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SPORTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The Hockey Festival

On the 30th of September 2014 the hockey club members went to Berwickshire High School to participate in the Berwickshire Hockey Festival,. We had three teams: Chirnside 1, Chirnside 2 and Chirnside 3. The teams were made up of the P7s and P6s who went to hockey club.

On the way there we shared a bus with P5 who were going to the rugby festival. We got to sit next to our friends on the bus. The bus journey lasted 10-15 minutes

When we got there we all had to do a warm up with our team captains to get ready for the games. The captains were Jessica, Rowan and Nel.

After that, we started to play our games, on pitch 1 (team 1) pitch 2 (team 2) and pitch 3 (team3)

Chirnside 1 - lost 1 game, tied 1 game, and won the rest. Chirnside 2 - lost 1 game then won the rest. Chirnside 3 – lost all of their games but scored a lot of goals.

Everyone did really well, also a big thanks to Mrs Miller for teaching us a lot of skills in hockey and rugby. Well done to everyone who played there - you all did fantastically.

By Joana & Jessica P7



Festival of Rugby in Duns for P5

After all that fun learning and hard training, P5 finally were invited to the Rugby festival at Berwickshire High School.

In the morning we all changed into our PE clothes, then got on the big bus to head to Duns with the P7s. Some people started singing, "The Wheels on the Bus". It was very loud singing.

When we arrived we were all split into groups mixed with some P5s from Duns Primary School. The other schools there were Swinton, Coldstream and Greenlaw. There were seven activities for us to enjoy.

Terrifying Tackling Station. We started at the tackling station. We took turns at running into soft tackling pads which were held by one of us. You had to run at the pad, put your head to the side, put your arms around the pad then push. It was great fun.

Great Goal Kicking. Next we went to the goal kicking. You had to place the ball on to a cone, take four paces back, then kick the bottom of the ball high and hard, trying to make it go high in the air and over the post. Some children managed to kick a goal.

Rough Running with the ball. We were put into groups and did some relay races holding the ball. We started running as fast as lightning. Sometimes you felt nervous if you were the last person running.

Marvellous Mini Matches. Mini Matches was next on the list. The group was split into two teams and we played a game of rugby. The whistle blew and we started running like crazy. Katie scored three tries then got pushed over and hurt her head, Ouch!

Slippery, Scary Sharks and Fabulous Fishes. This was a great favourite. Two of us, the Scary Sharks, were in the middle. They had to catch us when we were called out, "Who is wearing black" and stuff like that. When I was caught I turned into slippery seaweed. I had to catch people, but I could not move my feet.

Tremendous Ten Passes. The teams were split up again. The only way to get the ball, unless your team already had the ball, was if the other team dropped it, or you caught the ball in mid-air. My team lost, Boo hoo!

Terrific Touch Rugby. This was a taster of a match. We were split up again into sensible groups. We played touch and pass in teams. We had to run and tackle people. It was very hard. Some of us scored tries. We were all feeling a bit tired by now.

Exciting End. At the end we all went to the middle. We said thank you to all the High School Army of Helpers who ran the activity stations and Bert who organised the festival for us. Each school got a certificate and Hailey went to get ours.

Doing all that was hard work but worth it. We really enjoyed the rugby festival and want to do it all again.

By Katie, Rebecca, Georgia, Carys, Millieanna, Keira and Ashley.



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Primary 3 have been investigating the theme of 'Transport' with Mrs. Bennie since August. Whilst sharing her learning with her parent, Dulcie Rutherford stumbled upon a photograph that opened up a chapter of her own family history...

We were doing our P3 topic on Transport, and my type of transport was boats.

Mrs Bennie found some photographs of all different types of boats to put on the wall in our Transport Museum, and one of the photographs was of a passenger ship called The Himalaya.

When Daddy came to see the Museum, he said "That looks like the ship your Granny and Auntie Olga emigrated to Australia in when she was the same age as you". When he looked more closely, he saw that it WAS the same boat! It was amazing!



A welcome note to the passengers all those years ago.



Photograph of Roslyn Stewart, aged 7 and Olga Stewart, 14 on board the Himalaya on route to Australia 1951.

We told Granny and she could not believe it! She sent the photograph of her and her sister on the boat, and also told me a story that she won a badge for nearly winning the sack race. She turned around to see where the others were, and fell over!

I think it's great being able to see my Granny when she was my age, and it was so amazing that we found out the way we did. It has made my Granny and Auntie Olga really happy too.

By Dulcie Rutherford—Primary 3

Primary 1s Butterflies Flutter By In The Nursery Garden!

As part of their topic on Mini-beasts Primary 1 watched and waited as 5 tiny caterpillars changed into beautiful Painted Lady butterflies.

They saw the caterpillars grow and grow as they munched through their special food and were thrilled when they spun cocoons. After 2 long weeks the butterflies finally emerged from the cocoons and were released in the Nursery garden.



Primary 7 at 'Crucial Crew'

On the 23rd of September P7 went to Crucial Crew to learn all about safety.

At 9:30 P7 set off on a bus to Tweedbank, we shared a bus with Reston and Ayton primary schools. After the journey we met PC Jamie he introduced us to the people that were going to tell us about safety hazards.

First we got into 4 teams of 6 and set off to different stations of safety, there were 8 stations, for example fire safety, farm safety, water safety, alcohol safety, drug safety. The fire safety station was the most interesting, we're not going to tell you anymore because we wouldn't want to spoil it for the next class going next year!!!

In drug safety you were looking to find any drugs (fake) that could be harmful to anyone in the house the options were

- Get taken away for testing
- It wasn't harmful
- Could be harmful to some people in the house

It was a great day thank you to the helpers at crucial crew.

By Heather Kinghorn and Abbie Wood



Alexander Raises In Excess of £850 for Charity

A great big thank you to everyone who supported Alexander in his sponsored walk to raise funds for the JDRF research into finding a cure for type 1 diabetes. He has raised in excess of £850 and we are delighted.

If you haven't donated but would like to his just giving page is still open at www.justgiving.com/alexanderbird

Thank you once again for your generous support.

Primary 3 Transport Assembly

On Friday 3rd October Primary. 3 held their assembly about Transport.

We began by going back in time to transport long ago, even before our teachers were born. Each group told about different kinds of transport such as carts, The Hobby Horse (a wooden bicycle), The Rocket (a steam engine), Concorde (a fast aeroplane), a Viking long ship and modern cars.



We sang a song, with actions, which we had made up, about different types of transport, to the tune of, 'The Wheels on the Bus'.

Six girls read Acrostic Poems they had made about cars, trains and a bus. We also showed t-shirts, bags, ties and towels which had pictures of transport on them. We then transported ourselves around the hall on various types of transport -- bicycles, skateboards, roller boots and roller skates, scooters, prams and even a boat on the stage!!

We all had a great fun while we learned lots about transport and we hope our audience did too!!



Paxton House Fun

Primary 1 enjoyed a great day out at Paxton House where they engaged in bug hunting and pond dipping. After lunch they collected lots of natural materials and made some fantastic pictures of minibeasts using what they had found.



P6 Learn About the Battle of Flodden!

P6 and Mrs Easton have been learning about Flodden.

To start off, P6 got a visit from Jane and Megan, who work with Flodden 1513.

To help our learning, we got to dress up as Henry VIII, Queen Katherine, James 1V and Margaret Tudor. We learned the reasons for the battle happening.

On the 1st of September, we went to Etal Castle and we dressed up as English and Scottish soldiers. Half the class were Scottish and the other half where English. We needed to decide how we would invade the castle and how we would defend the castle. James1V had taken Etal Castle from the English just before the Battle of Flodden.



Next, we visited Heatherslaw Mill. We learnt about life, food and the clothes that they wore in 1513.

Then we went to the battle field and saw for ourselves where the armies from both Scotland and England lined up and where many, many thousands of men were killed. It felt quite spooky to imagine that we were standing there!

Derek, from Border Clansmen visited our classroom and we learned how to march into battle carrying 18foot pikes. (the Scots' weapon)

The Scottish used pikes and the English used billhooks.

Pikes were 18 foot long and the billhooks were 8 foot long.

We learned so much about how the Scottish army lost the battle despite having more men.

We have developed our archaeological skills . Jane and Megan returned to see us and we had a great time digging in soil to find artefacts from the battle field. We had to work out who could have left them behind which was great fun.

On 7th October, we are going to Ellemford to a real archaeological dig, again with Flodden 1513. It will be great if we could discover something buried where the Scottish army mustered before the battle.

We are doing a musical play with Mr Lowthian and Mrs Easton called a Wee Keek at Flodden . We really enjoy Mr Lowthian's accordion playing and hope to perform the play in November – date to still be finalised.

It's a great topic!

Andy and Shannon P6

Commonwealth Tapestry is Safely Delivered

A small group of Chirnside Primary School pupils visited Glasgow during the summer holidays to see our tapestry being displayed alongside others as part of the Commonwealth Tapestry to celebrate the games.

The tapestry will be on temporary display for the next few years, before being returned to our school for posterity.



Primary 7 Explore WW1 at Coldstream Museum

Early in September P7 went on a fantastic trip to Coldstream Museum to learn about the First World War.

We got on the bus at 09.30 and got back to school at lunch.

When we got there we were split into three groups. Each group went round three stations: the first station was the home front; the second station was the trenches and the third station was propaganda.

Personally I think the home front was the most interesting.

When we went to the home front we were taught what the ladies did when the men were at war.

When we went to the trench group we learned about what life was like in the trenches.

All in all it was a very interesting trip. We would highly recommend it.

By Jordan and Ibrahim P7



Primary 4 Travel Back in Time to World War 1!

On Tuesday, 2nd September, 2014, Primary 4 travelled back in time to World War 1 (1914-1918)

How did we do this? We travelled not by horse or tank, but by bus, to Coldstream Museum, where we were to learn about life in Berwickshire and beyond, during the War.

First of all, Andrew told us a little bit about how the war started and was amazed at how much we already knew.

Next, we split into three groups and went with an adult to each of the group places.

In the exhibition room, we saw bullets, helmets, posters, a bugle, whistles, model tank, a grenade, a horseshoe, barbed wire, uniforms. One helmet had recently been dug up and was quite rusty and full of holes.

The second part was outside. We went into a tent and put on plastic helmets. Some people sat on sandbags so it felt like being in the trenches. There was a large painting of the trenches, with injured soldiers, rats, someone smoking a cigarette. The cigarettes were a comfort to the soldiers. Margaret, one of the adult helpers, painted the scene. She used to be an art teacher. Letters home were censored so no secrets got out. We had to censor a letter.

Lastly, we saw things like binoculars with a hole through them. They had saved a soldier's life. There were photos of flags that were used for propaganda. We could design our own. A tank came to Duns by steam train, to show people what they looked like and encourage them to raise money to build more.

We had a visit to the museum shop, then left to get back to school. The class had learned a lot and we enjoyed ourselves.

We will remember our journey through time. It helped us with our topic on World War 1.

By Primary 4



Horticultural Show Winners



Pupils of the Week



Commonwealth Games Passport Winners



GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

SILVER MEDAL WINNERS

BRONZE MEDAL WINNERS