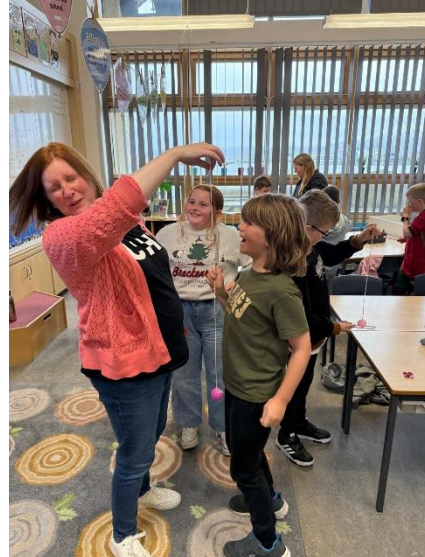


Primary 4/5 Class News

Term 2 2025



Sound workshop with Ria Kirkpatrick.

Literacy News

This term in Literacy, our writing has focused on developing the children's toolkit for powerful, atmospheric writing. We have been learning how to choose strong verbs, use a range of conjunctions, and build mood and detail through careful vocabulary choices. The children have enjoyed experimenting with these skills in their drafts, and they recently brought everything together to produce a thoughtful and imaginative diary entry written from the perspective of a character in *Leon and the Place Between*. Their final pieces show real progress in how they structure ideas and create a sense of feeling and place for the reader.

This term we have been building up our independent reading stamina through ERIC (Everyone Reading in Class) time, which has become a calm and settled part of our daily routine. It has been lovely to see the children take pride in their reading choices and share recommendations with each other. It has been lovely to see the children take pride in their reading choices and share recommendations with each other.

Maths News

This term, P4/5 have been working hard to build confidence in key number skills. We have explored chance and probability through real-life examples and developed our understanding of multiplying 2-digit numbers by 2, 3 and 4. Alongside this, we have woven a Christmas theme into our maths learning, using festive puzzles, problem-solving challenges and seasonal number

activities to keep lessons fun and meaningful during this busy time of year. The children have approached these tasks with enthusiasm and great teamwork.

Wider Curricular News

It has been a wonderfully rich and festive term across the wider curriculum, with lots of special experiences for the children. Our Sound topic began with an exciting hands-on workshop led by Ria Kirkpatrick. Pupils explored vibrations, pitch and volume, and loved experimenting with different materials to see how sound changes. We will continue this learning in the new year.

For Children in Need, the class showed great kindness and enthusiasm, demonstrating a real understanding of why helping others matters. Thank you to everyone who contributed bric-a-brac donations and baking, your generosity helped the school raise an incredible £1,330.34.

We enjoyed a lively visit from Norwegian violinists, who performed beautifully for the whole school and introduced us to traditional music from Norway. Following this, the children in P4 and P5 were given the exciting opportunity to trial a musical instrument. This began with a fabulous performance from a wind quintet, showcasing a range of orchestral instruments and inspiring lots of interest. Pupils then took part in individual trials across woodwind, brass and strings, allowing them to explore what suited them best. We are absolutely thrilled with the number of children who have now chosen an instrument and begun lessons.

P4/5 took part in swimming lessons this term, and it has been fantastic to see their confidence in the water grow week by week. The children have worked hard to develop their skills, from building stamina to practicing key strokes and developing water safety awareness. Their positive attitude, determination and willingness to try new challenges have been a real highlight, and it has been wonderful to watch their progress.

Celebrations

Stars of the week this term were Jake and Stephen.

PE Participants this term were Rory, Harris, Jake, James, Magnus, Anna and Charlie

Our Pupil Council reps are Hunter and Theia.



Norwegian violinists performed for us.



Children in Need bric-a-brac sale and activities in



Wind Quintet performance.



P4/5 dressed for Halloween