

Lamlash Primary School and Early Years Class

UPDATE FROM MRS FOSTER

Hi everyone,

I love this term! It's not just the improving weather (sometimes!) or the new growth everywhere, it's the time in school when the children start to learn in a variety of different exciting ways. The staff are planning trips and activities that will take us out of the school environment; we will let you know our plans as soon as possible.

In addition, our Science Day involved water! Lots of it! It was great to see the concentration on the children's faces as they transported water in buckets with holes or attempted to move wee ducks from one part of the playground to another. The finale of the day was a dramatic demonstration of the water cycle - it was wonderful! It reminded me what a privilege it is to be Head Teacher and I learned about precipitation – every day is a school day.

Another example of the summer term activities was the P7 'non- residential residential'. By all accounts it looked as though the children had a fantastic time; they challenged themselves both physically and mentally and worked together with their peers from across the island. Miss Scott was very complimentary about the way that the children were willing to try, and were able to conquer their fears.

I am looking forward to reading the children's reports this term and finding out about the culmination of their efforts over the year. It will undoubtedly take a while for the impact of lockdown to fully disappear, but it is clear that our children are resilient and teachers continue to focus on elements of recovery, while pushing on with learning. Tracking and monitoring evidences that everyone has made progress, which is great.

Finally, I have arranged a 'tasting lunch' for any parents interested in finding out more about school meal provision. This will take place on 18th May, details to follow.

I hope you have a lovely and safe weekend.

Mrs Foster

Date: 5th May 2022

Fèis Arain

Fèis Arain will take place at Arran High School from Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th July.

Tutors from the Fèis visited all the primary schools last week to tell the P4-7 children, about the activities available. Information was emailed to parents last week.

Fèis Arainn is an event open to young people from the age of eight, which takes place during the last week of July.

Over the 4 days participants will have the opportunity to try out or improve their skills in a number of musical instruments, song, drama, art and shinty as well as improving their Gaelic language skills.

Beginners are very welcome at all of our events, and those who already play an instrument or sing will also find the experience very rewarding. We aim to cater for all abilities, right up to accomplished musicians and singers. You don't need to be able to read music and you don't need to have any previous knowledge of traditional music to enjoy a Fèis. Workshops are taught by ear with participants learning tunes and songs one phrase at a time.

To book a place please log on to:
feisarainn.co.

School Science Day

The whole school took part in a Science day on Thursday 28th focusing on water, how we use it and STEM activities. A fun day was had looking at the water cycle and designing a poster, how water gets into our homes, sustainable energy and changes we need to make, how rain clouds are formed and how water travels underground. This was achievable through a grant we were successful with from British Science Association. We finished the day with a school performance about the water cycle. No ducks were hurt in the making of the day; they just travelled down the pipes.





News from the Early Years Class

Over the past few weeks we have been enjoying the glorious weather, talking about how we are really starting to see the signs of Spring all around us. There has been lots of planting in our garden, e.g. potatoes, strawberries, sweet peas and wild flowers. Hopefully our garden will be full of beautiful flowers soon where it will encourage various insects and bees to visit; developing a beautiful space where we will be able to taste the fruits of our labour!

There has also been a big interest in water play, from filling our tuff tray at ground level where we have experienced different temperatures of water with our hands and feet, and having the biggest bubble competition, to experimenting with the capacity and flow of water when using our developing water wall complete with funnels, tubes, pipes and guttering.

In the art area we have been painting our own interpretations of the signs of Spring, talking about the colours and forms of flowers. We have also been looking a little closer at dandelion flowers when making our dandelion playdough-picking the petals, discovering how they change the colour of the playdough, and examining the shape of the leaves "which look like lion's teeth". We discovered that dandelions have their name derived from the French phrase 'dents de lion' which means lion's tooth! We have been collecting the many pinecones which have been falling from the trees and have used them to explore numeracy and size. We have also used them to develop our own outside games! Travel and tickets have also a big discussion point. We have been discussing all the places where you need a ticket, and then had a go at making our own, talking about the information we needed to have on our ticket; from cost, mode of transport, the destination, and who it was for!

We look forward to seeing what the next few weeks bring in the Early Years Class!

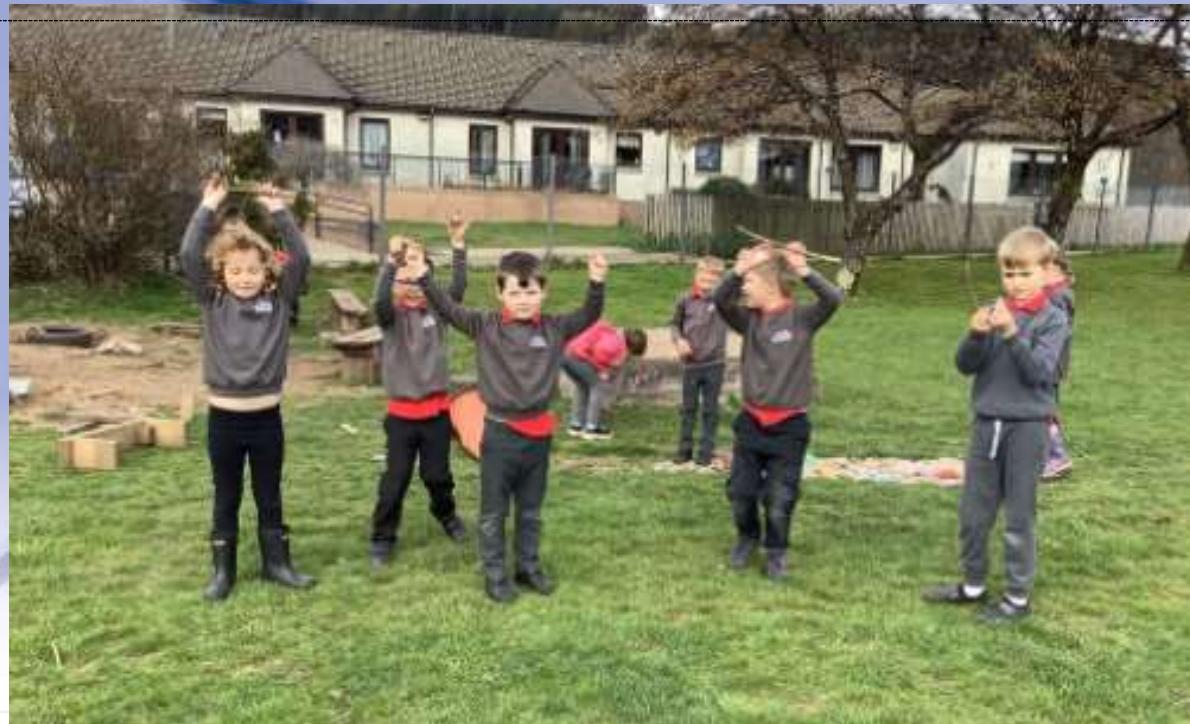




P1/2 News

We'd like to start our section of the newsletter with a congratulations to P1/2 (and gardening club). We achieved our RSPB Wild Challenge Bronze Award, complete with fancy certificates. This first level means we've completed six challenges exploring and helping nature – our bird feeders, wildflower planting, birdwatching, looking closer and surveying habitats. These have all helped our local wildlife but also helped us by learning about and experiencing nature. We need to complete six more activities to achieve Silver by the end of the term.





We're looking forward to a superb final term as P1/2 2021/22, and have lots of exciting activities planned for the class.

The class are beginning a wee project with Mrs MacHale; all about Lamlash! We will be going out and about in the community, learning about the different environments and land use in the village. Maps will be a focus, creating our own physical and mental maps of Lamlash while finding out what the different areas of the village are used for from farming to forestry and sky to sea.

Mrs MacHale is also starting a topic on money which should be good fun; children seem to take it more seriously when we're discussing money! We'll look at the different coins and combinations when paying for things – playing shop at home would be great practise and looking at prices in the Co-op would help to familiarise your child with the language of money. Then we will move on to adding money and calculating change!



We'll be working on music activities, learning about parts of the body and creating some art influenced by our outdoor area – hopefully this will be displayed outdoors for all to see! We'll be exploring time, fractions and division in maths with Mrs Marriott.



We have a whole campus Health and Wellbeing week coming up, which will feature some fantastic activities and an opportunity to work in our house groups. We will also have some activities for P1/2 to explore the Queen's Jubilee.

The class will be focusing on imaginative stories with Mrs Marriott and using outside as a stimulus to help us create these. In fact we've already had our first foray into becoming authors through 'Helicopter Stories'. This session each week is a chance for the children to become story tellers, to use their imagination and to become part of each other's story through drama. We've already had 2 really successful 'Helicopter Story' sessions and have heard all about flying pigs, pillagers from Minecraft, dragons, dogs and worms! (To name but a few!)





PIC+COLLAGE

We've started clearing out and planting up the school herb garden and this will be our responsibility over the next term – hopefully we will remember to remind Mrs Marriott that it needs watering!

We had to dig out what was already in the planters – a great opportunity to explore the roots of last years' plants! We had to add new compost – which was very smelly and lead to some hilarity! We had to add new seeds – exploring the different size and shape of them. We had to write the names of the plants so we didn't forget what we're growing – thanks to Lewis for helping with this.

Now we need to remember to water, sit back and watch them grow... Soon we'll have some new ingredients for the smelly cocktails we are making as part of our RSPB award!

P3/4 NEWS

P3/4 have settled back into school routines after enjoying their Easter holidays. Our return to Numeracy and Mathematics began with playing board games. We then moved on to learning the concept of multiplication.

In Literacy and English, we have returned to our routines of handwriting, learning our word of the day, spelling and reading. We have been improving our writing skills by working on colourful semantics to make sentences. There are different versions to this but most of the class



seem comfortable with the following format:

We began using cards with corresponding colours for each category then moved on to creating our own words and sentences. We had fun creating some very silly sentences! Our learning intention was to improve word order and to make sure we're using appropriate punctuation at the beginning and end of our sentences.



We're concluding our topic about The Romans, by creating our very own Roman shields. The class are really enjoying these and have been very creative, whilst also using their STEM skills to add handles, etc. Hopefully we'll have photographs of the completed shields for the next newsletter.

The class are also developing their STEM skills with Mrs MacHale. This week, they examined bridges, then competed to see which group could create the strongest bridge with the provided materials.



PIC COLLAGE

P4/5 News

What a lovely start to term with sunshine and heat in the days. This has allowed us to enjoy the outside space and do lots of our learning in the sunshine.

In Literacy we have been looking at instructions. Pupils were asked to write down instructions for an alien on how to make a cup of tea. I chose 3 at random and acted out the instructions, we had water over the desk, sugar all over, and when one wrote throw the teabag out, it got messy. They were more careful with instructions to make a cake!

In Numeracy we are looking at measurement, specifically volume, area and mass. We have weighed things we found in the school and grounds and used the seesaw weighing balance to see who weighed the same. In class we measured out water and then had to calculate how to share it equally. For greater effect we added food colour to the water and made beautiful Maths work; any excuse for a bit of colour!



With the good weather we have been out doing more PE and fitness, football, rounders and athletics so far, Olympics in 10 years' time.

We are still working on our Viking project, adding to the class display, armoury and fact/myth wall and are about to start our long boat making.

P4/5 are having a big impact on the outside space. They have helped move all the flower pots and tyres to start a habitat area. They have planted squashes, corn and sunflowers in class ready to go into the planting beds and made a giant spider's web on the fence.

Anna, Alex, Zander and Jakub have been teaching us Polish and the difference in the written language. We can now say "hello", "how are you?", "good morning" and "goodbye" as a class; swientne dzieci! I hope this says 'great kids'



P6/7 News

It has been an exciting return to school after the Easter Holidays. We are off to a busy start and we're looking forward to all the exciting things our final term has to offer!

The P7s thoroughly enjoyed their 'non-residential' trip to the Arran Outdoor Education Centre with other P7s from around the island. It was great to see everyone step out of their comfort zone and try new things, such as rock climbing, abseiling and much more! Miss Scott had fun too! We can't thank the Outdoor Centre staff enough for all their support.



This term, we are looking forward to learning about our new topic 'Rainforests'. The children are looking forward to engaging in a wide variety of learning experiences to develop their understanding of this topic.

In Literacy, we are looking forward to continuing our creative writing block and looking at report writing, using our knowledge of our topic to write informative pieces. We will also have some opportunities to present information to our peers, which will develop our listening and talking skills.

In Numeracy, we have already mastered the order of operations (**BODMAS**) and are looking forward to learning about: Measurement; Money and Data Analysis.



A Pedal for Scotland Event is coming to Irvine on the 8th May!

Active Schools are working in Partnership with North Ayrshire and Cycling Scotland to deliver Pedal Irvine. Aimed at families, this free to enter, inclusive, mass participation cycle ride will start and finish at the Maritime Museum in Irvine. The 10km route will be on closed roads and off-road cycle paths taking a tour of the Beach Park and National Cycle Network. There will be medals handed out, freebies, competitions and a range of partners to welcome you on completion of the course. To find out more and to book your places at this exciting event click on *[link to follow](#)*.

Information and sign up's are via this link and are now live.

<https://www.cycling.scot/pedal-for-scotland/irvine>

Booking via Eventbrite

[Pedal Irvine Tickets, Sun 8 May 2022 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/pedal-irvine-tickets-16840030000)

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