



CHARLESTON SCHOOL NEWS

You may remember in the last Chronicle we were about to attend the Aberdeen Children's and Young People's Awards at the Beach Ballroom. Charleston School was shortlisted for 2 finals at the ceremony on 25th September. The first category was Global Citizenship which was in recognition of the fundraising and work done with the Massai link project. The second was Physical Achievement award which Jamie Sutherland (P7)

had been shortlisted for because of his fantastic achievements and titles won in tae-kwon-do. A great evening was had by all and even though we did not win either category we were very proud to have reached the finals in two important categories.

In school we have been very busy appointing our various responsibility groups. Applications have been submitted and interviews held and we now have our playground leaders, tuck shop team, enterprise team, reporters for Charleston Voices (our in-house newspaper), display board team, eco team and many others. Congratulations to all who were successful in their applications. All who applied, whether successful or not will have developed a great set of life skills.

On Monday 7 October we held our Harvest Assembly. Thank you to all our families who donated dry goods and groceries. All donations were collected by Somebody Cares Charity who provide much needed food parcels to families in need across the Aberdeen area.

At the end of October we welcomed the Travelling Museum to Charleston. This bus contained information about various famous inventions and discoveries. The interactive nature of the exhibits made for a very exciting learning experience for our young people.

Although October seemed very early to be making Christmas cards all our children were making their own cards which are currently at the printers being made into individualised special cards for their families.

As this article is being written, we are sitting in costumes raising money for Children in Need. This year with the terrible news from

the Philippines the money raised in November will be split between Children in Need and the DEC Philippines Appeal. Thank you to all our families who support these charitable causes. We constantly try to highlight the plight of children all over the world and emphasise just how lucky our children here in Cove are.

Our Christmas show rehearsals are now underway. This year our P4-7 show is called "Porridge" and is a new twist on the old favourite "Goldilocks". Our P1-3's are also getting to grips with their songs and words for "The Christmas Recipe" and the Nursery children are practicing for their own carol concert to be shared with parents in the festive season.

Thank you to all who have helped and supported Charleston School this year. Our Parent Council members and especially the fundraisers who put in so much effort for the wonderful Christmas Fayre which raises so much for the school each year. Also thank you for subsidising tickets to the "Cinderella" panto at HMT for all the school children and the Christmas show for the Nursery children too. Thanks to all the growers at the allotments who have, helped our children, under the leadership of Mr Pirie to produce such wonderful crops of vegetables. We are grateful to the Community Council for the donations with which we will buy some books and small equipment for the playground. Finally, thanks to the Cove in Bloom people who visited us last week and planted bulbs for the spring.

**Wishing all in Cove a very Merry Christmas
and Prosperous New Year!!**