

## NEWS FROM CHARLESTON



Charleston School currently has a big focus on the continued development of Outdoor Learning. The Nursery is involved in a project called "The Wee Green Space" and as part of this they hold a weekly learning session called "Wellie Wednesdays". These outdoor sessions have been led by Mrs Inez Simpson

(Nursery Nurse) with help from parent volunteers. Thanks to all who have helped make this initiative a great success. Anna Cartlidge (DHT) has volunteered to take part in the Forest Schools Training Programme which has involved her in participating in a range of professional development sessions during the weekends. The engagement of parents and the wider community will be the priority for our open fun event for children and families on Sunday 15 June. More to follow on our progress in the next edition.

Our annual talent show takes place on Friday 30 May with a theme of Royal Variety! Plans are well underway and a special thanks to Ms Angela Brown, Mrs Rachel Robertson and Mrs Pauline Glendinning for all their hard work and support. We look forward to another spectacular night of entertainment!

We are continuing our sponsorship of 2 Massai children in Kenya. Recently our Primary 2 class arranged a collection of clothes which they sent for recycling and raised over £120. Thanks to all who took in items. We will be continuing to raise money throughout this year and beyond for this worthwhile cause.



Charleston School has agreed to create a 1 metre square for the Commonwealth Tapestry. This tapestry is being created by contributions from many schools all over Scotland to celebrate the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow this year. We are delighted to be involved in such a prestigious national project. The finished tapestry will be on display during the Commonwealth Games and afterwards it will be hung in the Scottish Parliament.

We had a very successful fundraising day for Sports Relief. The whole school took part in a sponsored skip around the school. We raised over £2000 on the day and since then we have had one child raise an additional £500 himself! Thank you to all who contributed to this very worthwhile cause.

Another art project we are currently engaged with is the Wild Dolphin Charity. We have purchased a large plaster dolphin which we now have to decorate for completion by the end of June at which time it will be displayed with others around the libraries in Aberdeen. Look out for many dolphins appearing around the City! This art project is raising funds for the Wild Dolphin Charity which helps to raise awareness of the problems caused by pollution faced by dolphins and seals around our coast.

Thanks for Miss Body and Miss Connell we now have a Basketball Club at Charleston. Recently our Primary 6 and 7 children took part in a tournament at the Beach Leisure Centre where our P7 boys were the overall winners in their group.

Our Primary 4 and 5 children have been working with Aberdeen Football Club and the Food Standards Agency on a health programme based on keeping fit and making good choices regarding their diets.