



### School Garden/Cooking Club

Our school garden has a new **bothy** just in time for **Garden Club** to begin again at the end of February - dates to be confirmed so look out for the fliers coming soon! We will be looking



for **parent support** at Garden club this year so please consider coming along. The bothy will provide much needed shelter to protect

everyone working in the garden from the elements! What a fantastic addition to our garden - thank you to **You Can Cook** for organising and providing this for us! **Cooking Club** will resume again for a block of four sessions (**February 16th and 23rd then March**



**9th and 16th**) - parents are very welcome to join these sessions too - if you are available to come along please let **Miss Shepherd** know.

### World Book Day



**World Book Day** will take place this year on **Thursday 1 March** and we will be celebrating on the day by coming to school dressed up as

book characters. Pupils will also receive a **£1 World Book Day token** that can be used to exchange for a **FREE World Book Day book** or **£1 off ANY book** or audiobook worth **£2.99 or more** in participating bookshops.



We are running very low on spare clothes for the children to borrow if they unexpectedly get wet or dirty. We would be most

grateful to receive items of unwanted clothing in particular underwear, socks/tights, school uniform (trousers/skirts/jumpers). Thank you.



# Walkerburn Primary School



## FEBRUARY News 2018

### Dates for your Diary - February/March



- Thurs 15 Feb PHS Rector's Information Evening @ St Ronan's - 6.30pm (for P7s and their parents)
- Fri 16 Feb PEEP Group - (Musical Moments)
- Fri 16 Feb Cooking Club - 12.30pm-1.45pm
- Tues 20 Feb Tweed Reads (P5-7)
- Tues 20 Feb Rotary Quiz - 6.30pm (P7)
- Weds 21 Feb P7 morning visit to Peebles High School
- Thurs 22 Feb Mobile Library
- Fri 23 Feb PEEP Group - (Treasure Baskets)
- Fri 23 Feb Cooking Club - 12.30pm-1.45pm
- Thurs 1 Mar **WORLD BOOK DAY - COME DRESSED TODAY AS A BOOK CHARACTER**
- Fri 2 Mar PEEP Group - (Creative Play)
- Fri 2 Mar **NO Cooking Club**
- Mon 5 Mar-Fri 9 Mar **NURSERY ENROLMENT WEEK**
- Tues 6 Mar Nursery Parents' Night (PM)
- Thurs 8 Mar Parents' Night
- Thurs 8 Mar **NO Sticky Fingers**
- Fri 9 Mar PEEP Group (Knowing Me Knowing You)
- Fri 9 Mar Cooking Club - 12.30pm-1.45pm

**Friday 23 March - BUNNY DRIVE**  
**Tuesday 27 March - SPRING FLING**  
**OPEN AFTERNOON**



**P.E.** is every Monday and Friday  
**Walkerburn Baby and Toddlers' Group-** Wednesdays (9.30am)  
**Tuesday Club-** Tuesdays  
**Sticky Fingers-** Thursdays

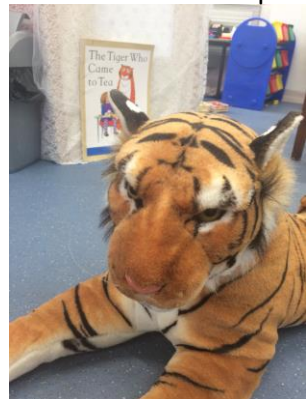
## News from Nursery



We have welcomed this term **Mrs Aird**, our new member of staff who loves it here already! The children have been interested in **aliens** and **rockets** and Mrs Aird brought in a huge cardboard rocket ship which everybody decorated with paints and pens and they all made up their own rules for the rocket ship. We have been investigating all



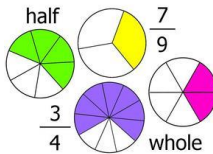
about **astronauts** and **lunar sand**! We made **pizza** for snack after discussions that we had about food. We are still visiting St Ronan's Nursery every Friday for outdoor play and we are enjoying making new friends with the Nursery children there. Helen from **Childsmile** came and spoke about the importance of good oral health and she showed us how to brush our teeth more effectively.



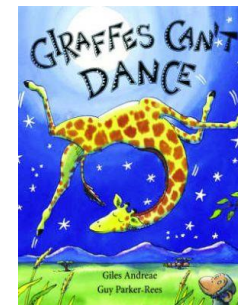
This week we had a very unexpected visit from a tiger who came for some tea! It was very exciting - he knocked on our door and he was outside!! He was very hungry and messy!!

## News from P1-4

Primary 1-4 started the New Year with a bang and we have managed to squash in so much this month including the **Burns Poetry Competition**! I was so proud of everyone in my class for their outstanding performances and participation, well done! In **Music** we have been learning a variety of **Scottish folk songs** and even performed one as part of the Burns celebrations! We celebrated **Jeffrey's birthday**! Jeffrey is our reading giraffe who likes to join in with our ERIC time (Everyone Reading in Class); our guided reading groups; and asks us questions about what we have learned. He was very spoilt and got lots of cards with 2D shape patterns on them. In **Maths**, we are learning about **fractions** so we spent some time halving and quartering fruit and dividing



portions equally amongst the class. We also designed portraits with the help of our Reflective Reading book of the week, '**Giraffes Can't Dance**' (Jeffrey's favourite!). For our writing unit, we are learning to write **instructions**, so to start us off we followed instructions on how to make rice crispie cakes within our groups. They were fantastic! We have been looking at the importance of giving as part of our **RME** unit and have had a lovely visit from **Rev. Faris** to tell us all about how the church contributes to charity. In **Health and Wellbeing**, we are looking at keeping safe, and we have been exploring hazards around the home, signs and how to handle an emergency. As **Safer Internet Day** was this month PC Furness came in to talk to everyone about how to stay safe online.



**Safer Internet Day 2018**  
Tuesday 6 February

## News from P5-7



Primary 5-7 have been finishing off a mini topic on **Electricity**. For this they created a model village with



wooden framed houses. Inside each house they had to construct a simple circuit to light up their house. The overall effect is very good. This term we have also been studying **Fair Trade** and looking at the impact that this has on producers of coffee, tea, cocoa, bananas and other fruits. **Well done** to everyone who took an active part in learning their poem for the annual Burns Competition this year! The Primary 6 and 7 classes were also invited to the **St. Ronan's Burns' Lunch** this year, at which they performed a **Reply to the Toast to the Guests**.



## Burns Poetry Competition Winners

This year's merit certificates were awarded to: P1-**Bailey**, P2-**Declan**, P3-**Charlie**, P4-**Abbie**, P5-**Jack**, P6-**Thomas**, and P7-**Tiegan**. Thank you once again to our judges **Mrs Stoddart** and **Miss Muir** who were very impressed by this year's standard of recitations. The judges were invited to stay and enjoy a Burns' Lunch with the children and a great time was had by all!

