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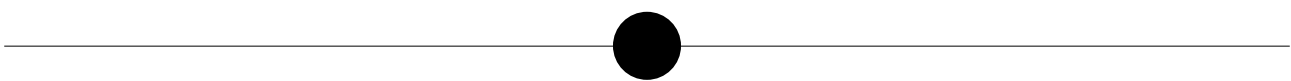
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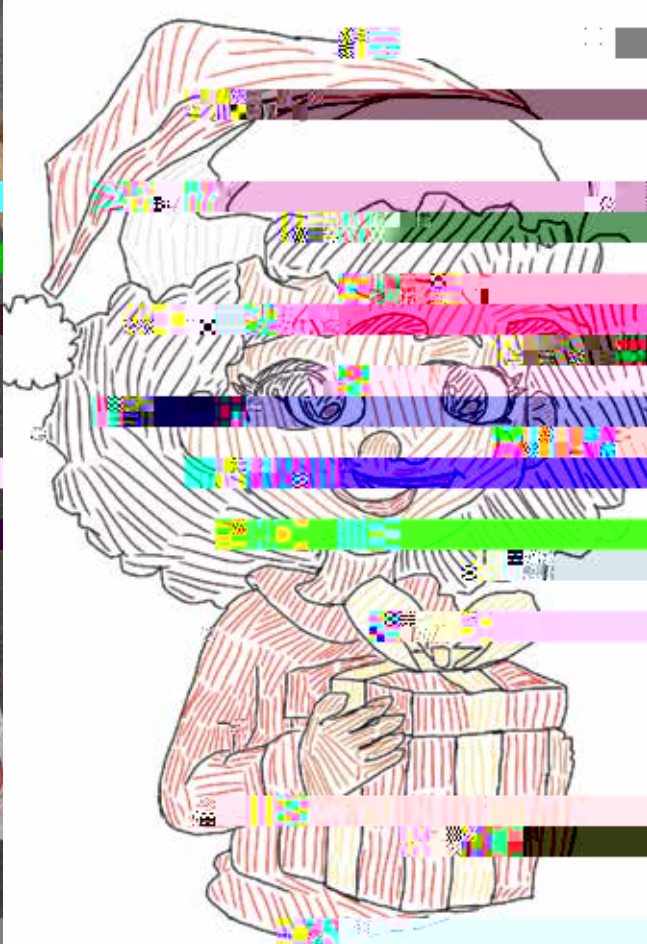
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Whilst many people might be digging out their running kit for a New Year's resolution at the start of 2024, there are many pupils at South Morningside Primary School who have long been committed to putting in the miles. Bright and early at 8am every Wednesday, the school Cross Country Club meets in Braidburn Valley Park for a morning run. Led by teachers Bruce Wilson and Peter Kiln, a group of over thirty P6 and P7 pupils stretch their legs up the bank and along the river. With the endorphins pumping, everyone makes their way back to school, happy, ready, and focussed for a busy day of learning.

Mr Bruce Wilson, P6 and P7 Cross Country Club

2023, Junior Cross Country Club
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Working Towards Silver in James Gillespie's Primary School

James Gillespie's Primary School were delighted to achieve the Rights Respecting Bronze Award in October. We are now working towards silver! One of our latest projects has been developing our reward system.

At James Gillespie's Primary School, we have a reward system where children earn points for respecting the rights of others. For example, if someone fell in the playground and you went to tell a PSA you would get a red strip and write 39, because you've respected their right to help if they have been hurt' **Rana, P7.**

'If you walked quietly passed a classroom you could write 29 on a green strip because you are respecting other peoples' right to an education' **Christina, P6.**

'Every time you get a paper chain you think about what right you have respected' **Otis, P7.**

'This is great, because now we know more about our rights in general' **Elin, P7.**

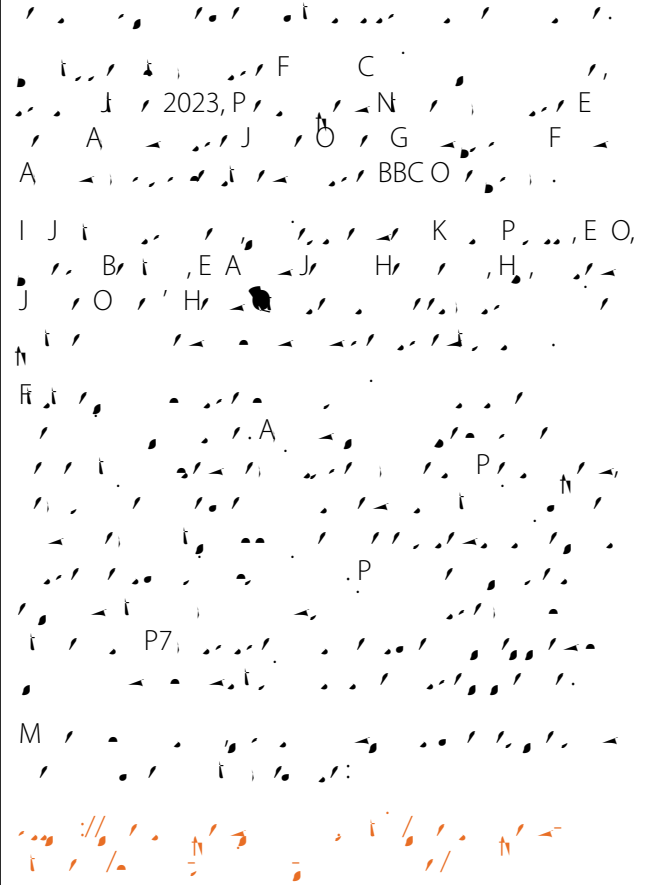
Harriet Bannerman, Rights Respecting Coordinator, James Gillespie's Primary School






In 2020, the coronavirus living crisis was impacting the whole of the UK, and our learners at Prestonfield Nursery were among those being affected. To support our nursery community through this difficult period, the Family Cooking initiative was created with the main aim of bringing families together to cook an affordable, tasty, hot meal to take home to feed their family.

Every day, we support our learners and their families to overcome challenges and achieve their goals. At Prestonfield Nursery, we have a strong focus on providing a safe and secure environment for our learners and their families. Our Family Cooking initiative is a key part of our support, helping families to cook a hot meal together and take it home to feed their family.



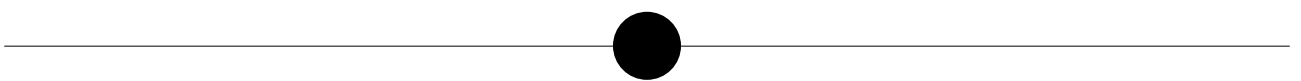
Jenny Hennessy, Kirsty Pacitti and Saleha Begum, Prestonfield Nursery





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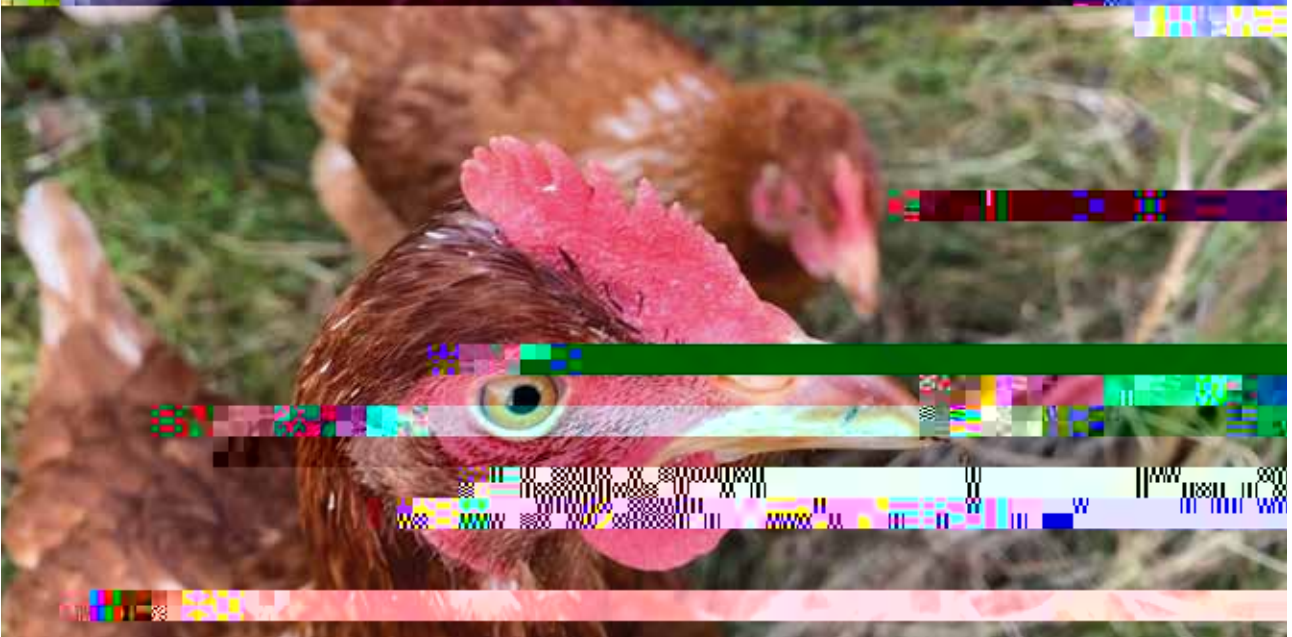


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Pilrig Park School

Purple Class – Little Wins – Opportunities for Personal Achievement

At Pilrig Park School, we are dedicated to celebrating all our pupils and their fantastic achievements on a daily basis. This term, Purple Class have set up a class display celebrating individual learner's Little Wins.

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**Ms Emma Reid, Class Teacher, Purple Class
Pilrig Park School**





We have had a running club at Craigour Park every Friday morning before school for about 15 years. It is a fun running club for everyone. Our youngest

Bairns without Borders

Refugee children's stories of hope and healing told in film, podcast and print

Senior authority Hermitage Park primary shared their pupil created short movie entitled *Bairns without Borders* in April. Last year they were awarded Scottish Book Trust funding to create their emotional digital story. This film shared the first-hand experiences of the school's Ukrainian and Sudanese refugee pupils' journey to Leith.

Alexander, L. B., 'We were thrilled to be awarded funding to create our *Bairns without Borders* writing project. This bridged the cultural gap between our refugee (Ukrainian, Sudanese, Syrian) and non-refugee pupils by offering connection and celebrating courage through digital storytelling.

Our pupils gained digital storytelling skills but more importantly, it also reduced stigma and amplified the voices of the marginalised:

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L. B. *Bairns without Borders* as an important project to promote children's rights. 'Our pupils used their

multi-national voices to address anti-refugee rhetoric and misinformation by learning how to research and question sources on human migration and political situations in a partisan, children's rights respecting approach.

The short movie was made by the students using their iPads, which is all their own work. In Edinburgh, our senior pupils all have individual iPads through our empowered learning programme, which was invaluable here.

The movie itself, is only around twenty minutes and it is worthy of praise in its own right. But the work that went before, is what really matters. When you watch it you will see the values of compassion and inclusion from our Leith pupils. You will also see the TJO-1.2 Td(st)3 (tar

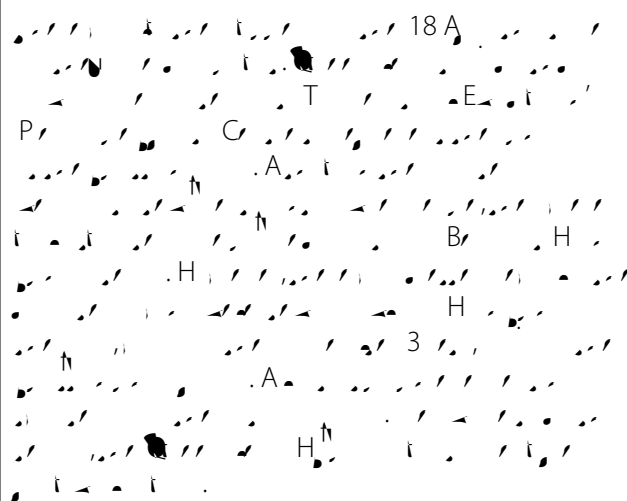


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Sporting Achievement at Queensferry High School

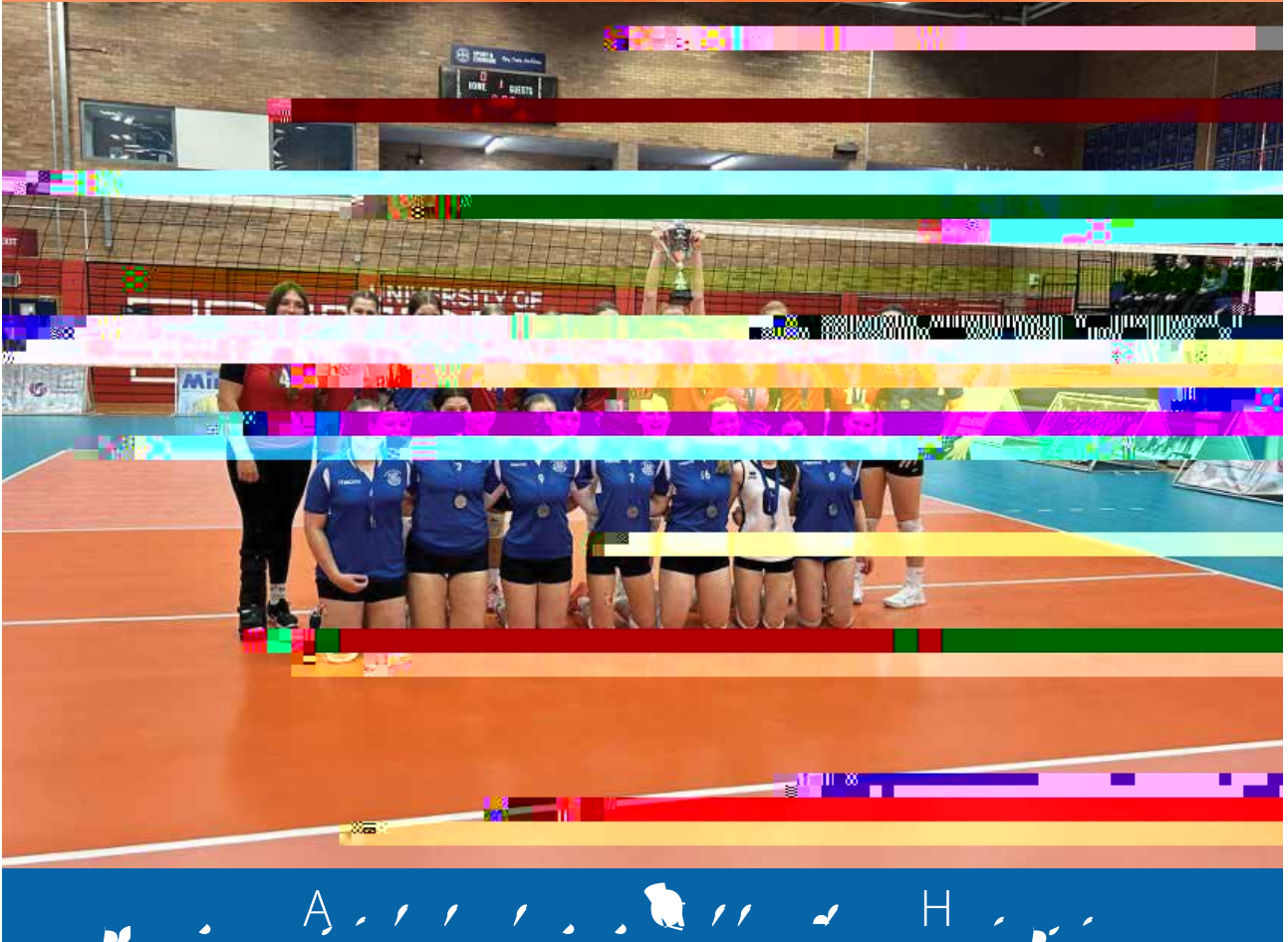
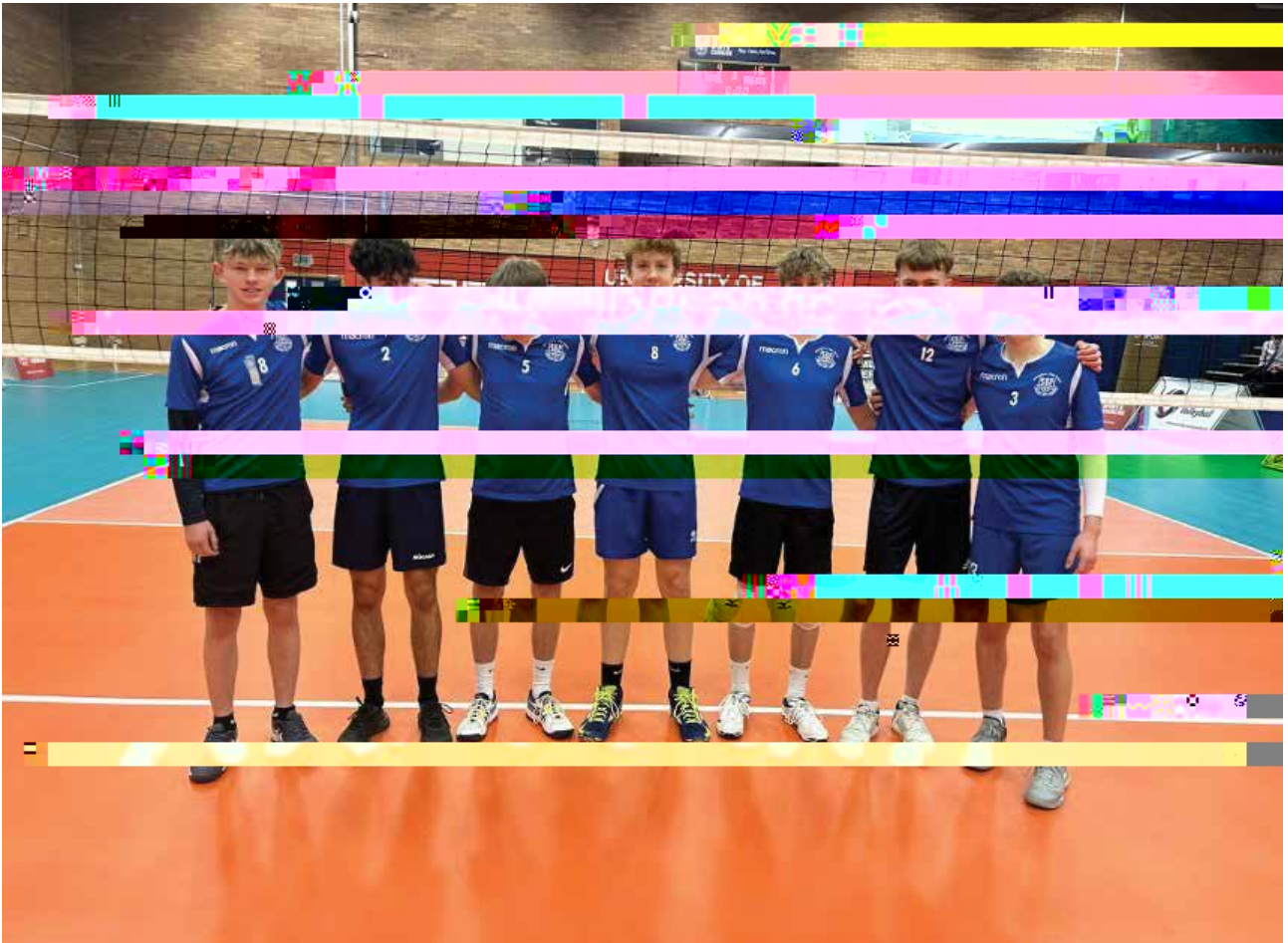
The school community at Queensferry are incredibly proud of the recent national sporting achievements of our young people. Prior to the Easter break our U15 boys basketball team were rewarded for their efforts by winning the Scottish Schools Cup. This win came through victories over Graeme HS by 70 points to 59 in the semi-finals

before defeating Mearns Castle in the final 83 points to 51, in a thoroughly entertaining match.



**Kenny Manson, Depute Head Teacher
Queensferry High School**





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