

# Lismore Newsletter Term 3



It's been another amazing term here at Lismore Primary School and as you will see from this newsletter, a busy one too!

We have had lots of fun this term including red nose day, world book day, pancake day and treat day. But of course, as always, we continue to work hard! This term we have had a big focus on our spelling, handwriting and basic arithmetic skills (we are all showing big improvements in these areas).

We are also working hard on our school priorities: embedding digital learning, building on positive relationships and raising attainment in writing. I am happy to report that we are making progress within all of these areas. Our Standards and Quality Report will be released at the end of term 4 which will provide some examples of how we have met our targets. This will be published on our school website!

Until then, as always, if you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

# Red Nose Day

What a fantastic day! We spent lots of time outdoors, celebrated Miss Brough's last day, got to wear silly clothes and red noses and had lunch in the playground on eating areas we made on our own!

We also told jokes and learned about Comic Relief.

Thank you so much for your kind donations- We raised £55!



# Pancake Day

We made pancakes for pancake day. We made them using flour, eggs and milk. We fried them up and then chose our toppings. We chose either jam, lemon and sugar or honey. They were delicious!



World book day was great! We dressed up as our favourite book characters, read our favourite stories, read in obscure places and had a generally lovely day appreciating books and all they can offer!

# World Book Day



## New Resources

Martin from Samba Drumming joined us on Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th of March for two fun filled days of singing, dancing and drumming. It was excellent! All children joined in to learn about Samba music from Brazil. They learned how to perform a song accompanied by drums and several other instruments. Everyone had an absolute blast. A huge thank you to Martin for a fabulous 2 days!

We have been so lucky this year again with an underspend in our school budget which means money can be spent on lovely new resources. Last year, we used this money for outdoor and play resources. This year we have focused on learning resources - mainly for active numeracy, literacy, science and some new waterproofs for everyone too.

We have finally cleared out our outdoor classroom and turned it into a messy play den! We have sand, waterplay, paint and playdough! We also have some other play items such as snooker, air hockey, connect 4 and darts.

We have also kindly received two lots of book donations this term.

The first lot came from Rose's Reads. Jennifer Kelly (of Rose's Reads) organised a community fundraiser and as a result our school received a donation from DMK joinery. A huge thanks you to Jennifer and to DMK joinery for their kindness and generosity.

We were also kindly given more books from Bob and Lesley at Lornview, who donate to us often. As always, thank you so much for continuing to support our school.



## HT Consultation

It would be  
good to share  
equipment-  
Isabella

I'm not sure  
about more  
trips to other  
schools-Fergus

Executive Head  
Teachers could  
be helpful-  
Ruairidh

As you will be aware, Argyll and Bute have proposed some changes to the current leadership model. As such, teachers, parents, children and communities have been encouraged to take part in ongoing consultation to share their views. Read some of the children's thoughts here...

## Burns Day

For Burns Day we learned the poem 'Address to a Haggis'. We each performed a line of the poem at our Burn's supper where we got to try Haggis, Neeps and Tatties. In the afternoon we had some shortbread and irn bru. We also learned a little bit about Ceilidh dancing and explored the idea of the haggis as a mythical creature.



## World Gaelic Week

On the week beginning 21st March it was World Gaelic week. To celebrate this we took part in several Gaelic activities. On Monday, as part of the Lismore Project, we went on a Gaelic safari! On Tuesday we were introduced to 'dathan'. On Thursday we sang Gaelic songs with Amy- our favourite is still Brochan Lom.

We love learning Gaelic as it is an important part of our culture and heritage. So far, this session, we have learned about introductions, feelings, numbers and colours. We can't wait to learn more.

# Literacy

# Numeracy

# HWB

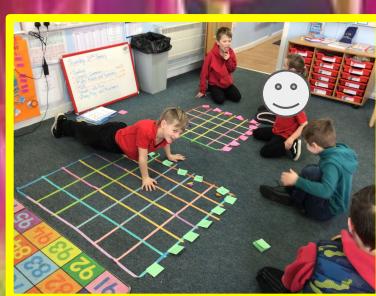
For our literacy work this term we have been focusing on building our skills in reading. We have been learning how to read with expression, read punctuation, summarise information, illustrate a setting, create a character profile, skim and scan and identify genre.

We have also been focusing on using similes, alliteration and rhetorical questions in our writing to create a persuasive piece of work about plastic. During this topic we learned about the positives and negatives of plastic to allow us to develop a well informed, well rounded view. We used literary techniques, as mentioned above, alongside technical language to write a final piece on plastic (please see next page).

In Numeracy this term we have been consolidating our work on addition and subtraction whilst beginning new learning on multiplication and division. We have been using concrete materials to build our understanding in this area and have incorporated lots of active and play based learning. We have also been working on telling time and shape. One of our favourite new games is the big clock game on the pitch- ask us about it to learn more.

For HWB this term we have been learning about Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood. As part of this topic we discussed how to keep ourselves and our bodies clean and healthy, consent and the 'pants rule'. We have also been learning about our emotions and how to identify them and manage them. We explored where we feel emotions in our bodies, what they look like and how this may be different for different people- which we linked into our school values of equity and compassion.

Finally, in HWB, for Physical Education we have been focusing on basketball. We are all making developments with dribbling, passing and shooting. We have enjoyed this topic so much that many of us have been practising these skills at playtime and lunchtime.



# Is Plastic Fantastic?

On the shores lies smelly rubbish. The fish are dying. Fishermen fishing is like a battle but soon the world will rise upon us.

The sand is as clear as the Queen's castle. The sea glimmered as light as the blue sky. I walked passed a beach and the sand was as silky as a smooth seal. Why isn't all beaches like this?

Do not use problematic plastic. It is bad for the environment. Are you using plastic? It never goes away like Cormacs cough!

Beautiful shores a cool breeze.  
Perfectly clean like my sisters room.  
Shores so smooth like a bedroom door.  
What would you bring if you went to this shore? Sandy silky smooth sand.

Nasty beaches filled with plastic.  
Is this how you would treat your beaches?  
Sandy sand is not silky at all! Do you trash your beaches? It stays forever. Maybe longer! Treat your beaches good! If you don't treat your beaches well soon all animals will be EXTINCT!!!

On Lismore shores the plastic is extremely bad for the animals. Fishermen are chucking big chunks of plastic in the water micro plastic is like flies in the water.

The sand is clean as my mum and dads room and the water is smooth as a slimy snake. The sky is blue as the sparkly water why are beaches not the same?

All around the world there are trashed beaches with ropes like snakes. Why litter so much and harm our aquatic life? Fishermen fish with ropes and creels but why leave them in our seas? You and everyone shouldn't litter anywhere not just the ocean.

Sand as smooth as a seal. Sand castles made of silky smooth sand. Golden grainy sand everywhere. Lovely transparent blue water. Happy fish everywhere. Amazing tropical sea clear blue skies. Children having fun splashing around. Wouldn't you like to see this all the time?

Plastic isn't so fantastic. Crabs at the bottom of the ocean. Slowly suffering. Salmon and lots more aquatic life. Forest fires because of global warming. Animals shrivelling up like crisps. All the damage we do to the earth is permanent. Do you really want animals to continue dying?



On a Wednesday morning the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March all was loud and as bright as a light. The beach was full of people there was so many it felt like a zoo. The waves went splash and the people went yay but all you could hear was fun screams. What would happen if you were at beach? What would you do? What would you bring? It had long paths with bright gold sand. Fish plopped up from the sea. It had soft sand and people went for a swim.

Oban beach is as messy as my dogs dinner bowl. Microplastics can kill animals. The friendly fishermen don't know they're polluting the world.

Sunny silky sand at the beach. The bumpy ragged rocks like weapons. The water I love it. It was nice. I love floating in it. Why would people make it dirty like my bin?

Do you use plastic? Warning don't use plastic or the world will be crisp. It ever goes away and it's bad like coal but it's sometimes shiny.



cormac  
On a waste land far far away  
by a secret secluded beach. It was  
and smelly. All the people who did that  
yay this is killing sea life whales  
flying fish, cool balloons, orcas everything

Today I was strolling along and I  
saw a silky smooth seal lying on the  
sand. The sand was clean as my room.  
I love it here! Why can't the world be like  
this? Smooth, bright, happy. This would be  
a dream come true.

Never use plastic!! Everyone needs to stop!!  
Look around what do you see? All I see is  
absolutely rubbish. All amazing animals gone!  
We will be like the dinosaurs dead!! We will  
shovel up like a crisp!! All the different  
plastics, bakelite, microplastics, needles,  
toxins gone with us!!

One day I was crawling  
and I found a beautiful  
beach it was full of junk  
and a animal lay on some  
plastic. It was like a injured  
seal.

Never never use plastic  
It can kill animals. Animals  
can eat it and may die  
with it. It stays forever like  
itself. Do you need plastic to  
live? Plastic is dangerous  
and may kill humans even you!



## The Lismore Project



Amy Bowman and Charlie Grey have been working with us every second Monday on the Lismore project. So far, we have explored crofting, farming, Ceilidh dancing and Gaelic. Charlie often plays his fiddle for us- it's awesome. We even built our own wee bothy in the classroom- it was great! The project will continue into the fourth term.

## Project- RRS

This term for our topic we have been learning about Rights Respecting Schools and the different articles from the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). Not only have we been learning about what rights we have as children but also what our own responsibilities are in ensuring that all children in our community and beyond are treated fairly. We have looked back at the past to understand why the UNCRC is so important and why it was created as well as looking at which rights are affected by modern day issues such as the war in Ukraine.

All children need protection-  
Alasdair

The UNCRC are there to help and protect children- Ruairidh

I liked the article about protection against war. This is relevant now because of the war in Ukraine- Cormac

Children have the right to be safe- Morag

I like the UNCRC because they protect our rights, like the right to have your own religion- Cian

All children have the right to be protected by their guardian/parents- Isabella

Children have the right to play-  
Beatrix and Esme

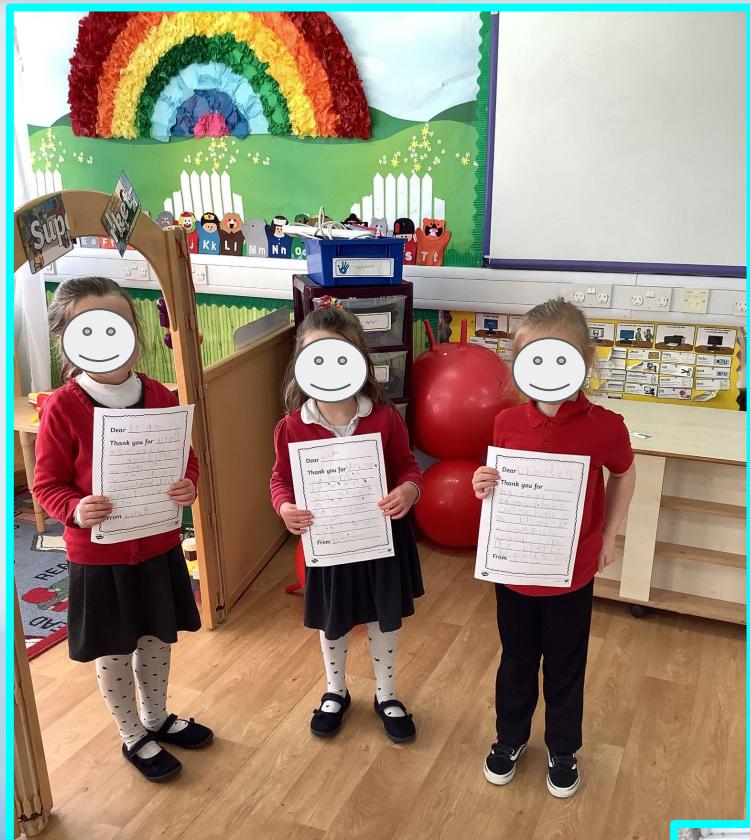
Children have the right to learn-  
Hannah

I learned about Gandhi- he valued equality, peace, freedom and justice- Fergus

Children have the right to be respected-  
Kristian

We have teamed up with Nethermill Primary school in Dumfries to become penpals. We each have our own person to write to. So far, we have received two letters and have sent two back! It is great hearing from another small school in Scotland. We have told them all about our Island and our School. We are so proud of what we have to share.

Penpals



We have continued with our outdoor learning groups this term. Every Tuesday morning we go outside on a new outdoor adventure. Most recently we have been making mud faces and sculptures. We have also been creating story sticks and homes for birds and insects.

And now that spring is upon us it is time to sow and plant. Mrs Barry has been with us for the past two weeks helping in the garden. She will continue with us right up until summer to help us maintain and make full use of our raised beds, poly tunnel and the wider school grounds.

Outdoor Learning



## What's to come

**Staffing Changes:** As you will know, Miss Brough left us a couple of weeks ago, and Miss Gilchrist joined us. Miss Gilchrist has spent the last couple of weeks getting to know the children and building relationships. We are hopeful you will be able to meet her soon!

**Term 4 Planning:** As always, the children have been consulted on their planning. Teachers will take the children's views forward to make decisions about next term. For P.E. we will be focusing on croquet and throwing and catching games. In topic we will be focusing on the Human Body.

**Active Schools:** We are hoping to have active schools over in the 4th term to deliver another session on rugby. We are trying to get a football coach over too. I will be in touch when we have dates in place for this.

**School Photographs:** Julia Fayngruen is planning to take photos of the children in the 4th term. Thank you to Iris for getting the ball rolling with this.

**Sports Day:** We are hoping to pair up with Barcaldine and Strath of Appin in the 4th term for Sports Day but are currently awaiting the go ahead on this (this will depend on Covid numbers at the time). Failing this we will organise a sports day here- we hope restrictions will allow parents to come along (this is looking very promising at the moment).

**Open afternoon:** Again, this plan is dependent on Covid restrictions, but we are hoping to have a parents afternoon at some time in the 4th term to showcase our learning and share some of our ongoing experiences with you. I will be in touch when I have been given the green light for this!



This will be our last newsletter this session. Next session we will publish the standards and quality report which will give a thorough reflection of the whole year!

We will also issue report cards in term 4 to update you on your child(ren)'s individual experiences and progress.

Have a lovely Easter holiday!