



Cumber Craic

Christmas 2015

Christmas Time in the Land of Rhyme



Primary 1 to 3 put on a great performance for the rest of the school, other schools and all of our families.

It was Christmas Time in the Land of Rhyme but the nursery rhyme characters were facing lots of problems. Humpty Dumpty had fallen off his wall again, Bo Peep had lost her sheep, Mary Mary Quite Contrary couldn't get her flowers to grow, Miss Muffet found herself terrified by giant spiders and Sukey let the kettle boil dry again in Polly's kitchen! Fortunately Santa came along with just the perfect Christmas present for each them, putting an end to all their troubles.

The boys and girls captivated the audience with songs, rhymes and tremendous acting abilities on show. Everyone greatly enjoyed the performances!

The Sound Of Music

The KS2 senior choir and brass band have enjoyed a very busy term! In September the P6 and P7 members were given the opportunity to perform at this year's City of Derry International Choral Festival. They performed with 300 other children in St Columb's Hall in October in a performance known as Bluebottle and they were accompanied by the Ulster Orchestra. The first Christmas performance for the choir was on 1st December at our annual open night, followed by a performance in Foyleside on 7th December and in the school at 'Coffee and Carols' on 16th December. The Senior Citizens at the diamond centre also enjoyed a very energetic performance from the pupils as well! Everyone who came to watch the performances really enjoyed listening to the children! The brass band also worked really hard this term to prepare for their performance at 'Coffee and Carols'. Mr Kevin Webb, a parent of one of the pupils at the school and also a former music teacher, came in to work with the band. It is very clear from how well they performed what a great job he has done and the pupils really enjoyed him coming in to practise with them!

LOUGHS AGENCY

A girl called Emma from the lough's agency came to visit our school during science week this year. We liked her so much that we asked her to come back to visit our classes again in November and December. She told us all about how she used to live in New Zealand and her experience of earthquakes. We found this super interesting because our theme this term was 'It's A Disaster' and we had actually been learning about earthquakes and volcanoes. She told us that if an earthquake happened you would have to hide under a table to protect yourself. She had to have a survival bag with some important things in it such as tinned food, some bandages, water and spare clothes. She also taught us a lot about seaweed and gave us some seaweed to taste. There was green seaweed which wasn't as salty as the red type. She also had some seaweed rice cakes and nuts which were covered in coconut sugar and moss. They were very yummy! As well as that, she brought in some food packets to show us which all contained seaweed. It was very interesting. At the end of her visit she rewarded the pupils who answered a lot of questions by giving them some binoculars. We have really enjoyed Emma coming in to visit us and we hope we see her again soon!



By Ryan
McSparron
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Harvest Service

In October we held our harvest assembly in Upper Cumber Church. P1 and 2 sang songs all about farm vehicles from combine harvester to tractors. P3/4 told us the parable of The Sower and sang a song called 'I Want to be a Farmer'. P4/5 told us about the charity called 'Seeds for Africa' and all the work they do helping many farms there. P6 and 7 ended the service with a presentation called Man vs Machine. It was about differences between farms in Africa and Northern Ireland. They showed presentations about the differences in the crops grown in Africa and Northern Ireland, about the weather and about how many potatoes are produced in each region compared to the population of the both places. Finally they looked at the different farming structures of both regions. After this they raised the roof 'Hit The Diff'. It was great fun!



By Jamie Carmichael

Ministry of Science



One day in September the entire Key Stage 1 and 2 set off to the Millennium Forum to see a performance by the Ministry of Science. The bus journey was fun as everyone was singing on the way.

The show started with a bang, two huge explosions got the attention of the audience. Two people appeared out of the smoke to get the ball rolling. The show featured a human cannon, ball cannon, bottle cannon, plasma ball, Van Der Graff generator (the hair raiser), a smoothie bike and methane bubbles that caught fire. Kara Robinson and Joel Shannon from Cumber Claudy P.S were chosen to go onto the stage to help. The two presenters took us through many types of chemicals, superheroes, the history of science and funny words for songs.

Poppy Miller from P6 told us 'The show was brilliant', Matthew Warnock said 'The show was a great bit of craic!'

By Primary 6

European Day of Modern Languages



If you visited Cumber Claudy one Friday in September you may have thought that you had ended up in a foreign land. You would have seen Spanish and French flags, fancy dress and food on display. It was of course our European Day of Modern Languages. The crowds of parents and friends packed out the assembly hall. Mrs. Smyth introduced the performances before we were treated to such delights as P7's version of Don Quixote, P6's Interview with Muriel and P1's 'Hola!'.



Science Week

September saw the whole school participate in a very successful Science

Week. Rachael from Science Boffins came to show some exciting experiments to the whole school. She then worked with each class making rockets. Emma from Foyle Loughs Agency also visited that week, teaching all the classes about fish and seaweed. Each class also spent lots of time with their teacher, completing experiments, searching for wildlife and talking about science.

Christmas Fayre

On the 4th December it was our annual school Christmas Fayre! This year the P7 pupils set up 4 different stalls in their classroom. There were Christmas eats `n` treats by Rachael Connell, Elle Robinson, Hannah Whiteside, Eden McMinn and Robyn Buchanan. Amy Nutt, Anna Connell and Brooke Molloy did a sweetie stall and also Zara Coyle, Hannah McLaughlin and Madison Durham did a cupcake stall. The P6 pupils were also selling cookies! It was a



very busy classroom! This year the PTFA also sold lots of lovely clothes

and jewellery in the P5 classroom. In the hall there were lots of other stalls and, of course, the raffle ticket prizes which was a huge hit at the end of the evening. Down in the Key Stage 1 area there was Santa's Grotto, nail art and face painting. It was yet another huge success for the PTFA raising a total of £3220! Well done to everyone who was involved!

By Anna Connell and Zara Coyle P7



Country Park Visit

In October the P6 class went to Creggan Country Park to learn about wild life photography. At the start we all had our photograph taken with the mayor and went upstairs to see a slideshow of photos that Christine Cassidy had taken of wildlife . She gave us some advice on how to take the perfect photo . Then she took us around the park . We all had a turn at taking photos . At the end we turned around, went back to the start and had some food. We were given lollies, chocolate biscuits and drinks, before returning back to school.

By Ibby Breslin and Stephen McGowan

Merry Christmas