

IMS NEWS

Isobel Mair School Newsletter

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FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

We have had an extremely busy term with a plethora of events both during and outside the school day and I would like to thank all of our parents and friends who turned out to ensure each and every event was a big success. I am sure you have all been proud of the skills and achievements our young people have displayed – whether in producing artwork, performing on stage, “upcycling” fashions or raising money for those in need. Surveying the range of activities our pupils take part in there can be no doubt that Isobel Mair School develops the four capacities of Curriculum for Excellence: as we have seen evidence of Successful Learners, Confident Individuals, Effective Contributors and Responsible Citizens time and time again over the past few weeks.

The pupils (and staff) have certainly earned their Easter fun and we will be having our traditional egg hunt on the last day of term, with eggs once again kindly donated by Royal Bank of Scotland. Enjoy the Spring Break and I look forward to welcoming pupils back on Tuesday 22nd April.

Mari Wallace Headteacher

Friday 4th April

School closes 2.30 pm
for Spring Break
NO AFTERSCHOOL

HAPPY HOLIDAYS !

Tuesday 22nd April
Monday 28th April

School reopens
Dreams Come True Information
Evening 6.30pm @IMS
SCHOOL CLOSED - MAYDAY
SCHOOL REOPENS
Coffee and Chat (PM)
Drama Club Performance
FAME @ Eastwood Theatre

Monday 5th May
Tuesday 6th May
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Thursday 8th May

Sports Day @IMS
SCHOOL CLOSED HOLIDAY
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SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET
SCHOOL REOPENS
Coffee and Chat (AM)
MELA 2014 (Details to follow)
Dreams Come True group to
Lochgailhead.

Wednesday 21st May
Friday 23rd May
Monday 26th May
Tuesday 27th May
Wednesday 28th May
Thursday 5th June
Thursday 12th June
Friday 13th June

Sunday 15th June

Dreams Come True group
returns from Lochgailhead..
Leavers' Service 10.30am @
Newton Mearns Baptist Church
All Welcome
IMS Prom - Details to follow
School Closes for Summer
Holidays.

Monday 23rd June

Tuesday 24th June
Wednesday 25th June

Thursday 26th June –
Wednesday 9th July

Extended School Year
Details to follow

IMS FASHION SHOW

A Special Report by Joe Cates

Yell and Shetland put together an amazing fashion show on Monday 24th March.. All of the kids up-cycled clothes and made the best fashion outfits ever. I made an outfit of my very own which I copied from the front screen of my iPhone 4. Marc Wilson in class Shetland was dressed up as a military soldier and the girls wore fantastic outfits. Near the end of the show we all wore evening wear such as kilts and dresses and we all looked like princes and princesses at the Royal Ball. Miss Antelmi and Miss Philo organised the entire evening. Just before the evening started some of the S6 pupils from Williamwood High School helped us get ready. The boys and I got wax in our hair to make us cool. The girls all got their makeup done and we also had pizza for dinner. We raised £680 for our pottery kiln.



WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day was celebrated across the school on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th March. Classes from all across the school came together, having been invited to contribute to one of four exciting parties : *The Mad Hatters Tea Party*, *Willie Wonka's Chocolate Factory*, *The Tiger Who Came to Tea Party* or *The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch Party*. There was lots of fun and fancy dress and book themed activities.



NEWS FLASH

Yell is moving! As of August 2014 our post 16 unit will be based at Woodfarm High School. staff , parents and pupils have already had a tour and a very warm welcome and we look forward to a long and happy partnership!

Well done to everyone who took part in our Community Unity/PACE show It was a fantastic performance highlighting many of the issues that young people face as they grow up. The singing was fantastic too!

CONTACT US

Please remember that we have an open door policy at IMS. Parents who have a concern about their child can talk to Mari Wallace (HT) or DHTs Nick Crossan and Sarah Clark. Appointments can be made via the school office: 0141 570 7600 You can keep up with all the latest news on our website : <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/IsobelMair/>



SPECIAL OLYMPICS 2014

The whole school had a fantastic activities session on Wednesday 19th March thanks to our Active School Co-ordinators who organised a Special Olympics Day. Pupils were given the opportunity to try a wide range of sports activities including curling, ball games, badminton skills, table cricket

parachute games and mini - athletics. Everyone who took part found something to their liking and there was also an opportunity to learn the Sport Relief song and dance. Thanks to

SPORT RELIEF



Sport Relief was a little bit different this year – Mr Holmes issued a challenge to all classes, asking them to film themselves taking part in a Sporty Challenge. The films were shown to a packed audience of pupils, staff and parents on 21st March and ranged from a “Jaws” like figure stalking swimmers in the Spa, to a group of unwitting parents whose trip to the park turned out to involve an intensive boot camp session. We event raised _____

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JURA Spring is here! Time for daffodils, baby animals and Easter. We got busy making decorations and learning songs for the Easter Service, all the time remembering the true meaning of Easter. This term we have been taking lots of photographs of each other as part of our topic on Technology. We have been learning about Healthy Eating and now know that there are five different food groups. We have also learned that being healthy is not only about what we eat. It is also about keeping active. Our photograph shows Mark demonstrating some of the skills he learned at hockey training which is just one of the many sporting activities we have taken part in this term.

MULL Class Mull have been out to Caulder's Garden Centre for their weekly outings. They have visited the café for juice and empire biscuits and even met some former Isobel Mair staff and volunteers when they were there. What a lovely surprise!

The children also had planned a surprise for their mum on Mother's Day and chose a plant with a favourite colour to give as a present. The children cared for the plants and hope that the plants will grow when they are watered. Each mum has been very pleased with their gift and the children have been very happy too



ORKNEY It's been a sporty kind of month in Orkney! Having fun, keeping fit and raising money for Sport Relief was hot on the agenda. Firstly we ran a special "Boot Camp" for our class and some of our parents and filmed what we did. We then challenged the rest of the school to take some sporty video and photos for Sport Relief Assembly. Other things we've done this month include: Cross Country Running at the SDS Scottish Championships; Osman going to a swimming gala; trips to Linn Park and Pollock Park as part of our *50 Things to Do Outdoors*; lots of other learning in class and we've read *Danny the Champion of the World* by Roald Dahl for our book study! We are looking forward to a well earned rest (And maybe some chocolate too?).

SANDA In class Sanda it has been very busy with great learning experiences. As part of our enterprise topic, everyone was supported in creating beautiful table displays for the Daffodil Tea. The event was very well attended with lots of money raised. Class Sanda have almost completed a book study topic. Some of the pupils visited Newton Mearns library and borrowed some books of their choice and have participated in a variety of follow up activities relating to the stories chosen. Alongside this we have been exploring a floral theme. Pupils have been supported in planting bulbs and plants in a new 'planters'. They have also created a variety of floral collage pieces which will be on display soon. On the whole it's been a great session and everyone looks forward to a well earned break. Happy holidays everyone!



SKYE In Class Skye we have had a very busy February and March. Everyone has been working very hard and enjoyed participating in all our activities. We read *The Cat in the Hat* for World Book Day and had a lovely time at the "Mad Hatter's Tea Party" where we sampled lots of different cakes and biscuits made by the pupils and staff from Yell, Shetland, Arran, Skye and ISS@IMS. We have done lots of Easter themed art and cookery activities. We have been working hard towards our CfE targets and SQA qualifications but have still managed to have fun!

STAFFA Class Staffa has had a very busy term. We learned about Chinese New Year and Easter. We have learned all about the importance of healthy eating and exercise as part of our daily routines. We put our learning into practice when we went to Morrison's and picked out ingredients for a healthy fruit salad. We also had an opportunity to take part in lots of healthy activities at the Special Olympics event. Now that spring is here we have been learning about the life cycle of plants by planting and growing some seedlings of our own. We are all looking forward to the Easter Holidays and hoping for some eggs to be delivered!



SHETLAND Class Shetland has been working incredibly hard this term! As well as performing in the fashion show of the century, they have been achieving their SQA NABS and representing the school at the opening ceremony of the Young Enterprise Scotland Academy at Rouken Glen Park. As if this wasn't enough, our seniors have been entered into fabulous competitions including young writers poetry, young writers story telling and the 2014 Edinburgh Fringe Festival art poster competition. To finish our term off, Class Shetland have written pen-pal letters to children in Azelea Middle School in Florida! We hope we can exchange news about life in our countries as part of our Rights Respecting Schools work. I think we've earned a good rest this term! Happy Easter everyone!

LEWIS. Since the last newsletter class Lewis have been working very hard. We have turned our hands to being scientists exploring the properties of water. This has meant many slippery, wet and fun experiments. We have also been releasing out artistic sides with the creations of some truly original and stunning pieces with the help of Maureen. Continuing our water theme we have been very enthusiastic participants during our block of swimming at Eastwood Pool. We really enjoyed our book study in the run up to World Book Day and we took part in lots of fantastic art activities related to our book *Peace at Last*.



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ARRAN Class Arran has been very busy again this term. We have now completed our second story for our Literacy SQA – *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*. We performed our sensory version of the story for class Tیره, who thoroughly enjoyed participating in the event. Our resident Magician, volunteer Phil Gordon, amazed us all, with his conjuring magic! We were also busy planning and baking for Loch Ness Wing's Daffodil Tea, in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care. Our Daffodil Tea was a great success. We raised £360, and thoroughly enjoyed having class Skye come and join us on the day. We have our very own swim champion in class Arran, as Sean McKenzie won a 1st place and 4th place at the Scottish Disability Sports swimming gala.

BUTE Class Bute have been very busy over the last few months. We really enjoyed our book study topic where we read the story called *The Rainbow Fish*. We have enjoyed exploring lots of different materials and colours to make our own rainbow fish for our class display. We have also been busy planting potatoes and making sure they are getting enough water. We can't wait to see how many potatoes we will be able to harvest! Our Technology topic this term has kept us busy. We have been focusing on recycling and reusing old materials to produce some lovely sensory artwork. It has been funny to see our old tights/socks turn into caterpillars or bees for our display!



CUMBRAE Cumbrae have been having a very busy time! We enjoyed our Science topic on Forces where we were pushing and pulling lots of everyday objects and toys. We all participated in lots of different activities and enjoyed our topic story of *The Enormous Turnip*. We all thoroughly enjoyed our book study on *What the Ladybird Heard* where we learned all about the animals in the story and learned some new songs too! We have been learning all about Easter and participating in lots of art and craft activities associated with this. We are currently studying our technology topic - 'Recycle, Reduce and Reuse'. We have been making caterpillars, snakes and bees from old tights, recycled plastic bag pom poms, rainbow canvases and making paper.

IONA Class Iona have been learning about Volcanoes this term and enthusiastically made models and watched them erupting. We celebrated Chinese New Year and decorated lovely dragons for the wall display. One of the activities that we participated in with enthusiasm was the Peace March as we marched and sang holding our lamps. During World Book Week we listened to the story *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* and we dressed up for the assembly. This week we attended the school Easter Service. We sang and listened to the story of Easter. We are all looking forward to receiving Easter eggs on Easter Sunday



ISLAY We have all been very busy in class Islay. We explored the topic 'day and night', recognising the sun, stars and moon. Our book study was *Aliens Love Underpants* and we celebrated World Book Day with a *Tiger Who Came to Tea* party in Loch Ness.

We are currently working on our construction topic and are exploring different building materials to make models.

TIREE/WHALSAY Classes Tیره and Whalsay have been very busy since Christmas. We focused our learning on renewable energy this term, we have looked at different types of renewable energy and explored ways in which this energy is created. As part of our topic we have conducted experiments, visited The Whitelee Windfarm, Summerlee Mining Village and took part in a *K'Nex Challenge*. The pupils developed their reading skills through a book study that reinforced their knowledge in renewable energy. We have also been working on lots of other things this term - from becoming expert footballers to Marching for Peace and acting in the PACE drama extravaganza, the pupils have worked really hard and developed lots of new skills.



YELL Class Yell said goodbye to the Williamwood S6 buddies as the term came to an end and the buddies go on study leave. We will all miss them as they've been such a great support to us, but will hopefully see them again at the Prom.

Yell have also been hard at work, putting on a fashion show, sitting and passing loads of exams as well as making videos for Sport Relief! We will all enjoy the Easter break as well earned holidays! Keep up the hard work Yell!

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