



Primary 7 Class News

Term 2 2025



P7 at the Lyness Museum



Children in Need with Miss Moss



P7s with their P1 buddies

Literacy News

This term, our writing has been inspired by 'Can We Save the Tiger?'. This is a non-fiction text which explores different types of wild animals which are extinct or in danger of going extinct – delving into the human and natural causes of this extinction. The goal of our writing unit was to produce individual fact files on a tiger – this was a hybrid text (using informative, explanatory and persuasive) which needed to include paragraphs on animal features, habitat and diet, a specific species and why they are going extinct and what can be done to help. The main skills of this unit included using modal verbs, adverbs and adding parenthesis to our writing while also continuing to enhance writing with grammar and vocabulary choices suited to the writing style (such as expanded nouns, formal language and similes).

For reading as a class, we have been reading the novel 'Tyger' by SF Said: a dystopian story where the British Empire has never ended. It follows a young boy called Adam who discovers a magical animal - a Tyger - in a rubbish dump. He works to help this tyger while facing his own difficulties such as prejudice, identify and hopes for freedom. Pupils have been developing analytical skills: summarising, clarifying vocabulary, identifying themes, exploring meanings and predicting. There has been a focus on understanding identity, use of words to convey deeper meanings and themes of resilience and prejudice.

Maths News

In Term 2, Primary 7 have been continuing to cover a wide range of mathematical concepts, exploring new and old skills in their work. We've explored percentages, tackled calculating perimeter, area and volume of shapes, discovered ways to multiply and divide by multiples of 10, 100 and 1000 without a calculator and finished on some statistics.

As always, having a strong grasp of times tables is always a goal in our numeracy learning. Times tables, place value and number bonds underpin every area of maths. Continuing to practice and work on these tables will always be a task in our learning, working to build speed and confidence in school and at home when possible.

Wider Curricular News

For the ending of the World War II topic from Term 1, P7 pupils were very lucky to get a trip over to Hoy to explore the evidence from wartime right on our doorsteps. They had great fun at the museum and came back with lots of new knowledge and facts. This was a new experience for many and included an exciting trip on the boat too!

We have been very fortunate to have a range of visitors in our school who have been working with the P7s. This includes rugby sessions with the ORAC and some Leadership work with Active Schools:

- Michael Swanney joined us from Active Schools to carry out a series of Leadership sessions with the class. These sessions aimed to help the P7s understand what leaders are, how to be a leader and

give them some new knowledge and insight into activities they can design and lead. We have lots planned with this continuing into Term 3 – hopefully including lots of opportunities for the class to put their new leadership skills to the test throughout the school.

- Sean Corrigan (Tattie to most!) from the Orkney Rugby Club joined us for three sessions of rugby up on the Astro Turf. The hope from these sessions was to inspire a new generation of players to join the Rugby Club for some training and fun. We already have some keen rugby players in the class, but please do get in touch with me or the rugby club if your child has come home and wants to join in. Regardless of whether they ended up wanting to join the club – everyone has had a great time practicing their rugby skills such as passing, catching and kicking, and they all enjoyed some games of touch rugby at each session.

Our Primary 7 pupils have continued their fabulous work as our Primary 1 buddies. They have been able to share work with them and join in their play and continue to support them throughout the school day. We hope as the busy Term 2 finishes and we move into Term 3 that we will have even more opportunities to work with them, sharing our great leadership and example setting.

Celebrations

Library Art Competition: P7 winner was Ola,

Ward Naming Competition: Ola's name suggestions 'Eir' and 'Hlin' was the winner for the ward at the Balfour earlier in the summer. Winning this enabled our PE teacher Miss Currie to purchase some new equipment for the PE hall which we received this term– thank you and well-done Ola!

Stars of the Week this term were Ola and Alfie.

Our Norwegian Music Performance



Some rugby action with Tattie



Michael Swanney running some Leadership lessons with the class.

