

Charleston School

This has been a very busy term here at Charleston and already we are coming up to the Easter break.

Last month a group of our children presented a **Health and Wellbeing workshop** to delegates at an event hosted by Education Scotland in The Copthorne Hotel. We were very proud of the confident way in which the children led the teams of adults through a number of activities including dance, art and technology.

This year for the first time we have entered 2 teams into the **Saltire Challenge**. The purpose of this engineering challenge is to get the children **to design and build a wave powered generator**. Our teams have already been working hard with the help of NOV, one of our business partners, and have submitted their blueprints. We are now away to start the next phase of the challenge and actually build not just one, but two wave generators!



Monday 27 February saw the beginning of **Fairtrade Fortnight**. After learning

about Fairtrade our Primary 6 class decided to encourage others to buy more Fairtrade products. They held an assembly for the whole school and the P6 parents. They sent out letters offering drinks and snacks all made from fair-trade products. They got almost 200 orders which all had to be made up and served by break time. P6 worked well as a team and were very organised, all their “customers” enjoyed the variety of smoothies, fruit kebabs, fruit cakes and other healthy snacks.



Our Primary 6 class have been very busy and entered 2 teams into the annual **Euroquiz competition**. The teams travelled to Woodside and both teams did really well. After the third round of questions Kingwells and Charleston B were tied to get into the final round. They had to compete in an exciting head to head decider and *Charleston B got through to the final*. St. Peter’s won the final round 11 – 6. Well done to both teams.

Thursday 8th March was **World Book day** and *to celebrate this annual event staff were invited to dress up as a book character*. There was a book swap and a whole range of book related activities planned for all the classes from simply

reading stories to drama activities. Thanks to Mrs Morrison for organising this great day.

Monday 12th March was the beginning of **National Science and Engineering Week**. Our weekly assembly had a focus on science and the Saltire teams shared their work so far on their engineering challenge. At 9am on the Monday we downloaded The Climate Challenge which some classes participated in. *During the week all classes took part in various experiments on the theme of sound energy* and there were opportunities for children to engage with big science questions throughout the school. All the children's hard work will be showcased in a display for everyone to enjoy.

In an effort to engage the children in thinking of others around the world we

are, once again, supporting **Sports Relief** this year. On Friday 23rd March pupils will take part in the 1 mile jog around the school and surrounding area – in fancy dress! (Sorry no pictures at time of going to press – we will include some in the next edition of the Cove Chronicle!)

Can we also ask for your support as we are again collecting Sainsburys and Tesco Reward tokens. Please just pop these into school any time you are passing. All tokens will be put to good use. Thank you in advance.

Have a good Easter!

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