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Achievement

Ross bangs the drum with Duns Pipe Band

On the 30th of November Duns Pipe Band were asked to play for the official switch on of the Christmas lights in Duns Square. I play tenor drum in the band along with my older sister and another girl from Duns. We had been practicing Christmas tunes and carols for a few weeks before the switch on so that it sounded good on the night. We all assembled early and dressed in our Santa suits, put fairy lights onto our drums and marched into the square. We played lots of tunes until it was time for Santa to arrive and help this year's Wynsome Maid to turn on the lights. I love playing in the band but I was glad to be finished because my beard was really itchy!

Duns Pipe Band are always looking for new members, both drummers and pipers, if anybody wants to join us - I love it, it's great fun.

by Ross Spark P7



Hannah taps out

a rhythm for CIN!



On Sunday 16th November I did a world record attempt tap-a-thon at Putton Mill, Duns to raise money for Children In Need. There were lots of young people and adults who do tap dancing for LJ Dance Academy who took part. A tap-a-thon is where everyone in the country who does tap-dancing can join in with their local group. They had the choice to buy a t-shirt (money going to Children in Need) and wear during the tap-a-thon.

In Duns we had a photographer and a film-maker. Everyone who took part was presented with a certificate for their efforts.

By Hannah Turner P7

The

Chirnside Chat



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Cross Country Champions!

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On Tuesday the 9th of December, members of Chirnside Chasers Running Club represented Chirnside Primary School in the Berwickshire Primaries Cross Country Championships at The Berwickshire High School, Duns. At the championships we ran in our age groups and genders.

The P5 boys went first. Daniel Ross and Jonathan Kinsella ran really well. Daniel came 3rd and Jonathan came 5th. With two top five finishes, the boys were awarded the P5 Boys Champions title.

Then it was the turn of the P5 girls with Carys Runciman, Katie Donoghue and Keira McGregor who all ran really well. Carys came 2nd overall in the P5 section with Katie coming 10th and Keira coming home in 5th.

Afterwards it was the P6 boys turn with Oliver Stewart, Charlie Stewart and Hamish Reynolds representing Chirnside. Oliver came 1st, Charlie came 2nd and Hamish came 3rd. Three podium places meant the boys returned with the Primary 6 Boys Champions trophy.

Chantelle Lamont and Charlotte Craze represented Chirnside in the Primary 6 Girls section. Chantel came 15th with Charlotte coming in close behind her.

Afterwards, it was the P7 boys' team of Rowan Harvey, Jack Jones and Robert Derries. Rowan came in 6th, with Jack in 10th and Robert came in 8th. Then it was p7 girls. Tammie-Louise Hunter, Erin Douglas and Heather Kinghorn were running. Tammie came 2nd in the P7 girls section with Erin in 10th, closely followed by Heather.

All our runners acquitted themselves well, demonstrating sportsmanship towards other competitors and great determination in performing to their best. Well done to you all! See inside for more photos!

By Tammie-Louise Hunter and Erin Douglas P7



The P6 Boys' team took all three podium positions and the overall P6 Champions title.



The P5 Boys' team were placed in the top 5 positions and came home with the overall P5 Champions title.

Primary 6's 'Wee Keek' raises money for Ebola.

Primary six at Chirnside Primary have been enterprising in order to raise money for the Ebola crisis.

Last month, the class performed a musical drama, 'A Wee Keek at Flodden' for their families and fellow pupils. The performance was a great success and the pupils decided to video their work to make into DVDs to sell as Christmas presents.

Pupils learned many skills required in running a business from marketing and financial planning to designing covers and advertising. The profit from their enterprise for Save the Children is estimated to be £80.

Below, Rose and Noah tell us a little more...

We started in the topic in September and now we are finished. Our musical show linked to our topic and we performed it to the whole school and our families on 20th November. The feedback was that we did really well and some mums were even emotional!

Our show was called 'A Wee Keek at Flodden' by Mr Iain Lothian and Primary 6.

We performed the show and Jack Jones (P7) made a video of it. Next we made DVDs and designed a cover.

We are selling these DVDS for the amount of £2.00. We worked this price out because we have been doing loss and profit in maths and we think if we sell them for £2.00 we will get about £70 or £80 for Save the Children's Ebola Appeal.

Jack Jones was filming the play so it was only fair that he chose the charity and he chose Ebola. Ebola is a bad disease that thousands of people are suffering from in West Africa and we are so lucky to be living in a country where this is not such a problem.

Primary 6 are going to miss Mr Lothian and his accordion as he is leaving to go to another school next term. We loved sharing time with him so we would like to thank him and the time he has spent sharing his skills with us.

Happy Christmas!

Rose Easton & Noah North P6



Some of the cast of 'A Wee Keek at Flodden' get into character before their performance to parents.



The DVD of 'A Wee Keek at Flodden' is now available to buy (Pre-order from any P6 pupil or Mrs Easton for only £2). Sadly, it will not be available for download from iTunes or any other online digital download store...for now!

FILM CLUB

...getting into the festive spirit with the movie 'Elf'!

Mrs Easton started a film club for P5-P7 and some pupils applied to be on the committee.

Pupils had to write a note if they wanted to be on the film committee and explain why.

Then, Mrs Easton chose two pupils from P5, P6 and P7 to be on the committee. Those elected are:

- ⇒ P5- Carys Runciman and Katie Donoghue
- ⇒ P6- Micah Chapman and Anna Brown
- ⇒ P7- Nicholas Warnock and Abbie Wood

The film committee have about one meeting every week to pick films and to talk about them.

The first film picked was Elf, a story of a human that thinks he is an elf searching for his long lost father.

When we showed the movie on Friday the 5th of December around 50 pupils showed up! Some pupils brought snacks and drinks to keep them going throughout the movie.

Look out for the posters advertising our next screening in January.

By Anna Brown - Film Club Publicity Manager



Christmas Windows



Our pupils have been getting creative during the last few weeks by cutting, sticking, drawing and painting various festive and winter scenes on classroom windows and in the assembly hall.

Famous with locals around Berwickshire, the 'Chirnside Windaes' are now free for all to see during the Christmas period. Why not pop along and take a 'keek'?

Pupil of the Week Awards



XC Photo Special

Photos by Mark Kinghorn

What a very grumpy sheep!



The school hall was packed for this year's festive production. Primary 4-7 got everyone in the Christmas spirit with their performance of Christmas songs from years gone by...



On the road to Bethlehem, the other sheep tried to keep out of the way of the grumpy sheep, with little success...



The grumpy sheep finally made it all the way to the stable in Bethlehem to visit the new born baby. Thankfully, this put her in a much better mood, much to the relief of Mary and Joseph!

On Monday 15th December we welcomed over 150 guests to our Christmas Concert and Nativity.

Primary 4-7 opened the afternoon with a selection of Christmas songs and festive tunes from years gone by. The audience were awestruck with renditions of 'It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas', 'Rocking Around the Christmas Tree' and 'Band Aid', as well as some lesser known numbers.

Primary 1-3 retold the Christmas Story through the eyes of 'The Grumpy Sheep'. Having heard of the arrival of the new born baby Jesus from the angels, high up on the hillside, the shepherds decided to take their sheep to visit the baby in Bethlehem. The Grumpy Sheep found this a significant inconvenience, complaining to her friends about how unfair this was for the whole duration of the journey!

On arriving at the stable, the true meaning of Christmas was unveiled and the Grumpy Sheep turned into the Happy Sheep, much to the relief of her woolly friends!

Children in Need 2014

On the 7th of November 2014 we had an assembly. Our assembly was about stories of children who have suffered through illness or tragedy. We also talked about how the Children in Need charity has helped these children.



The Nail Bar was a popular attraction with pupils...

On Wednesday 12th of November, Primary Seven had an activity day to raise money for Children in Need. We had skittles, bowling, nail salon, mucky dip and others.

We raised £337.86 for Children in Need. The activity day was a big success and all the children had lots of fun.

By Beau McKibben



'Soak a 7' was very popular with younger siblings and school staff...

The P7 Christmas Fair Stall

On Friday 28th of November Chirnside Primary School held a Christmas Fair in the Gym Hall. There were lots of stalls, selling jewellery, decorations, sweets and lots more. Primary 7 had a stall selling Christmas cakes and cards which we had made in school.

Thank you to our friends in the Chirnside Co-Op, who sponsored the ingredients we used for the Christmas cakes.

We were selling our products to raise money to pay for our class set of recorders. We raised £80, which was just enough to pay for the recorders.

We have been learning to play recorder with Mrs. Milne since September. Many of us had never played a recorder before. We have made such great progress that we performed 'Jingle Bells' at the Christmas service in the Parish Church.

By Thomas Weeks P7

