

## Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019

Congratulations to Cora who is the first person to achieve Gold Merit this year. Cora's name will be engraved on the school's shield which will be presented at the Valedictory Service on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June. More Gold Achievers are expected to follow soon ...

Primary 2 had a brilliant trip to the National Museum of Scotland. We did a lot of exploring and investigating. We were on the lookout for Rainforest animals and enjoyed participating in Science activities too. All of the children were all well-behaved and polite and they were excellent ambassadors for Ferryhill. P3A have been learning about endangered animals and have started talking about how they can play their part in helping look after their world around them and the animals who live in it. They will be touching on this in their class assembly. P4A have been working hard this week to prepare for our assembly to celebrate all the different cultures and languages in our class and school. We have already done lots of research about different countries together in groups and we are now learning lines and songs and practising presentation skills. We look forward to seeing some of you there next Thursday. P4B enjoyed baking scones with Mrs Bannerman this week and enjoyed tasting them even more ! Primary 5A were practising for their assembly this week and gave us a great tour through the history of Mary, Queen of Scots. They've also been exploring the properties of 3D shapes and some of us have tried to work out the volume of these. Preparations for Primary 5B's rainforest assembly are in full swing. We began rehearsing our lines and song this week and we have been working on some rainforest artwork to display on the stage. P6A have also begun discussing ideas for our forthcoming Victorians Assembly which is taking place on Thursday 20 June at 2pm in the Assembly Hall. During our Art lesson, we started preparing the backdrop for it and look forward to continuing with this over the next couple of weeks. P6B have been investigating the properties of 3D and 2D shapes in maths. We have been focusing on circles this week. We have been learning all about circumference, diameter and radius. We have been using this mathematical language when using compasses to draw our own circles with various radiuses. We have also been working on using our new skills to create circular patterns. It's been great fun. We hope everyone who was able to come along, enjoyed the exhibition of the STEM work on bridges. Special thanks to Mr Knott for organising this. Bikeability started for Primary 6 this week. The nursery had the first of their biscuit and blether sessions and they've been continuing with their visits to Blackhall Library. The children in the nursery have been learning about the life cycle of a plant.

There are a number of visits planned this coming week including Primary 7s joining a cluster STEM activities afternoon at Broughton High School, P6s visiting Stirling Castle and P3A visiting the Botanic Gardens. P4A will host their class assembly and we look forward to welcoming their parents and families. Coming soon are the Parent Council's Cake Bake Sale on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> June. We have a large stock of lost property and good quality recycled uniform available to families free of charge. Lynne from our Parent Council has kindly agreed to take lost property and stocks of uniform out the playground at 8.30 on Wednesday mornings on the 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> June. If you'd like to donate good quality uniform for the benefit of other families, we'd be very grateful to receive this. We're also looking for wellies for nursery children which could be dropped off at these times as well.

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