



Stoneferry Primary School

March Newsletter—Week 4



Tuesday of this week, marked a year since we first went into lockdown at Stoneferry. Back in 2020, I don't think any of us could have anticipated the immense impact this would have on our lives and how it would affect the school. Over the last year it feels as though we have faced situations that are so far removed from what we were trained to do, but somehow we have managed. Often with very short notice, we have implemented the measures necessary to open the school as required and I would just like in this newsletter to thank the staff for their support and flexibility during such unsettled times. The staff at Stoneferry are fully united and committed now to supporting the catch up which is required too.

This Spring term has somehow come and gone, in what has been again a time of great challenge for everyone. Nine weeks of Remote Learning, followed by such a short spell back in school, has been very strange, but we are positive about the summer term and hope some greater normality may be possible throughout this. What is critical over the Easter break is that the children continue to practice their **reading** and use **Times Tables Rockstars** where they are part of a class competition for prizes from Miss Northen.

Additionally the Easter break will give us the chance to meet loved ones in gardens and outdoors which I for one cannot wait for. With my parents being elderly, this has been a very difficult time for me personally and I can't wait to see them properly again. I hope that you have a very restful break and will see you all back on April 12th with a continuation of our staggered start.

Mr Raw, Head of School

Easter Egg Designs

Thank you to all the children who entered our Easter Egg design competition. We had many wonderful entries and hope that the children enjoyed taking part in this at home. This is a big tradition of the school and it has been a shame that we haven't been able to run it in school as usual but we hope that next year this will be the case. On the second page of the newsletter I have shared a selection of some of the entries we received. Well done.

Science Project Competition

Thank you once again to all of the children who entered our Science Project competition to mark National Science Week. The entries have been on display in the school hall over the last week, and they really do look fantastic. Well done to everyone for their excellent ideas and imagination and also for the support families gave at home. Sadly, not everyone could be a winner on this occasion. Winning entries were hard to choose, and are listed here:

F2—Alexis, Y1—Theodore , Y2—Libbie, Y3—Ivy, Y4—Finley, Y5—Helan, Y6—Scarlet

Times Tables Rockstars

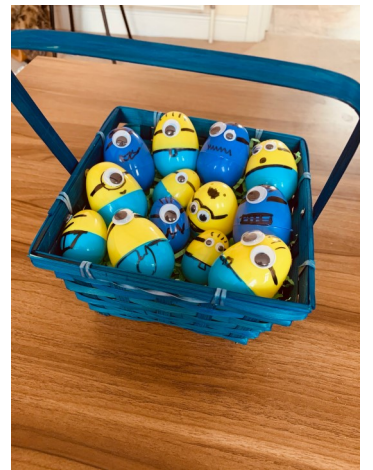
All children have now been given their login details for Times Tables Rockstars and hopefully you have managed to now log on. This is a fantastic resource which will support your child with all aspects of Maths as they move through the school. Learning through this app is completed in a fun and exciting manner and the children are able to gain coins to improve and develop their avatars. My own children play this at home regularly and I have seen first hand the improvements in rapid recall of multiplication and division facts. Despite all the advances and changes in education, times tables still remain a core barrier to achievement. To achieve their potential, getting them consolidated quickly is such a key. Please can you ensure your child has logged on and is practicing regularly over Easter and beyond.

Comic Relief

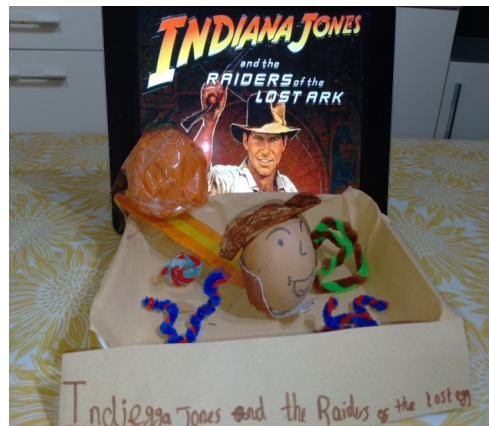
Thank you to all of the children for dressing up and taking part in the activities on Comic Relief. It was a fun day in school and all the children played their part. Overall we were able to raise £145 which we will be donating towards this excellent charity. Now more than ever this money will be put to great use supporting people who are struggling during this difficult time. The staff Superhero quiz was a particular highlight of the day, with some notable appearances from a few of the children's favourite stars.

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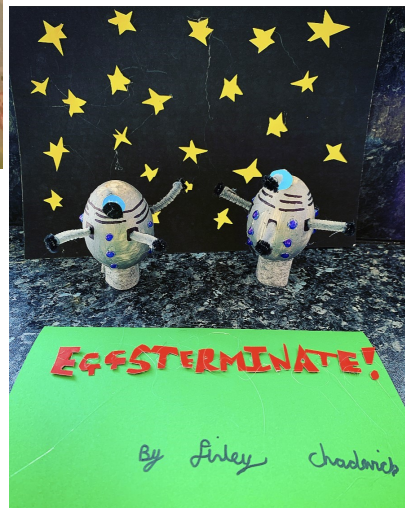
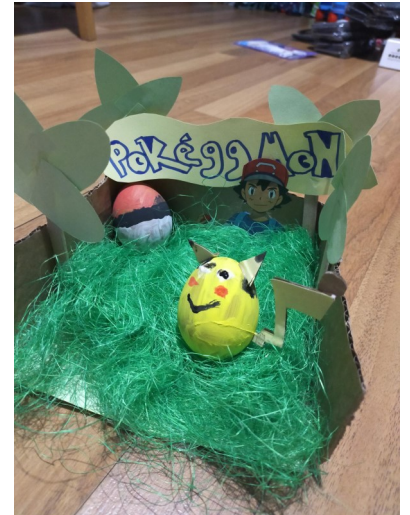
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