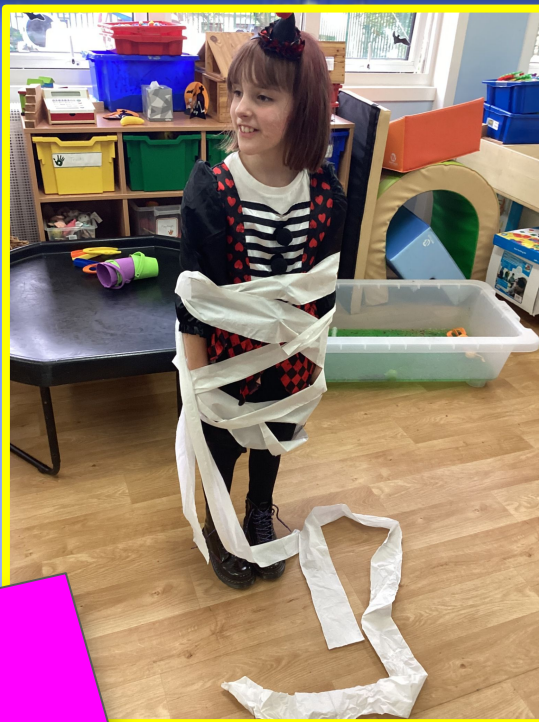
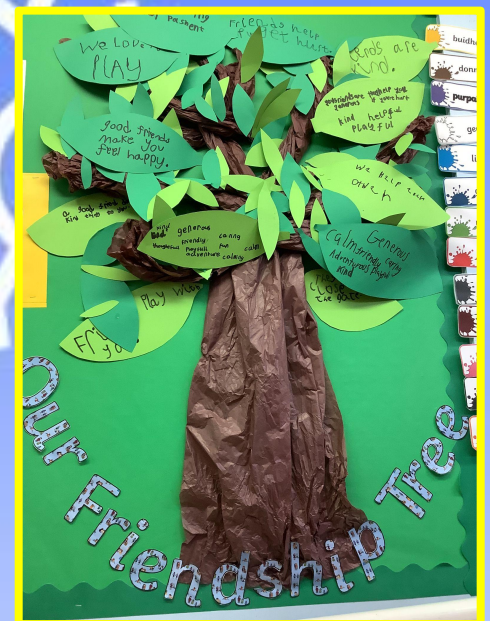


Halloween

We had lots of fun celebrating Halloween this year. We made some Halloween themed artwork and decorated our classroom, learned about Halloween traditions in Scotland and had a Halloween party. During the party we all dressed up, carved pumpkins, had lots of tasty treats and took part in Halloween themed messy play activities. It was so much fun!



RSHP



This term for health and wellbeing we have been learning all about relationships, sexual health and parenthood. During this time our First Level learners (P2-P4) have been exploring safety, people who help us, worries, friendships, our bodies and private parts. Our Second Level learners (P5-P7) have been exploring personal hygiene, puberty, fairness, equality, friendships and consent. As part of our work we made this beautiful friendship tree.

Topic- Antarctica

For our topic this term we have been learning about Antarctica.

We have been comparing the huge differences between Scotland and this formidable continent by learning about Antarctica's climate, geography and biodiversity.

We have explored food chains and the effect population decline and extinction has on all animals.

The children have enjoyed learning about the first Antarctic explorers and their attempts to reach the South Pole.

Antarctica is the coldest, windiest place on Earth-
Esme

The first person to visit Antarctica was in 1895-
Cormac

You will likely see penguins, and fur seals in Antarctica-
Ruairidh

The Orca is an Apex predator and this means it's at the top of the food chain-
Alasdair



Antarctica is very dry, cold and windy-
Morag

There are seals and penguins in Antarctica-
Beatrix

Antarctica is the 5th biggest continent-
Hannah

Antarctica had the coldest recorded temperature ever-
Cian

Show and Tell



The children asked if we could begin a show and tell each week. So every Friday the children are asked if they would like to bring in something important to them from home to show the class and tell us all about it. The children look forward to this time every week and we have all loved seeing and hearing about interesting things from home.

Childsmile Visit



The ladies from the NHS Childsmile team came over to visit us and teach us all about our teeth and how to keep them healthy. We have begun toothbrushing in school again and aim to brush our teeth here 3-5 times a week. If you need any toothbrushes or toothpaste sent home, please get in touch.

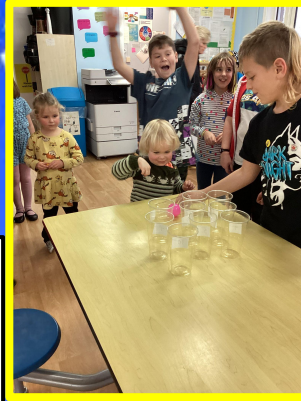
Links with the Church

In November we had a visit from Reverend Dugald. He took the children to the shore to collect stones and they painted them. The stones represented the church as a community. The next week we visited Reverend Dugald at the church. We gave our stones as gifts to be distributed to the congregation with the message that faith is always with them.



Children In need Day!

To raise money for children in need day the children were asked to come to school dressed in bright colours and to contribute a donation. The children and their families were so generous and we raised a massive £142.20! The children had lots of fun during this day with their favourite activity being Bear Pong in which they needed to shoot targets to get points. Esme was our winner and got a lovely certificate. Well done everyone for a very successful day!



Personal Achievements

Hannah, Beatrix and Morag performed in a Highland Dancing show; Well done girls!

Cormac and Cian were in the Oban Times with their Rugby Team. This was lovely to see boys!

Beatrix and Morag ran a Christmas Stall at the fair for their mum and even created their own product to sell. Wow!

Hannah helped her mum at the Christmas Fair and also made some extra decorations at home to sell too. Fantastic!

P4-7 children took part in solo talks at school for their current topic.

The children were given the opportunity to perform a Remembrance Day poem to the class.

The children have been displaying excellent team working skills outside during break times. They have been working together to risk assess, solve problems and best of all have lots of fun!

Christmas Fair



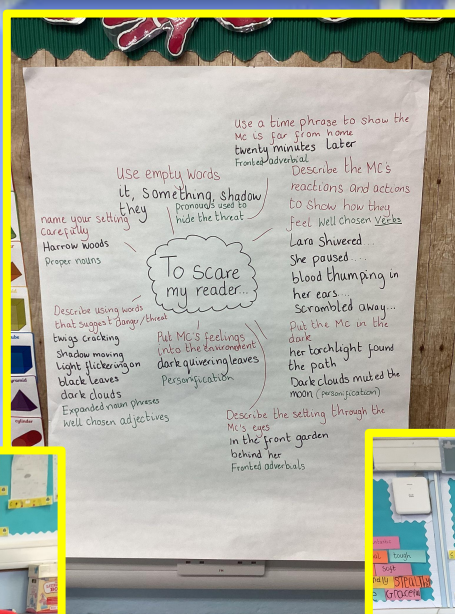
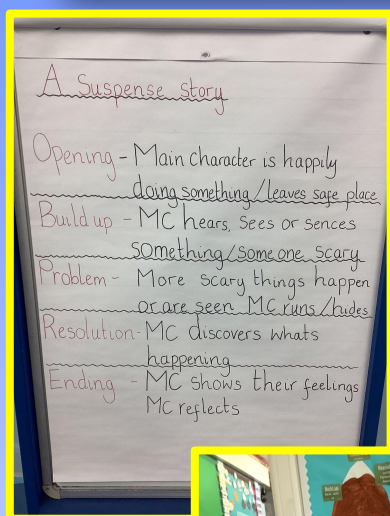
During November the children worked hard creating and crafting Christmas themed goodies to be sold at the local Christmas Fair. We made decorations for the Christmas tree, Reindeer food and Christmas Tags. We made £84.33. Well done everyone!

Literacy

Numeracy

Our focus for numeracy this term has been addition and subtraction. We have been practising our basic number bonds and learning new strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems. In maths our topics have been shape and angles, symmetry and transformation. We have been learning to identify, draw and classify different 2D and 3D shapes, find missing angles, identify and draw symmetrical patterns and plot points on a grid reference.

Our writing focus this term has been on creating suspenseful stories. We have learnt language techniques to scare our reader and ended the term by writing our own, terrifying stories! As a class we have read Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. It was a hit with everyone and hopefully it will encourage some of us to continue to read the rest of the series. Our grammar work this term has focused on using connectives and using 1st person, 2nd and 3rd in our writing.



Talk for
Writing-
Star
Stories

THE WALK

BY CIAN

ONE DAY I WAS GOING ON WALK IN THE WOODS .WHEN I FIRST CAME INTO THE WOODS I WENT SO FAR I HAD FORGOTTEN WHICH WAY WAS FORWARD AND WHICH WAY WAS BACK. I WAS SCARED AND WORRIED.

ONE SECOND YOU SAW IT NEXT YOU DIDN'T. I SAW ALL THE FOG BEGIN TO MOVE AND FORM INTO SMALL FIGURES. THEY LOOKED LIKE CHILDREN. I COULDN'T MOVE, I WAS PETRIFIED.

I WAS TRYING NOT TO SPEAK BUT I MADE A SMALL NOISE. THEY HAD NOTICED MY PRESENCE. THEY HAD NO EYES BUT THEY COULD *HEAR* EVERYTHING. I RAN AS FAST AS I POSSIBLE COULD.

I RAN INTO THE DARKNESS OF THE FOREST. IT WAS DAMP, DARK AND DIRTY. THE TREES SEEMED TO BE SCREAMING. AND IT ALL STOPPED AS I GOT HOME.

PETRIFIED, I LOOKED OUT OF THE WINDOW AND THE THINGS WERE GONE. I WAS *SO* RELIEVED. I WENT INTO BED. THE NEXT DAY I LOOKED OUT OF THE WINDOW AND I SAW A MAN WHO HAD A VERY BIG SMILE ON HIS FACE AND HE WAS LOOKING AT ME. IS HE ONE OF THE FIGURES?

Check out Cian's excellent
Suspense story... WOW!

He used techniques learned in
class to scare his reader.

Talk for Writing- Star Stories

The woods

Today I am bored, really bored. So I went into the deep dark colossal woods. I wandered in not even thinking about the myth. I hear the howling wolves on the other side of the woods. They never entered the woods after it happened. The trees started getting muddled up in my head and now I am lost.

6 hours later, I am confused. Trying to navigate these woods is like trying to get out of a maze, it's impossible. Suddenly I hear footsteps and rustling leaves and I see a blurry figure in the distance...

I stand eerily still for what feels like minutes then it moves towards me. Whilst it's moving towards me it disappears in front of my eyes. "It is true, it's actually true." I say with a shaky voice. I sprinted, all I cared about is to get away from it. I run and run until I find the cursed, colossal, calm camper van. The camper van shivered. "Oh no, oh no I'm in the middle of the forest." I hear the rustling in the leaves again and I know what to do...

RUN I scream at the top of my lungs as I jump to my feet and hurl myself across the camper van. I run through the autumn leaves past the winding trees and then you hear it... 20 minutes later I've not stopped to catch my breath and my legs are aching it keeps popping out of nowhere so I can't leave the woods.

"I don't think I'm ever coming out of the woods alive," I thought. I ran back to the camper van to relocate when I fell through a weak bit of the floor into a hole. It had cameras set up all around and a tunnel going down. All I want is to get out so I dive down the hole not a care in the world when I hear digging and coming closer **FAST!!!** Suddenly I pop out. I run, I grasp at the open air and get pulled like a rocket straight back in where I never see light again living in horror forever running from it...

Cormac has written an excellent suspense story to grip and scare his reader! Well done!

Outdoor Expedition

On the 7th December we invited families into school for another open afternoon. This time our Outdoor expedition was based on the 'We are going on a Bear Hunt' story. The children and their families took part in 4 activities: Making Smores by the fire; Building Dens; Recreating the story using the coding programme Scratch Jnr. and designing their own bear trap. The day was a big success and we all had lots of fun. The children finished by reflecting on the skills developed through these activities and the week later made a floor book to reflect on their learning and begin planning for the next outdoor expedition. The day was finished with hot drinks and chocolate brownies (made by the children the day before). Thank you to all who participated for a wonderful afternoon.



Pre-5 News

In the Nursery we have been looking at winter. We have been exploring ice and how it changes states and going on winter walk listening to the sound of the frost.

A little robin has been appearing at the window and door every day and quite often comes inside to say hello. We made bird feeders for our robin friend to help him feel at home outside.

We have been making Christmas decorations to take home and for the nursery; we hope you enjoy seeing all of our lovely creations. We even sold some of them at the local Christmas Fair.

Our parent and toddler group has started up and the children have really enjoyed it.

The Halloween party was a big highlight from earlier in the term. We loved dressing up and playing with all the messy materials.



What's new and what's to come

Staffing

Kara Willis has left on maternity leave and will return in November 2023. Until this time, Alison Ferguson will be full time in the ELC as our CCEW.

Unfortunately things didn't quite go to plan with the candidate we recruited for the kitchen. But fear not... we quickly found a solution and are happy to announce Beth Moston will be starting with us in term 3.

As you will now know, I am expecting a baby and will go on maternity leave in February 2023. During this time Miss Gilchrist will become acting Principal Teacher, responsible for teaching 3 days a week and operational management of the school and ELC. Miss Brough will be returning to us for 2 days a week to allow Miss Gilchrist some time for management. We will be linked with a virtual head teacher to help the school with strategic management. I will use 'keeping in touch' days to work alongside the virtual head when it comes to strategic decisions for our school. During this period if you have any questions or concerns, please report to Miss Gilchrist in the first instance.

What's to come?

The Primary School children will be attending swimming lessons for a 10 week block between January and April. More details about this will be shared with you soon.

We will have outdoor experts from Ardintinny and Ardroy over on a few different occasions to support us with continuing to develop outdoor education. They will be working with the children and staff on a range of outdoor pursuits! More details coming soon!

Primary 7 children are attending a residential trip at Lochgilphead with several other Primary 7 from a range of small schools in late February. They are very excited for this!

We will be taking the children on a school trip sometime during term 3. We are still finalising the details for this and once again will share all details as soon as we have them.

Our parent and toddler stay and play group begun in term 2 and will continue in term 3. This will be for our ELC children and any children under 3 on the island.

We will have another parents open afternoon in term 3 (details to follow). We look forward to welcoming everyone again!

We look forward to updating you all again at the end of March! Until then, stay safe, take care and as always if you have any questions or comments don't hesitate to get in touch.

Miss Harris and the boys and girls of Lismore Primary School