

Lochside RC Primary School

Class Newsletter

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It's been such a busy term with Halloween, St Andrew's Day, Advent and Christmas. We've really enjoyed all the activities we have been involved in this term from a drama workshop about the local story of a kelpie's bridle, a show about recycling called 'Grubbage' and of course, the Christmas Fayre organised by P7. Thank you to those of you who came to an assembly and to the Christmas shows! Merry Christmas from Miss MacLean and Primary 5!

LITERACY & LANGUAGE

In Reading, we have been looking at non-fiction texts, mainly focused on animals. Reading for Enjoyment has been a focus for homework with the children being asked to extend the range of genre they choose to read and tracking it on a reading record. The task of researching and presenting on a Famous Scot went well. Lots of interesting facts and stories were shared that morning. In writing, we have looked at instructional writing and our personal targets. We have also been self and peer assessing our writing.



MATHS & NUMERACY

This term we have really focused on our Mental Maths by extending the number of questions we can do in a set time, increasing the topics we include and improving our speed, accuracy and confidence in basic maths sums. Rounding has been a very successful topic for all the children. Some children have even applied their knowledge to much larger numbers. Fractions have been included in Mental Maths, for most children, and we have looked at the different ways in which we can present fractions. (Pictorially, in words, written notation eg $\frac{1}{2}$, showing the quantity of a number and on a number line). Letters, Patterns and Sequences is the topic we are finishing and greatly enjoying.



In RE, we have looked at some of the stories of saints who have their feast days around this time eg St Nicholas and Mary. Some of the children in the class went to celebrate the feast of the Immaculate

Conception in St Mary's church on the 8th December. When we were there, a bench dedicated to the men of Lochaber who lost their lives during World War 1 was also blessed.

In SCIENCE we have been investigating Energy with Mr Sturrock by taking part in lots of practical and written activities. We have been learning more about the Human Body by focusing on different body systems like the Skeletal and Respiratory systems.



PE & HWB

We have had PE with our visiting Specialist teacher, Mrs Chisholm every Monday. Please make sure your child has his/her PE kit (named!) on Monday. Thank you.

In Health and Well-Being, we have been talking about feelings and what triggers certain feelings. We have also started looking at staying safe in different situations.