



The Buzz

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Nursery Nativity and lots of Christmas creativity – Page 3

It's beginning to look a LOT like CHRISTMAS!



The countdown to Christmas is well and truly on, as staff and pupils have enjoyed a host of festive activities. We have been celebrating the festive season from as early as December 1st, when we began to have sightings of Santa, elves and friendly dragons; Christmas lunches, class parties, themed PE and other fun and creative festive events. With the current restrictions, it's such a shame that parents have not been able to enjoy the usual array of festivities in the school, but our staff and pupils have been working hard to present you with a flavour of this term's activities from the comfort of your own home. Thank you all for your understanding and support throughout this incredible year. We are very proud of our entire school community for all that we have achieved through the challenges of 2020 – and we wish you all a safe, relaxing, happy and healthy Christmas.



Ho-Ho-Ho! Who's that? P1 were in shock to see Santa at their party. The children's Friendly Dragon left a lovely farewell letter and a gift which Santa kindly left for the boys and girls.

P1 recorded a wonderful show called 'The Enormous Brussels Sprout'. They weren't able to sing this year, so P1 parents created a magical performance of 'It Was on a Starry Night' from their own homes as a 'thank you' gift to Mrs Smith. Well done to all in P1.



Brilliant effort, team Milltimber!

We always give so generously to help others. Another huge THANK YOU to all our Milltimber pupils, parents and staff for collecting an amazing amount of food to donate to Instant Neighbour. Your generosity will mean so much to those in need this Christmas.



New Head Teacher update

We are delighted to report that Lynsey Cradock has been identified as preferred candidate for the post of the new Head Teacher of Milltimber School.

Mrs Cradock is currently Depute Head/Head at Muirfield School. She will start the position at Milltimber in the Spring, and we expect there to be a handover period to ensure a smooth transition before Mrs Hagan retires.



Fantastic foxes and sorting boxes

P1 were proud of their achievements when they drew fantastic foxes. They have used 3D shapes to build castles and measured using giant footprints outside. They created human Carroll Diagrams and sorted each other out!

Mini-Me's for P2/3s

P2/3 have been setting personal goals and learning about Growth Mindset. They have had fun making their own beanstalks and 'mini-me's'!



Are you going to hear him ROAR...?

Exciting times for children in P1/2 as they have had some letters delivered from a very friendly dragon. He wants the boys and girls to read more fairytales and keep the magic of stories alive. The children made him a castle and named him Fireball! Here's how they think he looks...



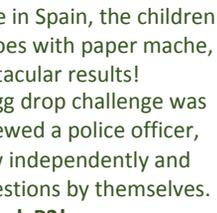
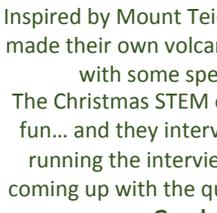
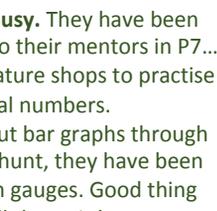
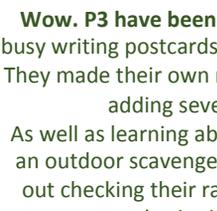
Wow. P3 have been busy. They have been busy writing postcards to their mentors in P7... They made their own nature shops to practise adding several numbers.

As well as learning about bar graphs through an outdoor scavenger hunt, they have been out checking their rain gauges. Good thing we've had all that rain!

Inspired by Mount Teide in Spain, the children made their own volcanoes with paper mache, with some spectacular results! The Christmas STEM egg drop challenge was fun... and they interviewed a police officer, running the interview independently and coming up with the questions by themselves.

Good work P3!

P3/4 created beautiful poppy paintings. They also painted stones with poppies as part of our Remembrance display. They have also researched the African Savannah, Sahara Desert and the Congo Rainforest.



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It's our school and we want to make sure your voice is heard...



It's good to talk! Our **Head Teacher Communications** are issued regularly with news and announcements. Please also make sure you are signed up to the **Xpressions** app to receive **GroupCall** announcements, which also come out via email. Many parents also use their class **Facebook Messenger** and **WhatsApp** group chats.

The **Buzz** is our regular school newsletter. It is issued by email as well as being put on the school website: www.milltimber.aberdeen.sch.uk Tell us what you think. Please follow us on Twitter: **@milltimbersch** You can also follow the **Parent Teacher Association** and **Parent Council** on **Facebook**.





Big on Japan

Creativity, kindness & coding on the agenda for P5

P5 are having a **Journey Through Japan** as part of this term's topic work. The children have been learning about every aspect of life and culture in Japan and have each created presentations on this fascinating country. They designed and created Japanese-inspired fans; they have also created a beautiful Cherry Blossom Tree and designed striking Manga characters. The children are also learning about the importance of social values. They have made buckets of kindness, created kindness cards with examples of kind actions, and made friendliness flowers, as well as learning about co-operation through a fun Slap, Clap, Click challenge... P5 have also been coding wizards through Hour of Code, completing a range of activities including Dance Party, Star Wars and Arcade.



Interview skills to the fore...

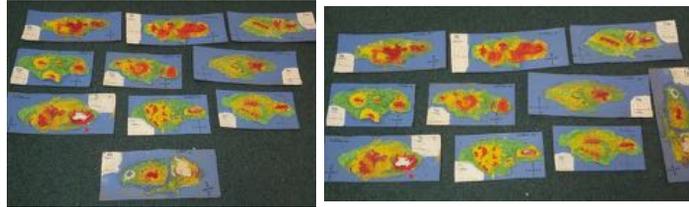
P4/5 have been interviewing each other, practising being a good questioner and listener.



Learning the art of listening and questioning is an important skill for the future world of work.

Getting creative with salt dough

P5/6 have been making 3D maps of Jamaica with salt dough. Here are their finished maps... [#Jamaica](#) [#topography](#) [#Caribbean](#)



Magical times on Nursery children's learning journey

It's been an exciting time for our Nursery children in the run-up to Christmas. The children decorated pancakes with fruit, whippy cream and Smarties for their Elf Breakfast. They made Christmas decorations and learned how to cut things out and wrap presents, too. They have been learning about the Nativity story, listening to songs, and created a Nativity Scene. They all learned some BSL signs instead of singing. Very impressive, well done!

Nursery Christmas parties were great fun. Santa came to the Nursery garden and dropped off some fantastic presents. The children have already helped to set up their new Playmobil Space set and Playmobil Fairy Garden and are really enjoying playing with them. They played party games and musical instruments and finished off with lots of dancing...





Wreathed in smiles

P7 worked so hard making these beautiful wreaths. They gathered foliage, berries and pine cones then set to work. It was a fiddly job but well worth it!



#P7 #Hoodies #Happy

Data? P7 can handle it...

P7 have been working very hard on their data-handling focus in maths. They have learned how to work out the median, mean, mode and range of numbers. Try it at home!



We're an active school



Running, jumping, dancing, skipping, planking... It's all in a day's work at Milltimber. We are happy to take part in the Active Schools **GO Live** challenge.

Artwork and imagination...

And a surprise fishy fact from China

P6/7 are so excited to be reading *The Nowhere Emporium*. They used comprehension skills to draw the emporium, using quotes from the text, and did a fabulous job! They also used their imaginations to write an entry for the 'Book of Wonders' and then created their imagined rooms. The class have really enjoyed learning about interesting food customs around the world. They learned not to flip fish over in China because it's like capsizing a boat and is thought to bring bad luck... They have been getting creative, learning the story of the willow pattern, then creating their own; and creating dragons which are legendary creatures in Chinese mythology. Lovely work!



🌟 RAFFLE WINNERS 🌟

Mrs Hagan has drawn the raffle! Congratulations to the prize winners: 1st Prize **£500 voucher of winners choice**: Andrew Buchan; 2nd Prize **£150 voucher for Goldstar Cleaning**: Viv Batton; 3rd prize **Hamper of Goodies**: Mrs Smith (P1 teacher). Big thanks to everyone for supporting the raffle by buying tickets and donating prizes. We have raised an amazing £920 for our school!



That's it for 2020, phew! We hope you've enjoyed reading *The Buzz*. Contact kay@marblesccc.com if you'd like to share a story. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas. Stay safe, have lots of fun, and we'll see you in the New Year!