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# Children Matter

## *Learning to Achieve*



### Champions of Change at Bonnybridge Primary School

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Primary 5N at Bonnybridge Primary School became 'Champions of Change' this year for Children in Need 2015.

Using 'Champions of Change' as their Enterprise Project, Primary 5N collected data from various classes and organised and run a number of events that would help to raise money for children throughout the UK.

Pudsey Bear was invited to surprise pupils at

Bonnybridge Primary where he met the hundreds of pupils and teachers to thank them for their hard work raising funds and took part in their Movie and Onesie Afternoon.

The school was also visited by a film crew and photographers who captured the various events

throughout the day.

The Falkirk Herald also came along to capture 'Soak the

Teacher'. Primary 5N even managed to make a special appearance in the BBC Children in Need 2015 newsletter!

Overall, this project was a huge success. The children were leading their own learning, making decisions whilst helping others less

fortunate than themselves.

Their hard work and dedication helped to raise £1,164.82! Well done Primary 5N and pupils at Bonnybridge Primary School!



Wishing all staff, children, young people and families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

From Children's Services Leadership Team



Robert Naylor,  
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and Anne Pearson.



## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN AVONBRIDGE NURSERY CLASS?

The nursery children have been learning all about People Who Help Us.

We were very lucky to have a visit from an Optician, who told us all about her job and about having an eye test. We turned our Role Play Area into an optician's and some children were able to confidently take part in a pretend eye test. We even made our own pretend glasses made pipe-cleaners.



We worked together in a group to make a graph to show eye colour and were able to say which colour was the most popular in our nursery.



As part of our "People Who Help Us" topic we had a visit from a policeman. We talked about keeping safe including road safety and stranger danger.



We made our own STOP signs. We used the zebra crossing in the school playground to practice our Stop, Look and Listen.



Also as part of our "People Who Help Us" topic we looked at the role of doctors and nurses. The role play area was this time turned into a hospital. One of our parents who is a nurse kindly provided us with lots of resources to make the experience even more real like for the children.

The new outdoor sand pit has been a huge success with all the children. We have been making use of the new water proof trousers and jackets to allow us to access it in all weathers.




Lots of our children have shown a real interest in books and we have been using our Higher Order Thinking Skills to further extend our knowledge and understanding.

We have made our own fairy tale story books. We designed our front covers then added the "story" in afterwards.





## Bowhouse Nursery Class News



13/11/15 We enjoyed a pyjama party at Bowhouse Nursery Class to fundraise for Children in Need. We made Pudsey biscuits to sell, played games, had our faces painted and cut our own Pudsey ears. We raised £114.40 for Children in Need and had lots of fun too! Thanks to our families for their support.



October 15  
We made a witches den in the woods at Jupiter Urban Wildlife Centre in Grangemouth. The children were enthusiastic helpers, so were parents and grandparents. Thanks to all for your help.

Congratulations to Yvonne Manning who was presented with Honorary Membership of CILIPS for distinguished service to librarianship at the Autumn Gathering conference. Well done Yvonne!



## Bantaskin Nursery Class News

### Busy, Busy Bethlehem



The boys and girls in Bantaskin Nursery Class have been working very hard in preparation for their nativity. This year, we are performing 'Busy, Busy Bethlehem'.

They are very excited to perform in front of an audience. The children have enjoyed

learning about the birth of baby Jesus and love singing all of the songs, particularly, Away in a Manger. We hope our audience enjoy our production.



### Paired Reading

The nursery boys and girls teamed up with the children of P6/5K for paired reading sessions. They looked at non-fiction books as part of Non-Fiction

November. The children discussed the different

features of non-fiction books and read a wide variety of them with their reading buddies. Both the nursery children and P6/5K greatly enjoyed these reading sessions.



### Christmas Decorations

The children have enjoyed decorating the nursery in preparation for Christmas and our visit from Santa. They have made lots of tree decorations based on 2D shapes, Christmas cards and calendars. They have also written their letters to Santa.





## Bantaskin Nursery Class News

### Autumn

The children have enjoyed learning about the different seasons in the year and how they change. They are able to discuss the changes in the weather and environment. We talked about how to keep safe now the days are getting shorter. The children went on a windy day walk and took the kites they had made in nursery. What fun they had flying them! The children also made soup as we discussed different Autumnal foods and foods that keep us warm.



### Shapes

The children have been learning about different 2D shapes and are able to name a wide variety of 2D shapes. They carried out lots of different shape activities, both indoors and outdoors. They also had a square and triangle shaped snack!



Square Crackers!



A shape game!



I can name my 2D shapes!



Triangle shaped toast!

## Learning Resource Service News

November has been an exciting and busy month at the Learning Resource Service (LRS).

LRS contributed to a Literacy Evening for parents and pupils at Braes High school on the 3rd of November. There was plenty of interest in the display of resources and Yvonne Manning gave a talk about the RED Book Award.

### **Book Week Scotland**

LRS have organised and led a number of activities and events to celebrate Book Week Scotland (23 – 29 November). These include:

*Author visits –*

- Keith Gray visited St Mungo's HS
- Simon Puttock visited St Francis PS
- John Fardell visited Larbert HS and Victoria PS Congratulations to Victoria PS who launched their brilliantly refurbished school library during Book Week Scotland.
- Keith Brumpton visited St Patrick's, Nethermain and Avonbridge Primary Schools. Franzeska Ewart visited E.S.O.L in Grangemouth
- Lyn McNicol and Jackson visited Ladeside PS to read from their fantastic new children's book series 'Badger the Mystical Mutt'.

### **Gifting Bookbug packs -**

Limerigg PS and Slamannan PS received their P1 Bookbug packs during a storytelling session to which parents attended.

Polmont Young Offenders Institute at a children's visit, where Bookbug Baby and Toddler packs were given to the young families during a Bookbug rhyme time session.

### **Graphic Novels**

For avid readers of graphic novels the Stan Lee Excelsior Junior Award is now open for registration. To register your school for what are still the biggest nationwide book awards for graphic novels and manga, all you have to do is e-mail the awards organiser Paul Register at [paulregister@claw.org.uk](mailto:paulregister@claw.org.uk) with the following information:

- your name
- school's name
- school's full postal address (including postcode)
- primary e-mail contact
- which award you wish to participate in

You will then be added to the list and kept up-to-date with all Excelsior Award news.

**If you do decide to take part in the Stan Lee Excelsior Junior Award, please contact the LRS to let us know and we can send you FREE copies of the shortlisted books.**

### **Elmer**

For all fans of the 'Elmer' books by David McKee, Andersen Press are holding the first 'Elmer Day' on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> of May 2016. Schools and nurseries can sign up for an Elmer pack by visiting [www.elmer.co.uk/elmerday](http://www.elmer.co.uk/elmerday)