

# Primary 2/3 Newsletter

This term has again been a very busy one. The children thoroughly enjoyed performing their assembly which demonstrated their learning in an entertaining way. We completed the topic by looking at bricks. The children accepted and completed a challenge where they had to build a wall that would stand up to the Big Bad Wolf (namely Mrs Mason). We went out around the school to see what materials had been used to build our school and discussed why they might have been chosen.

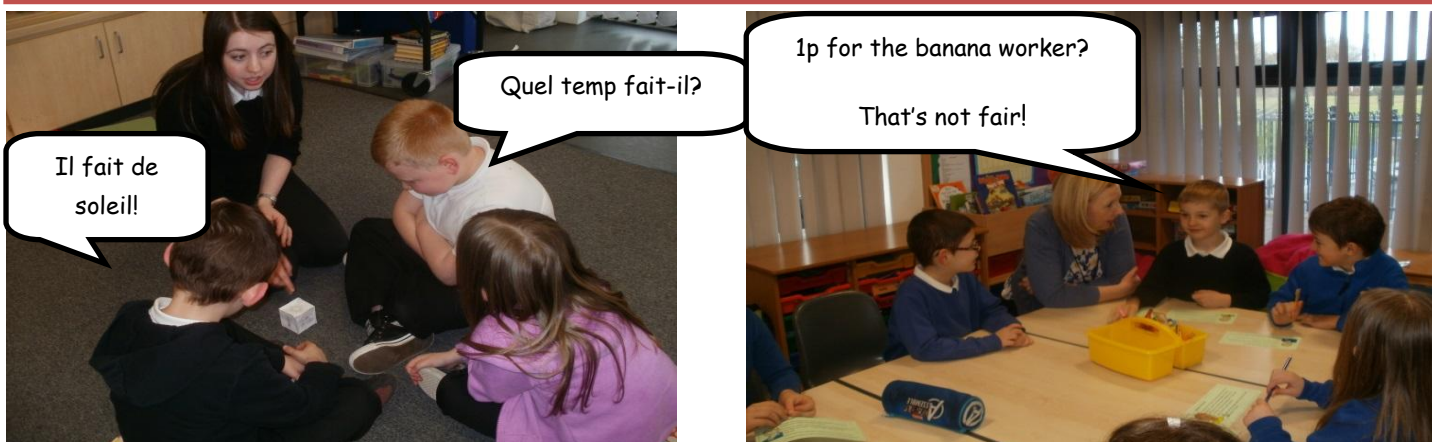
During our Global Citizenship week we looked at where bananas come from and where the money goes that we pay for them in the supermarket. We were surprised and upset to hear that the banana worker earns very little. We now understand that by buying Fairtrade products we can ensure the farmers get a fair price for their products.



In numeracy most of us have been exploring larger numbers whilst the primary threes have been looking at addition of 2- two digit numbers. We have made a good start with this and now know that we may make a new ten when we do this. We have looked at shape and are now becoming more familiar with both 2D and 3D shape and their properties. We have learned about fractions of shapes and now understand that to cut something into halves we must make sure the two pieces are equal. We have imagined they are pizzas and I have been trying to trick the class into giving me a bigger portion but to no avail! :(

We continue to enjoy our PE lessons with Mrs Jones, our PE Specialist. We have also enjoyed learning about fitness in class PE. We have explored what effect exercise has on our body and what muscles we are using when we do particular exercises.

The children continue to enjoy learning French where we have a little additional help from Kristie, a S6 pupil from Penicuik Hiah. We have been learning about the weather.



Next term our topic will be Out and About, where we will look at Keeping Myself Safe and our local environment and wildlife. In maths the P3s will move to look at subtraction using mental and written strategies. The P2s will continue with addition and subtraction stories and in Maths we will all be looking at time (and in French). In literacy we will be enjoying a class novel, The Hodgeheg by Dick King Smith.

I hope you all have an enjoyable Easter holiday and look forward to seeing you all next term.