

Daily Blog for the group visit ~ 2nd June to 30th June 2012

DAY 19 Wednesday 20th June – St Nicholas PS, Broxburn, Playbus and Kostya's birthday

Another visit to the dentist for Vadim Calderwood and Dasha Johnston – Dasha was surprisingly keen to go to the dentist – little did she realise that it would be for an extraction! Both proudly joined the rest of the children at St Nicholas Primary School, Broxburn later in the morning clutching little bags for the tooth fairy.



The children enjoyed a lovely morning with Mrs Meikleham's Primary 7 class – the school attended by Dasha Harper's host sisters. There was a short question time on the differences between schooling in both countries after which the children were split into



groups and built towers made out of art straws. Some very impressive constructions were made and the children mixed well. After a short playtime together outside, the Belarusian children were given

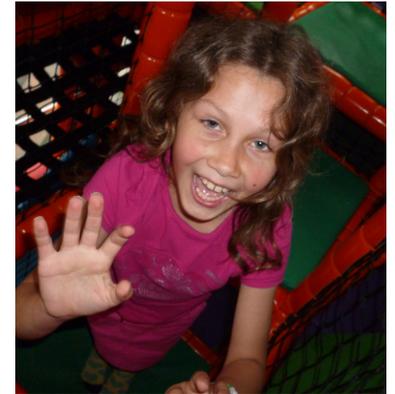
juice, crisps and sweets. Mrs Meikleham's class then presented the children with a cheque for £500 from the school fundraising campaign. A big thank you to all the

pupils, staff and parents at St Nicholas for their fundraising and especially Mrs Meikleham's class for making us feel so welcome.

A quick journey back to the church in time for the Wednesday lunchtime service taken for the first time by Kenny. The children sang a couple of songs for the members of the congregation, friends and sponsors. The congregation were even more delighted to receive a round of applause from the children following their singing! We had a lovely soup and sandwich lunch prepared and served by our friends, the lovely ladies from Broxburn Parish Church following which everyone staying for lunch sang 'Happy Birthday' to Kostya and we all had some of his birthday cake.



After lunch it was time for the Playbarn – a double decker bus converted into a soft play including ball pit and slide! All the children had a great time bouncing around on the bus and the afternoon was a great success. Thanks to all at the Playbarn bus for a lovely afternoon.



Fun stuff – watching the art straw towers being built and seeing how excited the children were bouncing around the Playbarn bus.

Stars of the day – Dasha and Vadim for being so brave at the Dentist and, of course, our friends the lovely ladies who made so many different kinds of soup and sandwiches for lunch.