



Stoneferry Primary School

March Newsletter—Week 2



This week in school has been absolutely fantastic. It has been amazing to have the children back and to finally fill the classrooms with energy and enthusiasm. We have been so impressed by the way the children have seamlessly fitted back into the school routines and all of the teachers have commented on the hard work each and every one of the children have put in. In assembly on Monday we talked about determination and how life is sometimes a struggle. I challenged the children to be positive in the face of our recent times and ensure that they squeeze every drop of effort out of themselves during the rest of term, and this is certainly what I have seen. It is also evident how many of the children have worked really hard whilst learning remotely and we thank you once again for all of your efforts over the last weeks. It has been good to talk with so many of you in a morning and hopefully things will now stay the same and you can all relax a little.

In school up to Easter, we will be ensuring that our focus is on the Basic Skills, and part of our work will be to assess where the children currently are in order to provide the support required for all children. After Easter, we will be moving back to a broader and more balanced curriculum, where we will be weaving in as much core learning as we possibly can to set the children up to succeed next year. We are driving reading once again and would ask at all ages that the children practice regularly at home, and complete their reading journals too. This practice is essential in developing those key reading skills which are the bedrock of all learning that is done.

As ever, if you have anything you need support with please contact us at school and we will do everything we can to support you. Thank you and enjoy the weekend.

Mr Raw, Head of School

Stoneferry Nursery

At Stoneferry, we pride ourselves on the excellent start children have to their education in our EYFS classes. This whole area of school has been transformed in recent times, including the environment and teaching strategies being delivered. Our team of dedicated staff do everything they can to ensure the children achieve their potential and we firmly believe the provision is excellent. Currently we have spaces within the Nursery and Foundation 2 classes, so if you know of friends who have children of nursery age or foundation age who are currently using private day care nurseries or are considering a change of school, please encourage them to come and join us at Stoneferry, so they can take advantage of the excellent teaching on offer. Thank you. More information about places can be obtained through the school office and details of an open morning will be coming after Easter when the guidelines permit us to do so.

Comic Relief

Both children and parents have been asking me if we will be supporting Comic Relief this year and the answer is yes. On Friday 19th March, we will be harnessing the power of laughter in order to bring a smile to everyone's face. We would like the children to come to school dressed as their favourite superhero or in the funniest outfit they can. Donations of £1 are welcome to support this excellent cause. During the day we will be holding a power ballad "danceathon", taking part in a very special superhero quiz and also having an opportunity to share our favourite jokes, which will be added to our laughter board within school. I am sorry that I haven't been able to give you more notice, but this has been very difficult under the current circumstances. Let's hope we all have a great day!

Congratulations Finley

Over the lockdown period, we tweeted a competition that was run by Hull Heritage Learning Society. The competition required that children write a shape poem. I am delighted to say that Finley in Year 4 completed the competition and wrote a fabulous poem all about fish. In fact, his poem was so good that he won! All the staff at school just wanted to say well done and congratulations on this excellent achievement. On Page 2 of this newsletter I have added the poem for everyone to read. Superstar!

If I Was A Fish

By Finley Chadwick, age 9

If I was a fish,

For what would I wish?

Perhaps a new bowl or legs

to

stroll? Would I change my colour?

Red, blue

or another? A new place to live? Oh,

what would

I give, to swim for a day, all stress gone away. Just one

thing though, for we all know, poor fish are not clever,

no brains whatsoever! So my wish

as a fish

would just be this... You know it's

true,

I'm so very forgetful, sorry

who are you??