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**"When you believe in yourself, anything is possible."**

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*"Scientists have become the bearers of the torch of discovery in our quest for knowledge."*

Stephen Hawking



## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our first Curriculum newsletter for 2018/19. The purpose of this is to keep you updated with curricular developments that have been or will be happening at our school.

### INTERDISCIPLINARY LEARNING: A NEW APPROACH

This year, we are taking a slightly different approach to planning our IDL. We have decided to focus on whole school themes for the year with broad, subject based topics. Each IDL will have an 'Our World' theme which is planned in conjunction with ongoing planned calendar events so that there is a clear connect in the pupils' learning. One of the main advantages of this approach is that it naturally opens up relevant, meaningful opportunities for classes to work together and lets pupils see how learning in a specific subject area varies from Nursery to Primary 7. We look forward to seeing how this approach takes shape and will evaluate it at the end of the school year.

### OUR SCIENTIFIC WORLD

Every class has just finished studying a Science based theme, mainly in the area of Biology. This has included The Sea, Rainforests and The Blue Planet.

### TECHFEST

Many thanks to the Parent Council for funding this year's Techfest trip for all P1 – P7. The pupils had a great time and engaged in rich learning experiences. The feedback from staff and teachers was very positive.

*"I enjoyed learning about teeth falling out!"* Grace P2M

*"I liked Techfest because we got to see different animals from the rainforest with the critter keeper."* Kai P4H

*"We liked the Operation Earth workshop because it was full of information and also very interactive."* P6/7

### HAZLEHEAD ACADEMY LIBRARY

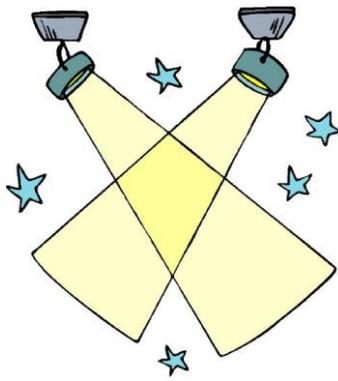
Primary 6/7 visited Hazlehead Academy library, where they learned about the Dewy System and how to develop their research skills in the context of their IDL topic 'Famous Scientists'.

### GROW YOUR OWN

P3R and P3T worked with Simon the Ranger to go bramble picking at the Den burn. The children and parent helpers had a fantastic experience P3T made Bramble Jam and Bramble Chutney and sold jars before the October break, raising £60!

All classes will be involved in a 'Grow Your Own' initiative as part of developing our school grounds.





### Spotlight on Science

We are proud to confirm our continued partnership with BP will continue. Mr Labroo will run a variety of workshops for classes as part of the schools link project.

Mrs Shaikh from Hazlehead Academy will also continue her valuable work with P6 pupils, helping them prepare for Science in the secondary school.

We have links throughout the year with STEM ambassadors (Science-Technology-Engineering-Maths), ensuring that real life contexts are brought into the classroom.

Mr Crowther is the school's Science Co-ordinator. His role is to promote Science throughout the school.

### Sciences Curriculum

Key Concepts that are covered from nursery to Primary 7 are:

- Planet Earth
- Forces, Electricity and Waves
- Biological Systems
- Materials
- Topical Science

Information for Parents	Useful Websites for Children	Places of Interest in Aberdeen for more Science Learning
<p>More information for parents can be found by clicking on the following link, selecting 'learning at home' from the menu then selecting 'supporting science'</p> <p><a href="https://education.gov.scot/parentszone/learning-in-scotland/curriculum-areas">https://education.gov.scot/parentszone/learning-in-scotland/curriculum-areas</a></p>	<p><a href="https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/">https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/">http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.sciencefun.org/kidszone/">http://www.sciencefun.org/kidszone/</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.kidsites.com/sites-edu/science.htm">http://www.kidsites.com/sites-edu/science.htm</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aberdeen Science Centre (Satrosphere)</li> <li>• Aberdeen Maritime Museum</li> <li>• University of Aberdeen Zoology Museum</li> <li>• Cruickshank Botanical Gardens</li> <li>• Duthie Park</li> </ul>



P3 visited Dobbies to learn all about plants and what would be good to grow in our school grounds.



K'NEXT at Techfest. A Solar Challenge prepared for P4F!



P6/7 visited Hazlehead Academy Library to research famous scientists.

