

## Tues 22 Sep

## **Concert/Swimming**

The end of the visit is looming large and today was our third last day We had our first long practice of the concert on the actual stage this morning. Lots of instructions given and standing in the right places made the performance longer than normal but the children and interpreters did very well and the concert is shaping up to be our best ever September group concert, even if it is the first All joking aside, come along, you certainly wont be disappointed.

A packed lunch restored the energy levels for the afternoon of swimming lessons. It was great to see how far the children have come in terms of their confidence in the water. We were visited by the Courier photographer at the end of the session for a wee photo session which will hopefully appear in next weeks Courier. Huge thanks to Excite and their swimming teachers who have done a great job over the past 4 weeks.

Funny moment of the day was the boys spotting some coins away under the vending machine and then using various methods over a 10/15 minute period to try and fish them out, while waiting for the girls to dry their hair. Eventually it was Stas "fingers" Gilchrist who unlocked the safe and managed to hook the 50p with a device made from coffee stirrers. He promptly put it into the vending machine and was devastated and so upset when 50p wouldnt buy him anything after all his hardwork. So we topped it up by 20p and got him starbust to share with everyone <sup>(3)</sup> Another great day. Concert tomorrow and only 2 activity days to go <sup>(3)</sup>

