

# Caerlaverock News



14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

*Dear Parents / Carers*

## K'Nex Challenge Today!

Well done to Alannah and Nell for representing the school today at the regional competition event held at The Bridge. They had the tricky complex challenge to design and build a new and exciting exercise bike for a new gym!



They thoroughly enjoyed the challenge and worked well as a team to talk about their task and think of the modifications that had to be made throughout their construction. After 1 hour of building, here is their final result – well done to you both!

## *Brownrock 'Burns and Scots' Poets*



Good luck to all our participants from both schools when they recite their Scots/Burns poems this Saturday. Mrs Thomson and Mrs McCubbin will be the Brownrock Staff to await your arrival and give you support on the day. Good luck, everyone. We know you will make us proud! (p.s. Nastia was absent on the day of the photo)

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## Learning and Teaching – IDL - Science



We have had 2 successful visits from the Nith Catchment Trust team and Caerlaverock Estate.

The children are learning about ecosystems on the river Nith and learning how to take care of endangered species, like salmon, as seen in the fish tank photo.

The children are learning how to take care of the eggs and to watch them hatch and grow. They have monitored daily progress by gathering their data on a daily recording sheet.

Studying and identifying invertebrates was another enjoyable whole school task that the children really found most interesting.

Magnifying glasses and microscopes at the ready!



We were also shown by the Caerlaverock Estate and WWT team on how to build a mini pond so that we know what to do if we want to build one in school.

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Our trees that we potted with Nith Catchment Trust will be planted in Drumlanrig Castle grounds when we visit there in May. We will be able to know where our own tree is planted and go back to watch it grow over the years. Well done to everyone!



## Internet Safety Week

10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> February

The P5-7 families were invited to attend the Dumfries High School Cluster Parent Information Evening where Police Scotland and Education Safeguarding Officer delivered strong messages to the parents / carers about what to do when they need help and how to support their child in the event when things go wrong.

P5-7 pupils have handouts shared on the night that can be found in their mail drop.

## Up-coming events:

1. Mid-term break – no school for pupils on Wed 19<sup>th</sup> / Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> / Fri 21<sup>st</sup> February
2. New Student for P4-7 – on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February we will welcome Miss Luhman to the class as our Third Year Glasgow University student - UWS (Dumfries Campus).
3. World Book Day – 6<sup>th</sup> March – Pupil Council Group have decided that children may come to school dressed in their favourite *Roald Dahl* book/poetry character.
4. Planned School trips – with more details to follow:  
P4-7 from both schools – Devil's Porridge Museum – Wed 12<sup>th</sup> March  
P1-3 from both schools – Caerlaverock Castle - Wed 13<sup>th</sup> March
5. Wider Achievement and Caerlaverock Chatter -  
Our next Wider Achievement Assembly is on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March and we would like to invite parents/carers to come along to this event at 1.30pm.  
Following this, parents/cares can stay on for tea/coffee and cake and join in our next Caerlaverock Chatter from 2pm-3pm. All welcome.

*Kind regards,  
Mrs Scriven and Caerlaverock Staff*