do you know someone in business who might “match” our total amount raised? This partnership could then be celebrated in the local press to raise both parties' profiles.

If you would like to know more please visit [http:](http://www.wildheartsinaction.org/microtyco)

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or contact either of us

Mrs Patullo and Miss O'Neil.

#### Micro-Tyco – Provisional Dates

Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Halloween face painting & tattoos – suggested donation £2 – permission slip to follow
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	10-12 car wash in school - £5 per car. Film in classroom with popcorn - £1.50 donation (film to be confirmed). Throw a sponge at Stephanie, Isaac & Amie - £1 for 5 sponges – more information and permission slips to go out next week
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Lemonade and cakes on sale to children in school – suggested donation 50p
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Non uniform day – suggested donation £1 Enterprise open morning – hot chocolate/ coffee/ tea & cake to be sold to parents - suggested donation £1.50
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Bring your Bike to School Day – suggested donation £2 – must have helmet
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Make up & nails for girls at lunchtime - £2.50 suggested donation
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	6-9pm Charity bingo auction night in hall – £5 suggested entry will include refreshments/bingo games – information about prizes to follow
To be confirmed	Bag packing – permission slips to follow

These dates are all provisional and more information will follow in due course