



## Happy Easter from all at Charleston School



We have had another very busy term here at Charleston with pupils participating in many activities, both in and out of school. Hard to believe it will soon be our Easter break and we are all looking forward to a well earned rest!

On 5th March our Primary 6 team travelled

to Woodside School to participate in the annual Schools Euroquiz. The team enjoyed the challenge on the day, learning many new facts about Europe.

On 6th March it was World Maths Day. At the Monday assembly Mrs Gray set a whole school maths challenge and tested the skills of all the children and also some parents who were in the hall.

Also on the 6th March we were happy to welcome the Scottish Ballet to Charleston to host a workshop for our Primary 7 pupils. The ballet company danced part of Hansel and Gretel and showed the children some basic ballet positions and steps which they were invited to try.

Thursday 7th March was World Book Day. We celebrated the day by inviting classes to decorate a door in the design of a book cover. There was a prize for the best decorated door. Primary 3 won this coveted award with their entry "There's a Pharaoh in Our Bath!"

We also had the usual £1 book tokens. Again, this year, we gave the children the choice of £1 voucher or a book. Thanks to the help of our library parents and Blackwell Bookshop we were able to run this along with our weekly library visit.



On Friday 8th March we celebrated Climate Week with our Eco-Swap Day. Fair Trade was also highlighted in the same week. Our Eco-Swap day was run by our Eco-School Group who arranged for unwanted items to be brought into school and exchanged for a voucher. Then on Friday those who had a voucher could "shop" and swap their vouchers for another item. As well as many pupils going home with nearly new items, this swap

shop also produced "leftover" clothing items which were recycled, raising over £20 for Eco-funds. For Fair Trade Week, faces were painted during lunchtime and almost £40 was raised. Well done to Primary 3 for their assembly and fund raising activities for Fair Trade Week. Also thanks to the Eco-group for this new recycling initiative - I'm sure this will be happening again only open wider to our parents as well as pupils!

The week beginning 11th March was no quieter here at Charleston, with the arrival of Her Majesty's Inspectors!! Throughout the week there were meetings with staff, pupils and parents as well as the usual class visits. The final report will be published before the summer holidays.

During the same week our Primary 6's were also out on the Monday to "Bridges to Schools" a transition project to begin the process of preparing for Secondary School. On the Friday we ended the week with 2 events – 23 P5-7 pupils entered the Inter Schools Cross Country Event at Balgownie and Red Nose Day was celebrated with weird hair and 80's fashion!! The pupils did well on the run which was very tough. All of them completed the mile course even though the weather was very cold and the course very muddy. Well done to all who entered. We raised almost £700 for Red Nose Day. Red noses were on sale and Primary 5/6 held a bake sale to raise more funds. At lunchtime we were entertained with an 80's style fashion show, led by Ribh O' Neill. Well done to all the winners of the fashion show and the silly hair competition.

Finally to end the term we have entered a team into the annual Rotary Quiz competition which will take place at Loirston School on 22nd March – good luck to the team of P7 pupils.

We wish you all an enjoyable Easter break and look forward to some much-needed sunshine in term 4!!