

**FORDBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL  
FEBRUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER**



Thanks to all the boys and girls who recently supported St Vincent's Hospice by donating £1.00 on our recent Scottish Focus Day. We are continuing to develop our partnership work with St Vincent's Hospice which is a well-respected local resource which has touched the lives of many families.

**You may remember that Mr 'Twinkle Toes' McCormick took part in the St Vincent's Strictly Come Prancing event... well, this year both Mr and Mrs McCormick have been asked to take part and we have decided that life is too short and so are currently rehearsing our 'tango'!! We are creating a Justgiving page and would greatly appreciate any donations of support that you may be able to give - see our Facebook page for further info!**

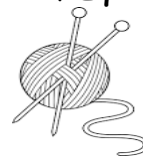
Well done to Sophie Tonner and Caitlyn Galbraith from Primary 6 who took part in the recent Inverclyde Music Festival - we are very proud of both our girls.

Sophie won 2<sup>nd</sup> place which was a wonderful achievement - we look forward to hearing both these girls on The Voice or X Factor in the future!!

Thanks also to Mrs Kennedy for supporting our singers and developing their confidence.



We are looking forward to welcoming some visitors from local sheltered housing for the elderly later in the month who will be working in partnership with us to provide some 'Knit & Natter' sessions with our P5/6 pupils. This is a wonderful way to develop positive relationships between our young people and the elderly within our community. They will be teaching the children the skills of knitting as well as helping us to create a whole school Diversity display in line with our value of **Equality**.



We are looking forward to welcoming visitors from Johnstone Day Centre for the elderly to our next Community Café on 16<sup>th</sup> February. Many thanks to our P7s who are leading the café and to Miss Wadsworth and Heather Henderson who are supporting the children with this enterprise.



The children really enjoyed the recent Scottish Focus Day and took part in many different activities including mini Highland Games led by our Sports Coordinators.

Thanks to all our P1 & 2 parents who came along and joined in with some Highland dancing!!

Our next Focus Day is on 24<sup>th</sup> February and will look at Fairtrade.

More info to follow!



**Valentine's Disco**  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February  
Admission cost - £1.50



P1 - 4 pupils 6.30 - 7.30pm  
P5 - 7 pupil 7.45 - 8.45pm

If Parents/Carers are able to help, please stay and we will give you a helpers badge on the night! There will be tuck available for the children to buy.

**Raising Attainment in Literacy - Book Banding**



Please look out for information to parents/carers on Book Banding which will be issued before the February weekend. We continue to make very good progress with our literacy developments!!

**5 to Thrive**  
**Parental Engagement**

We look forward to welcoming as many of our P1 parents as possible to our 5 to Thrive sessions - information has been issued to our P1 parents.



Our first session is on -  
22<sup>nd</sup> February at 3.30pm

**February Holiday**



10<sup>th</sup> Feb - In-service Day  
13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> Feb Holidays

I hope you all have a great February weekend break!

Carol McCormick  
Acting HT

