Hello everyone,

We have had a busy time this term with both staff and pupils working hard. The primary 3, 4 and 6 pupils have really enjoyed their topic about owls which was linked to a novel study of the book “The owl who was afraid of the dark.” The pupils visited The Birds of Prey Centre in Cumbernauld where they were able to hold and feed a variety of birds. Our primary 7 pupil along with his Glenlee inclusion class were really engaged by their topic, Japan. He created some fantastic models of a working volcano and an earthquake simulation!

The primary 1 class topic was “Where we live” The children spent time walking in the local area learning about the different buildings and services it contains.

Next term primary 3, 4, and 6’s topic is “Under the Sea” and our primary 7 pupil will be focusing on preparing for his move to Calderside Academy next session. The primary 1 class topic will be “Welcoming a baby” and “transport”

Comic Relief
Hamilton School for the Deaf organised a Bake Sale for Comic Relief. Pupils and staff baked cakes and sold them to Glenlee primary pupils from their inclusion classes. On the day we had a sumptuous display of cakes to sell and raised £ 94.60. Many thanks to all our parents who baked with their children!

Deafax
Rubenna Aurangzeb-Tariq, from the Deaf organisation, Deafax visited the school in March to deliver Health and Wellbeing workshops to our pupils. Rubbena is deaf and our young people really benefitted from the opportunity to work with a Deaf adult. Rubbena also delivered a workshop to some of our parents, on talking to children about sexual health and relationships.
Deaf Tutor
Paul Tipling our Deaf tutor has visited the school one day per week for 12 weeks this session. He has been teaching sign language to the pupils of Glenlee primary school and also working with our pupils as a deaf role model. Paul will continue to visit in the summer term.

West of Scotland Deaf Children’s Society Football Tournament.
We plan for the first time this year to attend the West of Scotland’s Deaf Children’s Society football tournament which will be held on the 21st May in Kilwinning. The tournament is attended by deaf primary age children from across the West of Scotland.

World Book Day
We celebrated World Book Day by pupils and staff dressing up as a character from their favourite book. Ken and Jean McCall also visited the school to sign stories to the children.

Staff News
Siobhan McGee, who is the class teacher in the infant class on Thursdays and Fridays, is currently on maternity leave. She had a wee boy (Jacob) in February. Lorna Hay is working fulltime in the infant class to cover Siobhan’s maternity leave.

You are Welcome!
I hope it is clear by now that Hamilton School for the Deaf has an open door policy. If you are worried about anything or just want to talk about your child then please pop in or make an appointment to have a chat.

Have a great Easter holiday!

Eileen Burns