



The Buzz

WORKING TOGETHER TO BE THE BEST WE CAN BE



Police officers seem to be getting younger every day – See Page 2

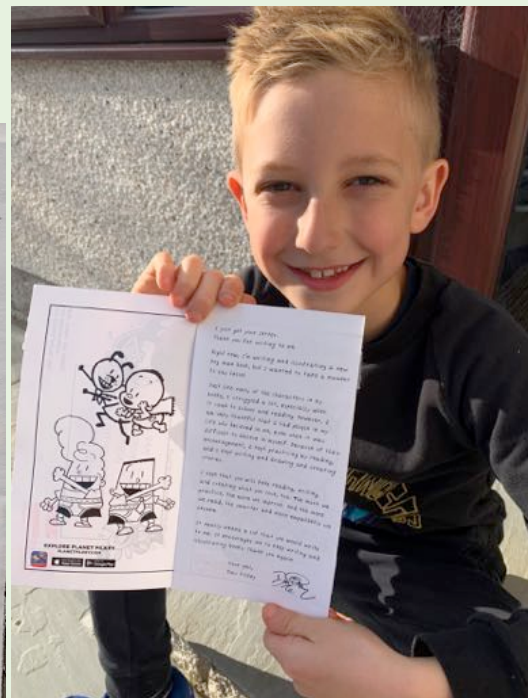
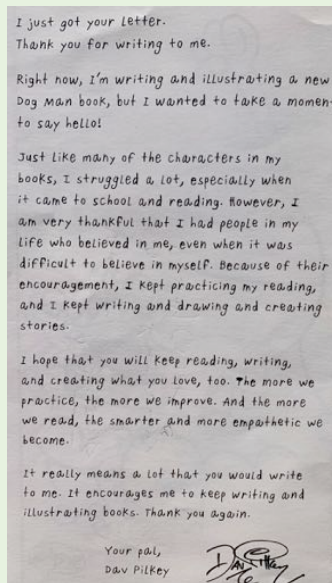
Ethan's special delivery

Delight as world-famous author writes him a letter!

When avid reader Ethan Clark wrote to his favourite author to say how much he loved his books, he didn't really know what would happen next.

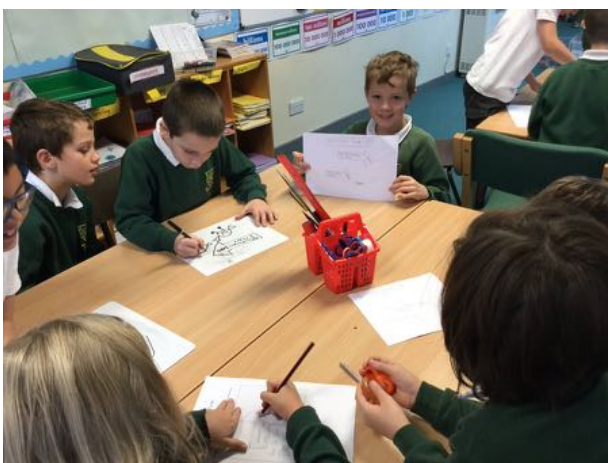
So, imagine Ethan's surprise and delight a few weeks later when the postman arrived with a personal letter from the man himself!

P4 pupil Ethan has enjoyed reading Dav Pilkey's novel series Dog Man and put pen to paper to ask if he planned to write any more books. He received a lovely, encouraging letter in reply... The American cartoonist, author and illustrator is also the creator of Captain Underpants. Great initiative, Ethan! 👍👏👏



Look out Lord Sugar... meet Milltimber's Apprentices

The spirit of enterprise and co-operation is alive and kicking in our school as our pupils take on an Apprentice-style project. P3/4, P4 and P5 enjoyed a successful first meeting as part of their Enterprise Project. Each team has designed a brand name and logo. Exciting things to come!



Diary dates!

November 12th – Photographer visit to school

November 15th – PTA Christmas Market (see more info on Page 3)

November 21st and 22nd – School closed to pupils for staff development day

Update on school and nursery inspection reports

We expect Education Scotland to publish their report into Milltimber Nursery and School any day now. The inspection involved staff, pupils and parents and proved to be a very supportive process. We are confident that the inspection team recognised the positive developments across our school community. We know we are on the right track and have our sights set firmly on the next steps. The Care Inspectorate recently issued its report into our nursery which acknowledged a number of important changes in the past year. This can be viewed on www.carecommission.com. The nursery and school report is being finalised and we expect to be in a position to update parents soon. Thank you for your support.

Please help our Parent Council

Our Parent Council AGM takes place on November 26th, 6pm. All welcome! We need a new treasurer. Do come along and support our school.



Pupils hold court as they have a brush with the law!



Our partnership with parents took a legal twist this week as P6 benefited from two visits.

The class were excited to welcome parent Lynne Freeland to hear all about her job as a defence lawyer. You can see how well some of the class took to the role...

Sergeant Chris Smith also visited P6 to talk about his job as a Police Officer with Police Scotland. The children were so interested in hearing about all aspects of the job... and they all want to join the police now!



It's a fair cop... the class had a fascinating insight in to life as a police officer



Court, all rise... these pupils enjoyed getting in to character



The best of buddies



Pupils from P1 and P6 have struck up a brilliant partnership as part of our buddy scheme which seeks to use peer support to help young ones settle in and develop their learning. The children were in fine voice and had great fun when the P6s taught the P1s two Halloween songs with actions.

Down by the bay... The children loved learning a new Halloween song and dance, with actions

Before the holidays, the children took advantage of a beautiful Autumn day to play together in the outdoor environment. They enjoyed being in the imagination garden and making their own trails! Working together on Fridays is fun!



Outdoor learning... enjoying school work and play while the sun shines



Bots and drones bring learning to life

We love digital learning across our school – and a host of new resources provided through PTA fund-raising is allowing us to expand our learning even more.

P7 are pictured here applying coding skills to complete tasks using drones and Blu Bots. Things are really taking off!



Digital learning gets animated as P3 explore and create Google slides



P3s did an excellent job creating Google slides about their favourite animals while their P4 friends were swimming. The pupils added in animations and pictures. Ask your child to log-on and show you at home 😊

Chromebooks allow pupils to develop their digital literacy

P3/4 loved using Chromebooks and learning how to create folders, move documents and rename files on their Google Drive accounts.



It's Christmas Market time again!



Our children are getting creative for Christmas

Get your festive glad rags on...

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas Market time... and your friendly PTA elves are busy preparing the best event to get you in the festive spirit and raise vital funds for our school.

Our Christmas Market is on Friday, November 15th, from 6.30pm-9pm. Come and buy from the stalls, visit Mr & Mrs Claus and be entertained.

We would welcome donations of any of the following:

- Tombola items in House colours
- Bottles for the bottle stall
- Stuffed socks (fill a new pair of socks with goodies of your choice!)

You can buy your tickets via the sheet that came home in your child's bag. We look forward to seeing you!

Pupils will be creating personalised Christmas cards this year through the Art Projects for Schools. Artwork will be scanned to allow parents and carers to transform these into a variety of printed products. We hope the children will enjoy the chance to be creative and feel a sense of achievement in knowing that their artwork has helped raise much-needed funds for their school. Estimated return of scanned artwork is this week, when orders and payment can then be made directly via <https://www.apfsorders.co.uk>. Please enter the UNIQUE ARTWORK CODE – which you'll find on the label on the reverse of your child's artwork – and your child's first name and surname. **Orders must be placed by midnight on November 15th, 2019.**

Make sure of your ticket for the Christmas Party black-tie event at the Palm Court on December 7th. It's a three-course meal and disco for just £35 per person. Contact Jill Sandilands on 07888680951 to book your ticket. It's a night not to be missed! 🎄👯



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