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Our editor for this edition is Aidan.

I can't believe it is my final edition as editor of the St Joseph Times. I have loved my time working o I hope you enjoy reading about all the great things that have been going on in school.



Hello everyone,

Welcome to this, our final edition of the St Joseph's Times for the session 2023-24. What an amazing year it has been, with many successes and achievements. All of the staff and pupils have worked tirelessly, particularly in this last term to ensure that transitions have run smoothly, achievements have been celebrated and to make the Primary 7 leavers events happen.

We will really miss our Primary 7 pupils, who have all risen to the challenge and been excellent role models within our school. Looking forward to the future we wish them every success and hope that they keep in touch and let us know how they are progressing.

Also, we will soon be welcoming our new Primary 1 pupils, who have been for visits with Miss Kelly and have also met their new Primary 7 buddies from the current Primary 6 class. We are looking forward to having them here at St Joseph's in August.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff in the school for their hard work and dedication this year; to you our parents for the support you have provided us with so we can get it right for your children; and of course, last but not least, to our wonderful pupils who are at the heart of all we do, and who have progressed so well this year.

Finally, it is with a heavy heart that I have to say farewell to you all within this wonderful community at St Joseph's. I have loved my time here as acting headteacher and will miss each and every one of you. Thank you for the support you have given me, and for making me feel so welcome. Moving forward, I know that you will be well looked after in the highly capable hands of Mrs Vanessa Anderson, who has accepted the post of interim Acting Headteacher for the six week period from August.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy, and fun-filled summer break, and I will now leave you to relax and enjoy this amazing edition from our highly skilled newspaper team.

Best wishes,

Erika Anderson



Cello Update by Evan and Ruari



There are some substantial changes coming up in the St. Joseph's cello team.

The P7 Cellists are going up to High School, meaning there will be a new set of P5 Cellists starting to learn.

All the selected P5's are given the opportunity to try out the cello, and it is a great chance to have a new hobby and skill.

There are currently 5 Cellists at the school. Although with 2 going up to High School that brings the total number to 3, but there will be some new P5's trying out the cello.

For the next year, hopefully all the current Cellists will continue to play and improve at the cello, and any new Cellists will have a good start to playing the cello. Everybody who plays the cello or any musical instrument at St. Joseph's should continue with their musical journey, because they are all doing very good.

Meet the Team



Tell us a little about your life so far.

I am 45yrs old and have lived in Kelty my whole life. I have a younger sister and two younger brothers and we are all very close and love meeting as a family at least once a week. I went to St Joseph's as a child and have lots of happy and fun memories from my time as a pupil. I met my husband when I started my working at David Sand's in Kelty when I was twelve and have been with him since I was thirteen. I am very lucky and privileged to be a foster mum so as well as our oldest two boys Kyle and Keir I have been able to be a Mum to lots others over the years. I volunteer with the Scout association and enjoy all the fun and adventures this gives to lots of people, I have been a volunteer for almost fifteen years and still enjoy helping with youth sections as much as I did all those years ago.

Tell us about your job...

My job at St Joseph's is to support children with the school day. I help support children's learning and play and encourage them to grow in confidence and become independent. I also get to be in the playground at break and lunch where we play games, chat and have fun. No two days are the same but I like having fun along the way and making sure the children have fun whilst learning.

What made you want to do this job?

I have always enjoyed working with children and supporting them to try new activities and look at learning in a positive way. I wanted children to feel valued and listened to and supported in School.

What is the best part of your job?

Getting to know all the children and them sharing what they have been learning or just them coming for a chat or moan. I love watching them grow as they learn and being part of their journey.

What is the worst part of your job?

I don't have a worst part I have the best time at St Joseph's and enjoy my job.

Do you have any pets?

I have a Westie called Snoopy, He is my baby and is very spoilt, We have had him for five years. He gets lots of fuss and even gets to lay on the beds and furniture, If you know how much I didn't want a pet you would think this was funny as I could never ever have imagined I would let a dog on my bed lol.

What is your Favourite food?

I don't get my favourite food very often possibly only once a year but I love my Mum's mince, tatties and doughballs. Mr Fernie hates mince so we never have it at home.

What is your favourite place to visit?

My favourite place is the cemetery as I enjoy how peaceful it is and looking at peoples headstones. I think it makes you mindful to enjoy and love what you have.

What is your favourite song/band?

Ed Sheeran is one of my favourite singers but if you are in my car you will definitely hear a wee bit of Kylie and Jason.

Do you have any hobbies?

I am a big book bug and enjoy reading a book more than watching a film. I do lots of crafting and enjoy doing craft days with my friends. I also Scout which is a big hobby that takes up lots of my time. I also do lots of walking which my boys are not as keen on.

Can you tell us something unusual or interesting about you?

I can make a funny shape with my tongue which I have shown the children usually when we are having the silly chat. I once decided I wanted to try a different career and trained and qualified as a Tram driver, I did this for almost a year but I missed not interacting with people even though my colleagues were lovely it wasn't for me. I have also met Bear Grylls when he visited Fordell Firs and remember the excitement and fun for everyone that was there that day as he arrived in a helicopter.









Celebrating the Sacraments

This term we had pupils celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation and Holy Communion. Bryanna and Sarah prepared in school for the special occasion and then Bryanna made her First Holy Communion in St Patrick's church with her family around her. Sarah was Confirmed by Archbishop Cushley at St Bride's in Cowdenbeath with the other Primary 7 pupils from the cluster schools.





St Joseph's Church Summer Club



Dounans P7 Residential Experience - By Evan

A few weeks ago, in May, The P7's went on their residential trip to Dounans.

The bus journey to Dounans was scheduled to be 1hour 30 minutes long, but it took over 1 hour longer due to a road closure.

The first thing everyone did as soon as they entered Dounans was go to the assembly hall. Then we got to see our dormitories and make our beds.

Next was lunch which was a wrap with fillings of your choice where you went up and added whatever you wanted to your plate. There was also some nice soup.

For the rest of the week, we did lots of fun activities and got to know our future classmates for High School.

One of the most popular activities had to be the Burns Scramble. In the Burns Scramble, you had to walk up a river in a wetsuit and try not to fall over. The most fun part about it was having some of your friends there to have a laugh as everyone around fell over.

There is still a lot more to talk about Dounans but it would take **HOURS** to write it all down.

Everybody enjoyed Dounans and would all go back if they could, it was lots of fun.







Newtongrange Mining Museum Visit - P6 By Bryanna



On the 20th of May, St Joseph and Kelty Primary P6's went on a trip to Newtongrange Mining Museum. It was a FANTASTIC day even though there was a slight delay.

On arrival, they were greeted by an ex-miner and a tour guide. The ex-miner took a group of children and guided them through the Museum showing the Coal Train, The Tunnels and so on. The Tour guide took another group of children and showed them an activity session that taught them all about our Mining History. Before they finished, they got to explore different workshops.

While the ex-miner was explaining how COLD the mines were and all about the first aid kit and how people were rescued if they were injured or worse. He also told them that even children were working in the mines at various ages such as 5 or 11 years old and woman would work there too doing safer jobs. The woman, men and children would all work 12 hours per day! Finally, the ex-miner showed everyone two videos about what a life as a miner is and also took some photos with everyone.

In the Activity session, the Tour Guide talked to the pupils about how small the tunnels were and how the coal was unrenewable compared to wind energy. She also showed the different types of gases there are underground and how coal is made. After that she showed the different types of coal there is. Finally, to end it all she let the pupils try on different mining outfits including helmets and BIG boots.

Afterwards, the two schools were separated into two workshops.

In the first one there was a small tunnel showing the pupils how small the tunnels were. There were also models of a mine and old telephones.

Finally, in the second one there was pictures of how living in the 1800s were like including a big replica of a lady hanging up the washing and a man who just came back from a day of mining.

At the end of the day, the two schools said a huge THANK YOU and then went back to school.

Everyone had a great day, and I am sure they will want to go again.



Health Week by Alysse





Sports week is great, and every morning Mrs. Smith did a wake up shake up which woke EVERYONE UP.

They also had a water bottle design competition, and the results will be announced soon.

On Tuesday 4th of June 4/5 did an obstacle course along with dancing. After that up the Marian field and played rugby with tom. In the afternoon P4/5, P5/6 and P7 went into the P7 class and DAFC (Dunfermline football athletics club) came to visit including players named Jake Sutherland, Ewan McLeod and Liam Hoggan. They were talking to us about what they eat, the Football games and their health. It was amazing learning about all this information. Here is a quote from one of the Pupils 'I enjoyed the history about the players and liked the story of being a footballer'

On Wednesday 5th of June, P4/5 had a JUDO session with Findlay who was EXTREMELY FUNNY. Findlay taught the pupils how to play judo tig and hide and seek, which taught them how to defend themselves in hard situations like getting bullied. Afterwards, they walked to the scout hall and had an Archery Session with Claire Fernie. They had a competition to see who got closest to the target.

On Thursday 6th of June, P5/6 had a Physical Literacy session with Mrs. Main at the local Community Centre. Physical Literacy is Throwing, Catching and Running. There the pupils showed all their skills whilst having fun. After that they had Mindful Stretching with a kind lady. It relaxed the pupils very much and one of them almost fell asleep.

On Friday the 7th of June, pupils from St Columba's hosted some Zumba and rounders. Which everyone enjoyed very much.

At the end of the week all the teachers and pupils said thank you to everyone by making cards to all the people who volunteered to host the sports week.



Everyone enjoyed it very much and they are looking forward to it next year.





Beveridge Park Run by Katie C and Caelan





The Beveridge Park run was on the Marian field and it was very humid and quite chilly as well. We did the Beveridge run on the 23rd of May and there were loads of children most of St, Josephs were giving us high fives and cheering us all on and all of us were incredibly supportive to every single person.

The race included 1st 2nd 3rd boy and 1st 2nd 3rd girl it was unbelievable how much people put so much effort in and we are all super proud of

every who took part in the Beveridge Park run. Running club was the Buildup to the Beveridge Park run every Wednesday we practiced for the run and the actual Beveridge Park run was cancelled and we did our own Beveridge Park run at St, Josephs Marian field all running club were very disappointed and sad

but when we herd it was rescheduled, we were happy. Running club were so tired after the run and happy they completed it because it was hard work, and they were happy because they got to see their parents and friends the feeling passing the finish line was a brilliant feeling and you got a boost of adrenaline through the race and the end as well.

When the race started it was very nerve racking you get the rhythm after a few laps.

Teachers who started the practice was called Miss Malcom and Miss Kelly and it was called running club, and we did it for 2 or 3 months at most and it was so exciting to go to [except the bleep test] but except from the bleep test it was extremely fun.

Super Skeletons and Senses by Daisy

We were lucky to have Henry from the school of medicine at St Andrew's University visit the school to do a workshop on skeletons and senses. Primary 4/5 and Primary 5/6 had great fun learning about bones and other super science facts.

Henry told P4/5 about the human body skeletons. We listened to a long PowerPoint but in the PowerPoint were so many fun facts.

Here are some of the activities we did lots of different activities like building a fake skeleton or standing on a wooden block while a blue box started moving. Everyone had so much fun but it has ended.







Babcock Festival of Engineering by Bryanna



On the 22nd of May, the P6 and 7s visited Babcock at the dockyard in Rosyth. It was a fabulous day, and all the pupils enjoyed it very much.

At Babcock, schools from all over Fife came including St Margaret's, St Joseph's and so on.

There were 5 different activities full of robotics, money, blocks, VR's, windmills and so on.

The first activity was 'Building A Bridge but with A Budget'. Where using cardboard, wood, tape and more to build a strong bridge to hold as many metal bolts as possible. To get materials you had to give screws like money to get certain things like 3 screws for 30cm (about 11.81 in) of tape. However, it was a competition. They were split into 5 teams and to win you needed to hold the most bolts. The winner's bridge held 3 bolts.

The second activity was a wide variety of small activities squished into one. There was a windmill station talking about different types of water windmills and how they affect sea animals. There was also a machine where you had to pull a cable that led you through the process of electricity in your house. There were also loads more exploring water energy and wind energy.

The 3rd activity was all about robots including a robot dog, robot trucks and... ROBOT FOOTBALL!!!!! The class was split into 6 teams, 4 in robot trucks station and the other 2 in the robot football station. At the Robot Truck station, you had to control your robot to pick up the most blocks in 5 minutes. IT WAS HARD! Meanwhile, at the Robot Football Station, using a controller to get the 'ball' to the goal at the

other side. Finally, at the end we got to see a robot do some cool tricks like dancing, moon walk and MORE!!!!

The 4th activity was another activity full of small ones. The first station was a photo shoot where you dress up as dockyard workers followed by a 3d cinema globe where you watched people building ships. The 2nd station was an iPad-controlled ball where you were able to play football, tag or anything you like with it. The 3rd station was a Navy Officer who showed the Pupils what it is like to live in a submarine for over 70 days (about 2 and a half months). The Final Station was building a bridge using sticks by following a tutorial.

The Final Activity was a Letter building competition where you used plastic pipes curved, small or straight to build a certain letter like A or B. The winners got 3 packets of Haribo's (YUM).

At the end of the day, everyone had to put a ball in a box if they either enjoyed the day or did not enjoy it. Obviously, everyone loved it.

All the pupils had a great time, and I am sure they'd love to go again.

Windfarm Trip



Windfarm P4/5 - Katie C

Primary 4/5 went to a wind farm in Dunbar. We went on a minibus which was over an hour. On the bus, there were currents and seats of two and one row of four at the back. After the long hour, which felt like a year, we finally got there then we went into a gate where there was a toilet. In the gate there was a dog called Freddie everyone got attached to him then we ate a tiny bit of are snack then got are stuff and went back on the bus to a wind turbine. When we got to the wind turbine it was getting fixed a group of three went inside the turbine inside there was a big ladder that went right to the top, but we were not allowed to go to the top there also was a lift and, in the lift, you could bounce in it after

everyone had a shot we all go a yellow vest to wear then we went back one the bus. When we got to the next turbine there were sheep. We went into the grass and got a class photo in a love heart shape and a drone took the photo then we went on the bus again back to the gate. When we got to the gate we had lunch and then got on the bus and went back to school. Everyone had a great time.

Windfarm Trip - Alysse

This is primary 4/5, and we are here to tell you about our trip. We got in a minibus, and we drove over an hour away. The breeze was so good. We finally got there after like a year but anyway we got to go inside a wind mail .we got to jump on an elevator inside then got these little jacket's and went back into the mini bus .we arrived at the next stop and we see lots of sheep and ponies and lots of other things my teacher wanted us to get a nice picture of the class . We took a picture of the class and then went back on the minibus for lunch. After lunch we went back to school and on the bus I slept all the way through most of the journey.





Learning Through Football - Cowdenbeath in the Community

Every Monday morning, we went to a football club, and they taught us about respect, responsibility and more, we learned the rules of football and it was a lot of fun. Some lessons were interesting but some we just played games like this one game when they call out your number you go play against the other team with the same player. We also played a game where your name is called you go on but if your number is called again, you go off. Also, we played a few matches. I think all of us enjoyed these few weeks and we learned a lot from it.

Throughout the 4 week course the pupils had both classroom and practical lessons where they learned about respect, resilience, being a good team mate and staying safe and responsible on social media. They then learned how to apply these lessons to their football sessions and day to life. Thanks to Dale and Dean for a fantastic few weeks.







Moving On

The Primary 7 pupils have been preparing for the transition to High School. They have had their visits to the school and celebrated their achievements over the past 7 years with families, staff and school friends at the Leavers Mass and Award Ceremony.

They have been a wonderful class throughout their time at St Joseph's and will be greatly missed by all of us. We wish them all the best for the future and whatever it brings.

Leavers Mass and Award Ceremony by Aidan

During leavers mass we went to the church for the mass a few primary 7s did readings and we had a few Hymns as well. After the mass we went to the hall for the leavers song and video. After the song, we had the achievements shouted out and all the trophies. We had cakes and tea at the back of the room.

During the song a few parents went into tears because we are going to high school.



At the ceremony the Pope Francis Faith Awards were presented, School Values Awards.

There were also 2 special awards presented this year. The Mrs Buist Community Spirit Award and the new Mrs Rodden School Champion Award.

All of the staff in the school from Jimmy the Janitor to Miss Anderson had the chance to nomiate 3 pupils that they felt deserved to be presented with these awards.

We were delighted to welcome, last years winner of the Mrs Buist award, Sophia back from High School to present the award to Aidan.

The Mrs Rodden award is a new award this year and we were delighted to welcome Mrs Rodden's daughters to present the award to Sarah.

Both Aidan and Sarah have demonstrated the school values of Faith, Friendship and Ambition in everything they do. Aidan has started up lunchtime clubs, been the editor of the school newspaper and was always on hand to help others. He is also known for his commitment to volunteering in the community. Sarah was a founding member of the Reading Rebels, an active member of the school newspaper and always on hand to support younger pupils when they needed it.



Mrs Buist Community III Spirit Award



 $\underline{\mathsf{Mrs}}$ Buist was one of the longest serving members of Kelty Community Council.

Throughout her life she dedicated her time to the people of the community and worked hard to make the village a better place.

She was a founding member of the Community Council and volunteered with many groups in the village such as the Gala Committee, Kelty Scouts and Kelty and Blairadam Brass and Pipe Bands.

She was described as 'a real champion of the people'.

This award is given to a pupil that has demonstrated the school values – Faith, Friendship and Ambition – and goes over and above to support the community.





Mrs Rodden School Champion Award



Mrs Rodden was a member of the Kelty Community Council and the Kelty Greening Group. Sadly, Mrs Rodden passed away earlier this year.

Throughout her life she too, dedicated her time to the people of the community and had great pride in the village of Kelty.

As an active member of the Community Council Mrs Rodden worked tirelessly to make Kelty a better place. She was regularly seen in the community tending to the Community Garden spaces and filling up planters.

Mrs Rodden loved learning and encouraged the young people to take pride in their village and to celebrate their heritage. She encouraged the children she met to love learning, to be confident and to be the best they could be. She was an excellent example of someone who lived and breathed the St Joseph school values.

We thought it was only right that there was an award created in her name to honour her memory.

This award is given to a pupil that has demonstrated the school values – Faith, Friendship and Ambition – and showing commitment to the school.









Goodbye!

It is always sad at this time of year when we have to say goodbye to much loved members of staff. This year we are sad to be losing Mrs Fernie, Miss Westwater, Diane, Mrs Sutherland, Mrs Arnold, Miss Malcom, Miss Gerrard and Miss Anderson.

They have all worked so hard for us here at St Joseph's and will always be a part of the special St Joseph's family.

We wish them the best of luck with whatever comes next and hope they will come back and visit us when they can.

Reading Rebel Update by Selma and Katie C



The Reading Rebels at St Joseph's have become so cool!

Reading rebels is so fun and you can read to little kids and yourself! But when you are a reading rebel it is a very important job, and you have to be mature. When you are a Reading Rebel you can have a wonderful time and read in any cool funny voice and make sure you do some cool actions to make the kids laugh!

Reading Rebels is not a time to mess about. There is Loads of books to enjoy. Everyone loves Reading Rebels because it is a place where you can stay calm and relax while reading interesting books. All of our Reading Rebel members show our school values and they always make the little ones smile. There are any kind of books, you name it non-fiction, fiction, chapter books, fact books, there's so many to read! Reading rebels is so popular thanks to Mrs Anderson!!!

Watch this space the Reading Rebels will be recruiting new members in the new year!



Kelty Young Artist Competition

Every year the Kelty Art Group run a competition for the schools to find the Kelty Young Artist of the year.

This year the Kelty Young Artist Competition them was the jungle. The children loved the theme and enjoyed creating some beautiful pieces of artwork for the competition.

We were delighted to have winners in the P5, P6 and P7 categories.










St Joseph's by Alysse and Daisy

St. Joseph's Review by Alysse

During my time at St. Joseph's, it has been fantastic, and every year we watch the Primary 7's leavers video. Recently, we have been doing lots of activities on spelling, writing, and the human body. When the old headteacher was at the school, we would always have a special bell at the end of the year, which I enjoyed. On Monday, my classmates and I went to a wind farm on a school trip. When we were at the wind farm, I enjoyed seeing all the sheep and ponies.my class has been leaning how to argue in a piece of writing and my whole class loves it. Our school has so many values we always have these posters up that say kind hearts, kind hands and kind words. Our school values are faith, ambition, and friendship. I hope everyone follows our school values, but I bet they do. On Thursday, we have been doing PE with Ben. I have enjoyed playing rounders and basketball, and lots of football as well. One of my favourite memories at St. Joseph's was; going to a play area in P2 and playing with my friends. At the play area, we played in a ball pit and there was a climbing frame that I enjoyed playing on. Those are some of my favourite memories memories at St. Joseph's. Have a wonderful day.

Our School Values by Daisy

Our School has been following our school values greatly, and we will explain them today.

The first one is Ambition:

Ambition is a strong desire to do or achieve something difficult.

The second one is Faith:

Faith is a complete trust in something or someone like God or your family.

My favorite one is Friendship:

Friendship is trust or enduring affection between two or more people. Respectful is one of many values: respectful means feeling or showing deference and respect

Sports Update by Caelan



Hello everyone, hope you have had a brilliant day so far and today we are going to update you on some sports news. We both hope you love our article.

There is a major football tournament known as Euro2024, currently taking place in Germany. After working so hard to qualify, Scotland had a tough first match in the group stages and lost 5-1 to Germany. They drew 1-1 with Switzerland in their second game but unfortunately lost 1-0 in a tight game to Hungary in their 3rd match, meaning they did not make through to the knockout stages. Although this caused much heartache for Scotland fans, the Tartan Army have showed Europe how to party throughout the tournament, with the host nation Germany voting them "the most loved" fans of the tournament.

In other news, our much-treasured Scottish Tennis star Andy Murray had to withdraw from the Queens Championship following an injury. When asked if he will play at Wimbledon in July, Andy has said he is waiting until closer to the time to make a decision. Here's hoping we Andy back on Centre Court!!

What to Watch by Aidan



X-Men Franchise Review



This review is for the complete X-Men franchise because in Deadpool and wolverine they are resetting the Fox universe. (Fox were a production company before Disney bought them a few years ago). X-MEN

are a group of superhumans known as mutants they represent people that face racism, and prejudice just for what they are. They work in Xavier's school of the gifted to practice their extraordinary powers to protect them from the human community. Also to learn how to accept people's differences.

There are some great movies here like X-MEN 2, Deadpool, Logan, Days of future past and more. Some of them are great overall movies with a terrific cast but the stories sometimes do not work well. Overall, I liked this franchise, but some movies are very disappointing. I think if they worked harder on them and spent more time they could work. I would rate it overall 3/5 (however the films mentioned are 4/5). One thing about it is that it has a great intention of showing what we are doing wrong.

Inside Out 2



This movie is a sequel to Disney's inside out it is about riley becoming a teenager and coping through new emotions. This is about her change through the 2 movies and what she can do to cope. Riley goes to a hockey camp with two of her friends she wants to get into the team and tries to make new friends.

This movie can relate to a lot of people so the audience could enjoy it. This movie tries to show you that change is sometimes a good thing and just because new emotions come along does not mean your old ones do not show. It shows many things from her childhood that she still likes but denies just to fit in, so the point is you cannot get rid of memories whether they are sad, happy, disgusting, anxious or angry.

This movie is good because it shows people my age about change.

I would give it a 3.5/5 it is an enjoyable family experience.



P1 News

We have loved our final term of primary 1! It has been filled with learning, exploring, trip and playing! In literacy we have been working hard on our blending, digraphs and exploring new types of writing like explanations! In maths we have been learning lots including money, data handling and revising our mental strategies. We have explored lifecycles and even got a visit from the most amazing baby chicks-we fell in love with them! After this we got the change to visit our local beef farm! We learned so main about the livestock and produce. It definitely changed the way we view meat and how hard a farmer's job is! We continue to play as we learn and one day we created our own "airport" together! Health week was a highlight for us and the races seemed to be a majority favourite! It was lovely to have our families in for a stay and play where we enjoyed exploring lots of activities together. We have enjoyed building our independence skills and love training each other in new resources that we discover and use. P1 wishes everyone a wonderful summer and look forward to our new year!



















P2 News

P2 have had a very busy and exciting term.

The class have been using their Pupil Voice to choose how we work towards to school's application for the Scottish Schools Eco - Green Flag Award. On Wednesdays we walked to the Lyndsay Pit Memorial, Millennium Garden. P2 worked hard preparing and planting the garden after they had planned it all. Last week they had their photos taken with the members of the community who had helped and supported them make the garden and their story was published in FIFE Central Times, this weekend. This term our topic has been farm to fork. The class has learned about life cycles, food production and farming. We visited a local farm and had chicks visit us in class!

We learned to work with shade and texture, producing lovely pictures of fields and sunrises in Art and created our own producer and consumer life cycles in science.

P2 enjoyed learning about electricity. Using the electric circuit building kits, we learned how electricity is used and stored and how to do this safely while building and observing our own circuits to make sound waves and light.

In the meantime, the class has also been working hard to learn all about money, creating and selling Scottish foods in the class shop and working with time to understand how our day passes and when we do all of our main activities.

In writing we have learned how to write stories from our imagination and have created our own poems using both colour and rhyming words.

We wish you all a lovely summer and cannot wait to be big P3s in August!

















P3/4 News

P3/4 have been extremely busy as they end this academic year.

To round up the end of the academic year, we have been able to showcase our hard work with the community greening team. We invited our families to join us in celebrating the opening of the newly refurbished Lindsay Colliery Memorial.

This was a super fun day where we had the opportunity to have a picnic and games with our friends and family.

This term we have had the opportunity to have Ben from the Active Schools team to lead our main gym sessions at the community centre. The learners have absolutely loved developing their physical skills such as: jumping, catching, throwing and balance during new fun and engaging ways. Thank you Ben for all your hard work and amazing gym lessons.

During our literacy, we have learned how to write a 'procedure'. This meant we got to make loads of cool and exciting things: bug hotels, bird food, friendship bracelets and then write about 'how to make each of them'.

Our maths this term has been lots of hands on and practical learning as we learned about re creating our own patterns using shape, colour and numbers. We have also enjoyed learning about 'money' and using coins, notes and cards in our class 'Pizza Parlour' to bring our learning to life.

P4/5 News

What a busy term we have had in P4/5! We finished our writing project by working on using different types of openers to start our sentences. We learned to use adverbs, connectives, speech, verbs and figurative language as openers. In maths we have been learning to read and create different types of chart. We voted for all our favourite things then made them into bar charts.

We have been learning all about renewable energy and how it can help us slow down climate change. We made our own wind turbines and anemometers to measure the wind. This was tricky as it was the calmest week of the year! We created solar ovens using a pizza box and foil which we melted chocolate in. We enjoyed a day out to a wind farm where we got to go inside a turbine! It was an amazing day and we had lots of fun.

P5/6 News

Primary 5/6 have had yet another incredible term of learning and as usual, the time has passed so quickly!

To support our work with the Scottish Book Trust, the class planned and prepared a film to document all of the amazing poetry and local research we did to share with our twin town Carnegie in the USA. It was so much fun but hard work too. A favourite poem is "We're Fae Kelty," in a rap style.

We loved our Creative Dance sessions with Mrs Smith and were successful moving together and apart using different levels and moves.

Congratulation to our pupils who were successful in the Kelty Young Artist of the Year with their incredible Art related to The Jungle. Indeed, congratulations to all as the standard of work was superb! We had a super Health Week where a wide variety of activities and sports were available as tasters. Football, basketball, archery, judo, rugby, tennis to name a few. What a week filled with fun and physical activity!

STEM had a huge input in the term with interactive shows about our senses and an online workshop learning all about Biodiversity and creating a Climate Ready Classroom Plan for next year. The activities like creating a Food Web and a Scavenger Hunt were excellent and very informative. Primary 6 also had their scheduled visits to Newtongrange Mining Museum to learn about their Mining Heritage and Babcock STEM Day to experience a wide range of STEM skills.

We have particularly enjoyed our Basketball sessions with Ben at the Community Centre and have loved our Persuasive Writing designing posters about adverts, our school and Kelty. We definitely know what is included in a Persuasive Poster now! A highlight in Numeracy was learning all about BODMAS-the order of operations to do in a longer sum. We had fun learning the song and trying some tricky examples. You just follow the order of the letters in the word! Power Point Presentations have been a huge focus through the term and the class are now super confident preparing presentations for a variety of subjects such as a time in history and Health and Wellbeing. Fun slide transitions are excellent to plan in and create exciting effects. The class have experienced individual, group and paired presentations, particularly enjoying the one on Diseases! It was incredible to learn all about The Great Plague, Covid 19 and lots of other scary diseases.

Well...that's the term nearly over and we are so ready for our holidays!

Have a fantastic, fun and safe Summer Holiday and best wishes for Primary 6/7 next session.











P7 News

It has been a super busy term in P7. We enjoyed our week at Dounans with Miss Westwater and Miss Malcolm. We have continued to work on probability in our numeracy time and have been reflecting on our time at St Joseph's in writing. Over the last few weeks we have been planning and preparing for our Leavers Mass and Leavers night. We had a brilliant time during Health Week where we participated in a variety of workshops. The girls have had two extra rugby sessions as well. In Art we created our own 3D tinfoil sculptures and looked at using light and shadow.















Community News



Welcome back to the community section.

Here you will find the latest news that is going on around the village.

Join the Community Council



Can you spare an hour or two to join the Kelty Community Council. They are looking for volunteers to attend meetings once a month and share their views on future developments for the community.



The Greening Group



The pupils from St Joseph's and Kelty Primary Schools have continued to visit the allotments and wildlife garden again this term and are working hard to keep the area neat and tidy.

Primary 2 and Primary 3/4 continued to work hard to make progress towards the Green Flag for our school. As part of this work they have been very busy making huge improvements to the Mining Memorial Garden. They have been supported by the Kelty Greening Group and had a great celebration event at the garden where parents and carers and members of the community were invited to come along and see what they had done.

Allotment Visit by Jethro

One afternoon some of the p4/5 were walking to the allotments and saw lots of cars on the way. When they got there, they sat on smooth log. After they met a man named Paul and he tells them what to do. So, they pile the grass and wood. After they put wood and grass in the hole. So, they put carboard on top and they put soil on the and they spread the soil and then Paul put seeds in a plastic cup, and they poured the seeds on the soil, and they spread the seeds then it was time to go back to the school. So, they walk back to the school.

Oor Wee Cafe



Remember to pop along and visit 'Oor Wee Cafe' for a delicious hot meal and other treats! There is now a selection of clothes for you to pick from.

Every Tuesday at the Community Centre

12pm - 1.30pm



Important Note

At St Joseph's we are aware how difficult this time can be financially and if anyone is struggling, we are extremely fortunate to have access to several food charities and can easily provide food packs or food bank vouchers. We also have access to charities who can support with clothing and other items.

If you would like some support, please contact your child's class teacher or email Miss Anderson at

stjosephsrcps.enquiries@fife.gov.uk

Click here for other useful sources of help



CAFE INC is back for Summer 2024



Café Inc Summer 2024

Café Inc will be back across Fife during the summer holidays for children, and young people under 18.

It provides free, tasty, healthy meals while our schools are closed.

No need to book, just turn up!

Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Any adult accompanying a child (under and over 10) can also have a meal if they wish.

TO ACCESS CAFE INC YOU MUST ENTER ROUND THE BACK OF KELTY PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Parent Council



The Parent Council raises funds throughout the year to support the school resources and P7 hoodies etc.

We would love to have some new members of the Parent Council who can support the amazing work that they do.



We hope you have enjoyed this month's edition.

We would love to hear your views and suggestions for future issues.

Email them to stjosephsrcps.enquiries@fife.gov.uk

Thanks for reading.

