

Dear Parents / Carers

Careers Week Scotland

Be prepared for a collage of photographs in this week's edition of Caerlaverock News!! All of these images show how much listening and learning that has taken place over the course of the past week.

Thank you

to all of our visitors across the week for giving up their time to come into school to present to the children and share the skills and attributes that they have for the job that they do! The children learnt so much about the variety of skills that are important ...for life, for learning and work.

Visitors this week included:

1. Careers Advisor from Dumfries High School – Andrea Zavaroni
2. Community Police Officer – PC Jac
3. NHS Nurses – Rebecca Johnstone and Carla Young
4. Farmer – John Wardropp
5. Chef – James McKinnell
6. Occupational Therapist (Assistant) – Melissa McKinnell
7. Environmental Scientist – Dr Lauren Turner

Why are skills important?

The children learn that from their lessons in class to team sports, they build skills in many ways. They will learn to use these skills in different parts of their lives that will help them to stand out from the crowd. Whether they are applying for a job, an apprenticeship or university, it's important for them to show what skills they have and how to use them. At school, we help them to strive to take on roles and responsibilities such as Pupil Council Representatives, Eco or House Captains.

BIG Me Day (and World Kindness Day) - 13th November

Making decisions at such a young age starts the process of making good choices on how to use their skills. The children came in dressed for the day representing the job they aspire to do when they are BIG! Including the teachers!



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Farmer John shared the work he does.

Elouise (P1) said, "I liked hearing about different types of tractors. Some carry hay bales and some don't."

Lennox (P1) said, ***"Having Mum and Dad in school was "Great!"***

Emily added, ***"Having Chef James in school was fun and the cheese cake that we helped to make was delicious"***

Thank you to OT Assistant, Melissa for visiting.

Rae (P6) said, ***"I found the 'helping hand' really interesting. It is used to help people with physical challenges to get dressed."***



Environmental Scientist, Lauren, brought in a Birchwood fossil that is 8000 years old - wow!

Amie-Leigh and William recall that they had to line up in order to show the aging process of peat from centuries ago - through the Viking period – and up to present day.

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Thank you to our parent nurses, Carla and Rebecca, for sharing the very different NHS roles that they do.

Archie said that he enjoyed the stories that Carla shared by saying that she once touched a man's brain! He also said, ***"The T-shirts that showed the digestive system were cool!"***

Rebecca is a Critical Care Nurse and told the children about the skills and qualities that are needed to work in nursing. Archie said that he found Rebecca's talk ***very interesting.***



PC Jac visited us twice, the first visit was to give the children a talk on her role as a Police Constable. On her second visit she brought a Police van and the children got to have a hands on experience, including sounding the siren!



Lucie said, ***"I was nervous and excited when PC Jac handcuffed me! It was a fun experience!"***

Georgie (P2) was driving the Police van and she said, ***"I really liked it!"***

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Caerlaverock Curling Club – visit from Adam Hyslop



Local resident from Blackshaw, Adam Hyslop, is a keen curler and very passionate about his Club. He wanted to raise the profile of Caerlaverock Curling Club to the children in the local area and came into school to share a presentation on the history of the Club. He appealed to the children to help make posters so that the club is advertised to invite players 8 years and over to join. Active Schools supported the visit by bringing along an indoor curling set and the children really enjoyed the experience. Thank you to Adam and his wife for the visit.

Remember, Remember the 5th of November!



All pupils enjoyed safe roasting of marshmallows around the school fire pit. The rules of being safe on Bonfire Night were taught across the school to both classes.

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Children in Need



Thank you to all families for their donations – we raised a total of £74 for the charity.

Upcoming Events:

- The school show dress rehearsal is on **Tuesday 17th December at 2.00 pm**
- Partnership Day – Thursday 28th November in Caerlaverock Primary. Please can your child come to school dressed in Scottish attire or with a “touch of tartan”

Please check your weekend availability for the following dates. Children will be selected to represent the school at the following events:-

1. Saturday 15th February 2025 – Burns Competition – NWCC
2. Sunday 9th March 2025 – D&G Gymnastics Competition – DG1

Kind regards

Mrs Scriven and Caerlaverock Staff

Please return to school:

Caerlaverock Primary School Handbook 2025

Every year we update our photographs and need to ensure that there is permission from parents/carers to use their child's image (individual or group photos) in the handbook.

Child(ren)'s name: _____

I give permission for my child's image to be used in the school handbook YES/NO

(Please delete as appropriate)

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____