

Welcome to Wallacestone's 'Chocolate' village

Throughout September and October, P2K from Wallacestone Primary participated in a Storyline project for their topic of 'The village'.

As part of their previous topic of 'families', the pupils worked in pairs to create a new family which would eventually move into the village. Every family was unique and had different needs which had to be catered for in the community. This proved to be an excellent stimulus for starting the village storyline project.

Once the families were made, it was very evident that something was missing – houses! To research and investigate the different types of houses that are found in a village, the class walked around the school playground recording ideas which they then used to design and create a house for their families. This resulted in lots of different house styles e.g. cottage, semi-detached and there was even a mansion with a pool!

Once the villagers moved into their houses, the village and community needed to be developed. To let the pupils see what was in their community and to gather ideas for the class village, they went for a walk round the village of Brightons looking at shops, amenities

and transport. This gave the class lots of ideas for what to make to put in their village. Working in groups the class made a school, park, various shops, a bank and even a Chinese restaurant.



The pupils were often tested and challenged to think creatively especially when there were two incidents in the village. They were encouraged to discuss, investigate, evaluate and solve problems by using the different thinking hats. The project was also an excellent opportunity to involve local members of the community like P.C. Bennie who came in to speak about road safety.



To bring their topic to an end the pupils discussed different village celebrations and voted to have a class picnic. This gave them the opportunity to share their hard work with other members of staff and reflect with peers on what they had enjoyed and learned.

All the pupils really enjoyed the topic. Giving them the independence and freedom to develop their own project boosted their confidence which is now evident in other areas of the curriculum and when they are faced with a challenge.

Maddiston Primary School Enterprising Backpackers

As part of International Education at Maddiston Primary, P2 had decided to participate in the Backpack Project.

The Backpack Project involves filling up an old school bag with everyday items such as pencils, notebooks or suitable clothes. The backpacks are collected and sent to African families. Maddiston Primary collected an astonishing 100 bags to donate to this cause!

We wish you a Merry Christmas...

As part of their enterprise project, P7/6 worked with Cameron Nisbet to create a Christmas CD to sell to parents and the community. The children consulted with each class about their choice of Christmas song and organised a timetable for them to practice and record their singing. Even the staff can be heard singing angelically on the Christmas CD! P7/6 had a competition to design the CD cover which was won by Andrew Boyd.

We are Young Writers

P7R entered a Young Writer's Poetry Competition. Twenty-nine poems were chosen to be published in a book! The book will be available to buy in February. Well done P7!

Limerigg Primary News

Limerigg Primary pupils worked for 10 weeks on three separate projects:

- P1-3: paper-making from recycled paper made into cards
- P1-3: photography of the local environment (poster)
- P4-7: an Eco DVD using animation software and editing programmes

The work was celebrated in a 'Green Carpet' event. Money collected was sent to Children in Need.



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