



News from Charleston

We have enjoyed relatively good weather for the winter season, and the children have been out over breaks much more than we'd expect over the course of this term. It is lovely to see the lighter mornings and evenings and the Spring weather arriving.

Our Primary 7 pupils have just had their activity week, with some going to Cromdale Outdoor Activity Centre and others doing things around Aberdeen. It has been a very successful week. At Cromdale, pupils gorge walked, abseiled and went mountain biking, among other things. Those who stayed locally hiked around the Loch of Loirston, visited Old Aberdeen and spent an unseasonably pleasant day at the beach.

Charleston School has been formed a productive partnership with Conoco Phillips. Staff from the company are going to help clear up the wooded area in the school. For a very long time, pupils have wanted to get back into the woods at breaktime to play, but it is overgrown and needs a good clear up. Pupils have designed areas in the woods and Conoco Phillips are going to help take this project to fruition.

Thank you to all of you who supported our "Build, Grow and Play" nursery bid through Tesco. The tokens have been counted and we are the very lucky winners of the top prize of £5000 to develop our outdoor nursery area. We are delighted and can now forge ahead with our plans.

If you are shopping at the local Sainsbury's store we are collecting the Active School Kids tokens they are handing out just now. Please remember to ask for your vouchers and pop them into us anytime.

We have a great choir which meets after school on a Tuesday. Next term they are putting on a production of the musical "Shakespeare Rocks". Rehearsals are well underway, and the songs I've heard are very catchy. Everyone is looking forward to the performances in June.

Visitors from Total UK came to speak to our Eco Committee about food and sustainable farming. The Eco Committee asked lots of relevant questions and talked knowledgably about the subject. Total UK donated recycling bins for use in the school.

This term has been a busy one!

As we count down to the holidays, may I wish you a happy and peaceful Eastertime from everyone at Charleston School.

