

P3 Trip to the Glasgow Museums with an Egyptian Theme

As a trip to Egypt was not possible – particularly this year – the P3 classes headed west to Glasgow. Our first port of call was the Glasgow Museum Resource Centre. Here we acted out the Weighing of the Heart Ceremony. Every child became a god or the unfortunate mummy who was up against the court. They all had a symbol to carry which represented the god. Alexander and Max, the mummies, managed to get into the afterlife so Nicholas and Sholto H-S (as Amut) did not get to eat their hearts. We were then treated to going into the large stores and getting to see and handle a variety of Egyptian artefacts. The most unusual one was an ancient dung ball and real scarab beetles!

The next stop was the Burrell Collection where we were shown a variety of Egyptian items that Sir Burrell had collected and given to the people of Glasgow. We saw the mummy of an ibis and a pyramidion, canopic jars and part of a wooden coffin. The children got into groups and used many items to work out for themselves the information behind each one.

Johnnie : “I loved acting out the Weighing of the Heart Ceremony.”

Maddy: “I really enjoyed seeing the pots that were made 5000 years ago.”

