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**ARRAN** Class Arran have had a very exciting few weeks. We have been exploring Paisley as part of our topic and have been learning all about its history. We visited St Mirren Park where we got to tour the stadium and meet the coaches. We even got to meet the Paisley Panda. We also visited the Paisley Abbey and took pictures of the stain glass windows – which we are going to make in art! We have been making the Paisley Pattern out of different materials – so far we have used paint, sponge, clay and we even made Paisley Pattern biscuits! We are all looking forward to our next visit to the Paisley Museum.

**BUTE** 'A moose took a dauner through the deep, mirk widd' - sound familiar? Well, it's the first line from The Gruffalo but in Scots and there will be lots of great Gruffalo activities going on in class Bute during our Scottish books topic.

We love stories in class Bute. Handa's Surprise was enjoyed by all during our harvest topic. With some of our '50 things to do...' challenges involved in our Gruffalo topic too, we will be having fun indoors and out. Art, singing, cookery and a bit of drama too - we'll all be too tired for Christmas .....well maybe not!



**CUMBRAE** In class CUMBRAE we have all been very busy. Among the many learning experiences the list of favourites has so far been hydrotherapy, autumn outdoor learning, exploring autumn on the 'magic carpet', rebound therapy and cause and effect activities on the 'akka'. We look forward to exploring our topic on 'Scottish books'. Being overly creative we are creating our own sensory story book *'that's not Nessie'*. Watch the space and look out for it in our corridor.

**IONA** Class Iona has been busy this term learning all about autumn. We have enjoyed autumn walks where we collected leaves and acorns which we used to make pieces of art and interacting with the falling leaves whilst at the Magic Carpet. We have also been learning all about the weather and we've loved being outside and splashing in the puddles! We have loved participating in PE with our friends in class Islay. This term we will be learning all about 'The Gruffalo'.



**ISLAY** Class ISLAY have been very busy since the summer holidays. We welcomed Ben, Christopher, David and Jamie to the school. We looked at the story Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See and explored different colours and textures. Everyone enjoys visiting the different learning areas and we are working on our interaction skills. As well as going to the park to work on our gross motor skills we join class Iona every Monday afternoon for PE. We have been working on our '50 Things To Do' activities and have explored the bird hut and fed the birds.

Our topic this term is Scottish books and we are all looking forward to exciting activities and lots of learning!

**TIREE/WHALSAY** Classes Tiree and Whalsay have been very busy since the October break. We have started our new Scottish Book Topic focussing on Harry Potter by the Scottish Author JK Rowling. The pupils have been sorted into houses by the "Sorting Hat", The pupils also used a variety of materials and designs to make the coat of arms of their houses.

As part of our 50 Things To Do topic we took advantage of the windy weather to do some experiments. The pupils compared the winds effect on objects of all different sizes. We are looking forward to our next experiment flying kites in the wind.



**YELL** Class Yell have settled in well to our new class at Woodfarm and have made loads of new S6 buddies friends. We've had lots of visitors, including class Orkney who joined us for some pumpkin carving. We all had mixed feelings about sticking our hands inside the pumpkins but as you can see, the results were fab! They then went on display at the Hallowe'en disco (and we think that Ms Scrimgeour might also have taken them home displayed them outside her house too!!).

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**JURA** Class Jura have been extremely busy over the last few weeks learning lots of new skills through planning their 'Butterfly café' for their parents.

They brainstormed a name for the café, made shopping lists and trips to buy supplies, baked goodies following recipe cards and served drinks and food to their family members.

Class Jura raised £131.52 altogether and the money was donated to Allan's Page to raise awareness of Paget's disease.

**MULL** Class Mull have been busy working, playing and learning. We have used the book 'Commotion in the Ocean' to learn about creatures that live in the ocean. We painted beautiful fish and have a display on the wall. We took advantage of the warm weather to extend our physical play at Pollock Park which was great fun. Halloween is a time for dressing up which most of us like as you can see in the photograph. We prepared spider biscuits and sparkler biscuits to eat at home. This term we are getting ready for more celebrations which we will join in enthusiastically.



**ORKNEY** Class Orkney have been busy with their China topic this term- visiting china town, Kelvingrove art museum and SeeWoo shop. The class have also made wish lanterns for the school and as part of the mountain festival have tasted some incredible Chinese cakes!

This month the class have been writing their pen pal letters to Florida, where the children at Azalea Middle School in St. Petersburg will receive them for Christmas. We are looking forward to reading their replies.

Last but not least Class Orkney have been out competing in swimming time trials and cross country. They have also enjoyed taking part in senior PE lessons including Gymnastics and basketball at Woodfarm. We're all getting super fit for the winter season!

**SANDA** Hello from everyone in Sanda!

We have been very busy so far this term focussing on the '50 Things to do outdoors before you leave Isobel Mair School'. So far, we have experienced the rain on our faces and hands and have been splashing in puddles. We have fed the birds and have had the experience of placing our bare feet on the wet grass! We have collected Autumn leaves which we used for a sensory story and have created a beautiful Autumn collage for the corridor in Loch Ness.

We enjoyed our Halloween celebrations, in particular using our switches to activate spooky pictures on the smartboard and we have been making brightly coloured, glittery fireworks pictures for Guy Fawkes night.

For our Scottish Book Study we will be exploring a range of stories including 'No Such thing as Nessie' and 'There was a wee lassie who swallowed a midgie'. Hoots Mon, we are going to be busy wee lads and lassies!!



**SKYE** In Class Skye this year we have Awais, Fraser R, Fraser J, Mia, Isaac and Noah.

We have had a busy first term and it looks like our second term will be even busier. Maureen helped us to make a scarecrow as part of our Autumn topic. After the October break our focus was "50 things to do Outdoors" As part of this we went on a class trip to the Museum of Rural Life and visited all the animals on the farm there. We also participated in lots of outdoor activities such as running down hills, listening to grass trumpets and eating outside.

Our topic this term is Scottish Texts and we will be learning about many different things that happen in Scotland.

**STAFFA** Staffa class had a great time celebrating Halloween. As you can see from the photograph we all got into the 'spirit' of things!!!!!! We have been busy learning outdoors as part of our "50 Things to do Outdoors" Topic.

We are about to begin a Scottish Book study 'Wee Granny's Magic Bag' by Elizabeth McKay and hope to have fun making the characters and role playing



## SHETLAND

We have had a busy term so far learning lots of new outdoor skills through our 50 Things to Do Outdoors Topic. We also got into the spirit of things for Halloween, Dressing Up and visiting the Haunted Corrie House!

We will be starting our Scottish Book Study this term learning about Scottish Authors and different styles of writing. We continue to visit our friends at Yell when we go to Woodfarm on a Friday and participating in lots of exciting learning experiences.

**LEWIS.** We have had a super learning fortnight, working on our '50 Things to do Outdoors'. The weather was typically wet and windy, though we didn't let this stop us!

Our new topic is 'Room on the Broom', and we are all looking forward to exciting activities and lots of learning!

