



# The School Snitch



REACHING OUT TO CATCH THE NEWS.

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### Community Learning in East Craigs Primary School

Researched by Manaswini, Alisha, Jess, Emma, Jason, Abbie and Zoe

This year East Craigs Primary School introduced Community Learning Teams. The teams run in Terms 2 and 3 and meet fortnightly on a Monday afternoon. There are 15 different groups which are made up of pupils from P1 to P7.

The Eco Upcycling Team is run by Miss Keay. During their first session the group made key chains and jewellery. Hope Hinchcliffe said that she enjoys this team because she can have fun and make different things. During their second session, the team were getting ready for Christmas by designing Christmas cards.

Another Community Learning Team running at East Craigs is the Community Citizenship Team which encourages children to form friendships across year groups. During their second session they spent time in the nursery.



Shaun Townsend told us, "I like [this team] because I get to play with my sister." Furthermore, Jamie said he likes to come to the nursery and have fun on the swings.

The Film Making Team is run by Mrs May. Children are able to make a movie and they are hoping to enter their creations into the Edinburgh Schools Film Competition. Rebecca Dillon enjoys creating characters and exploring apps.

As part of the Performance Team, children have the

opportunity to dance and sing. They are hoping to put on a show soon. Melissa Evans and Freya Adams like practicing their dances because they can use mats and other pieces of equipment.

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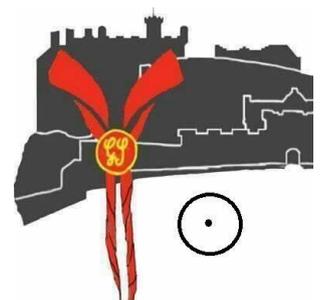
### The Great Gang Show

Researched by Kate, Murray, Emily S, Owen, Robyn, Kyle, Ryan and Ruby.

The Great Gang show took place from 15th November—19th November at the Kings Theatre. The show involved over 250 Brownies, Guides, Cubs and Scouts from all over Edinburgh. Although any young person from Scouting and Girlguiding Edinburgh has the opportunity to audition, the chil-

dren went through a tough selection process. The show mainly consists of dancing, singing, but there is also some acting and sketches. The show is very popular and tickets sell out fast. Jacob Petrie, who took part this year told us, "It is hard work but enjoyable." His brother Fraser Petrie

said, "It is not as hard now because this is my third year doing the show. I hope I get to take part next year."



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## Teacher Interview: Ms. Reid



Ms Reid  
Head Teacher at East  
Craigs Primary

1. What gave you the idea of the Community Learning Teams?

Schools in Falkirk use this idea a lot, and it works well because it gives children a sense of leadership.

2. If you were in school when the Community Learning Teams were happening, what team would you be in?

Definitely Rights Rangers or Eco Upcycling because they are very new.

3. What is it like being Head Teacher?

It is very, very busy!

4. How did you become a Head Teacher?

In a lot of different schools I was the Acting Head Teacher which is basically a trial of being a Head Teacher. Then I applied for the Head Teacher position at East Craigs and I got the job!

5. What is your favourite thing about being Head Teacher?

The people in this school are the best thing about my job.

**Researched by Evan,  
Edie, Paul, Katie, Gregor  
and Oliver**

## We enjoy our learning!

" I LOVE MY  
TOPIC!"  
PAUL STUART  
P5B

Recently, Primary 1 have been learning about our Frozen Planet. Oliver Kukuruzovic said that he has enjoyed it, saying, "I love learning about the polar bears."

Primary 2 are looking at Scotland and Katie Morag. The children are looking forward to reading some Katie Morag books and learning all about the adventures she has.

Primary 3 have been studying weather. Isla Hopkins said, " I loved putting my jars outside to measure how much rain had fallen. They are

all very much looking forward to learning about The Vikings!

Primary 4 have been studying sound and electricity. The children greatly enjoyed their Generation Science workshop on vibrations.

Primary 5 have been comparing Scotland with France and Germany. Paul Stuart has loved this topic. He said he is able to learn about other countries, and he enjoys answering questions and analyzing

the landscape and features of the two countries.

Primary 6 have been learning about human reproduction. Sonny Wilkes is looking forward to their trip to the National Museum of Scotland where they are taking part in a DNA extraction workshop.

Primary 7 have been looking at World War One and Two. Congratulations on your assembly which took place on Friday 20th January.

**Researched by  
James, Ryley, Sonny  
Isla**

## Join the Club!



There are a number of different clubs that take place at East Craigs. We have an After School Club, Football Clubs, a Guitar Club, Choir, Computer Clubs and a Breakfast Club.

Our After School Clubs are run by Oscars and Leaps and Bounds. They take place at East Craigs Church and

Craigsbank Church. They run from 3.15-6pm. Adam Scott who attends, says he enjoys playing football, lego and drawing. Edie Jackson said that she enjoys the club because they can go on walks, and do art and crafts.

Choir is run on a Wednesday afternoon from 3.15-4.20 by Ms. Graham. This club is open to P5-7.

The Guitar Club is run by Mrs. Dickie on a Thursday after school. Here, children learn to play different songs and chords. Kate Moore enjoys the club because she learns lots of popular songs and she says it is a lot of fun.

The Computer Club is run by P6 pupils for 8 P2s. It takes place every Monday lunchtime. Children are able to explore different apps.

**Researched by Sean,  
Mia, Brydon, Jamie and  
Adam**



## Random Questions

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| Can elephants fly?                                       | world what would you do?  | Who are your top 3 super-heroes?    |
| How many lives do cats have?                             | If you could be a duck or an owl which would you be and why?                        | What is your dream job?             |
| Would you rather have chocolate or strawberry ice cream? | If you could only eat one thing for the rest of your life what would it be and why? | What is your favourite Disney film? |
| Would you rather be an hour early or 5 minutes late?     | If you had to be on a reality TV show which one would you be on and why?            | What is your favourite book?        |
| On the first day of ruling the                           |   |                                     |



## Just Jokes!

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| Why was 6 afraid of 7?<br>Because 7 ate 9!                         | What did the sea say to the sand? Nothing it just waved!  | Why did the cow cross the road? To go to the mooooooovies!  |
| Knock knock!<br>Who's there?<br>Cash<br>Cash who?<br>Are you nuts? | What do you call an alligator in a vest? An investigator!<br><br>A boy went to the doctor and he said to the doctor, "I feel like a pair of curtains." The doctor said, "pull yourself together boy!" | Why did the banana go to the hospital? Because he wasn't peeling well!<br><br>A man walks into a bar and brings his horse. One day he leaves his horse at the counter and the barman asks, "why the long face?" |

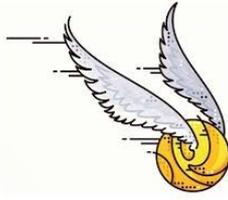


## Brain Teasers!

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| 1. What goes up when the rain comes down?   | Suddenly he slips and falls. He has no safety equipment and nothing to soften his fall, and yet he is not hurt. How is this?             | and the other tells a lie. You only get one question—what would it be? |
| 2. You're in a secure prison with only an orange and a knife. How do you get out? |  |  |
| 3. A window cleaner is cleaning a window on the 25th floor of a skyscraper.       | 4. You are in a room with two men, each guarding a door. One door leads to life and the other to death. One guard always tells the truth | For answers see page 4.  |



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# Sporting Achievements

Elliott Thomson attended the Forrester P3-7 badminton club and he won the top group competition.

Well done!

Sean Jeffrey's football team won a huge tournament at Prestonpans and received a trophy.

Excellent!

Alexander Hall has been kick-boxing for 9 years and has won a number of competitions.

Kyle Hunter has achieved a yellow belt in Tae Kwon-Do. Super!



Jacob Petrie has won a swimming medal for swimming 100 metres.

Jamie Snedden has a blue belt in Tae Kwon-Do. Well done!

Sonny Wilkes was chosen to represent the Redhall Star football team at a tournament in Wales. Great!



Please note:

These are the achievements the children found out about during our Community Learning Team time. If there are any other achievements you would like to share with us please do not hesitate to contact Ms Reid or Miss Duncanson.

Answers to Brian Teasers

1. An umbrella
2. Cut the orange in half and put them together. Two halves make a 'whole' so jump through it!
3. He is cleaning the window from the inside.
4. The question is 'what door would the other guard tell me to go through?' and you would then do the opposite.