



IMS News Easter Newsletter

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Busy times @IMS

It has been an extremely busy term at IMS with staff and pupils involved in a diverse and rich mix of learning experiences. From Science Shows to Comic Relief fundraising to performing in Musicals and elite swimming events, pupils have developed new skills and used them in a variety of different settings, demonstrating that they are responsible citizens, confident individuals, successful learners and effective contributors. Thank you as always to parents and carers for attending and contributing to events this term.

From the Head Teacher

As you will see we have had a very exciting term full of wonderful learning experiences.

Red Nose Day was a particular favourite especially the custard pie event at Assembly. It was not easy to get rid of the smell of sour cream!

Special thanks to the the classes involved in the sponsored walk for Red Nose Day who have raised over £700 alone.

SQA News - We have recently undergone Internal Verification by the SQA and I am delighted to say that they reported excellent practice in the school and have approved the school to continue to deliver National Qualifications.

I would also like to take this opportunity to let everyone know that Mrs Haugh-Reid has just been appointed Head Teacher of Hazelwood School in Glasgow. We are thrilled for her and wish her every success in the future. She has worked in the school for 10 years and will be missed by staff, pupils and families.

Mr Hay's last day will be this Thursday and we congratulate him and wish him well on his promotion at Netherlee Primary School.

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter Break and look forward to the Summer term and the highlights that this will bring.
Sarah Clark

Special Games

Our Special Games took place on the 12th of March and were a huge success enjoyed by all the pupils.

Every pupil participated in the activities, working alongside their peers and friends from St Cadoc's and Crookfur Primary schools.

Thanks to Mr Holmes who organised the event and worked with our Active Schools Sports Coordinators to ensure the events were challenging and enjoyable.



Swimfest!!

On March 11th five of our pupils, Osman Munir, Peter Brown, Fraser McAlpine and Rebecca Murray from classes Bute, Sanda and Shetland set off to Blantyre Sports Centre to take part in the West of Scotland Swimming Gala for pupils with a physical and or visual impairment. They all had the chance to swim against peers from other schools in a friendly and slightly competitive atmosphere.

The races included 10m front stroke, 10m back stroke, as well as a novelty race and a relay.

Osman, **1st place** in the backstroke and **2nd place** in the novelty race.

Rebecca Murray, **1st place** in the front stroke and **3rd place** in novelty race.

Peter Brown, **2nd place** in front stroke and novelty races.

Fraser McAlpine, **2nd place** in the front stroke and novelty races.



Sensational Childhood



On Thursday 18th March pupils from IMS, St Cadoc's and Crookfur primaries performed our annual musical extravaganza this year titled "A Sensational Childhood". This year was unique in that it was the pupils who developed the scripts and performances for the show. The show focused on the different emotions experienced throughout childhood, such as excitement, worry, stress and happiness and the pupils performed songs and dance as well as short drama performances. The show really embodied the spirit of Community Unity with pupils working together, making new friends, supporting one another and learning lots of new skills. A very big thank you to all the staff who were involved in making this such a fabulous evening particularly Mr Hay for coordinating the music and performances and Miss Mears from St Cadoc's who choreographed the dances. Most of all thank you to all the pupils who worked tirelessly to perform and teach us all a thing or two about childhood.

Diary Dates

Thursday 26th March: Lochgoilhead Information Evening @6.30PM

Tuesday 31st March: 10.30am Easter Service at Newton Mearns Baptist Church (all welcome)

Thursday 2nd April: School closes 2.30pm for Easter Holidays (no extended school day)

Monday 20th April: School reopens for summer term

Monday 4 May: May Day Holiday

Thursday 14th May: Parent Council Meeting @7.00 PM

Friday 22nd May: School closed - holiday weekend, closed Monday 25th May

Tuesday 26th May: INSET Day

Wednesday 3rd June: SDS Junior Athletics Championships

Monday 8th June: Parents Night @ 6.00PM

Comic Relief @ IMS 2015

On Friday 13th March IMS and Family Centre played our part in raising money for Comic Relief. The pupils and staff all put in a fabulous effort; wearing something Red and participating in lots of fun activities and songs at our Assembly. Pupils also got the opportunity to show members of staff how much fun they were having by splatting them with plates of whipped cream. We managed to raise over £700, thanks to all parents, staff and pupils for your efforts and contributions in making this a worthwhile event.



Rights March 2015

On Friday 20th February, IMS hosted a March for Human Rights, the whole school participated along with pupils from St Cadoc's and Crookfur Primaries. It was a super event which gave the pupils a chance to demonstrate what they have been learning about Rights through our whole school Rights of the Child Topic.

Before the March pupils presented different pieces of work such as speeches and drama performances portraying the Rights of the Child. A wonderful experience for all the pupils topped off by hot chocolate at the end.



IMS Science Fair

As part of British Science Week, IMS has coordinated a range of activities for pupils to learn more about Science. Glasgow University, Strathclyde and Glasgow Science Centre put on a number of workshops including a spectrograph session, CSI forensic workshops, body works biology workshop and a mobile planetarium. We also hosted a Science Fair showcasing all the wonderful learning pupils have been doing across a range of areas in Science this year. A huge thank you to all the staff who worked hard to organize all these activities and provide rich learning opportunities for the pupils.



JURA Class Jura have been learning all about Habitats this term for our Science topic this year. The children went on a Mini-beast Hunt in the playground and at home and looked for different plants and animals that lived in their local habitat. We made some 'Insect pooters' to catch spiders and small bugs and had great fun trying them out (with raisins for safety reasons 😊).-



Most of the pupils in the class also took part in Community Unity projects such as the K'Nex challenge and our 'A Sensational Childhood' Drama show throughout this term- so we have all been very busy.



MULL Class Mull has been very busy this term. We started off in January collaborating with Class Iona on an exciting Eco topic called 'Reuse and Recycle'. We learned all about different materials that could be recycled and how to sort them into categories. Once that topic was finished, we swiftly started work on our Fairtrade topic. We learned to identify the Fairtrade logo and made yummy chocolate treats to sell at our stall at the Mairtrade Fair. We have also been busy releasing our energy during outings to Linn Park Adventure Playground and Pollock Park and we love outdoor play in the playground!

ORKNEY Orkney have had a wonderful term taking part in PE sessions at St. Ninian's, going on trips to the Science Centre and taking part in Science week! We had a bake sale- which included donations from Sainsbury's and Morrison's- for Red Nose Day which raised over £100 and we all enjoyed eating the left overs!!



This week we got our hands dirty looking for worms in a bucket- did you know they breathe through their skin?!

Class Orkney would like to wish everyone a very happy Easter- enjoy the holidays!



SANDA We have been such busy bees in Class Sanda this term. We worked so hard preparing for our 'Mairtrade' fair which was a great success. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the process of making our cakes and they used photographs to identify all of the ingredients we used. We bought all of our ingredients during our community outings using the checkout and paying for goods and cashiers even commented on our excellent manners! For the Science Fair we explored 'materials'. We explored feathers, sand, shredded paper, shaving foam, sandpaper, sponges, balloons and water beads and used our switches to tell our friends and teachers whether or not we liked the feeling of each material. We are now working towards Easter and have created a lovely 'Springtime' display wall in the Loch Ness corridor.

All the boys and girls in Class Sanda wish you a safe and happy Easter holiday!

SKYE Class Skye has been busy learning about Chinese New Year.

First we went on a trip to the Chinese Supermarket where we bought Chinese snacks to try. The most popular snack was chocolate 'hello pandas'. Then we made a big dragon to take around the school and dance with. Isaac, Noah and Awais were very good at making the music and Mia, Fraser Reid and Fraser Johnston were good at dancing. We did an assembly on Chinese New Year and took our dragon to visit each wing in the school.



STAFFA Staffa class has been learning about mini beasts and their habitats. As you can see in the photo, we set up our table ready for the visitors at the Science Fair.

We are proud of Insect Pooters which we used to catch insects to examine but we remembered to put them straight back into their natural habitat when finished.

SHETLAND Class Shetland has braved the rain, hail and snow to help hone their horticulture skills in Rouken Glen. The pupils have planted seeds then transplanted the seedlings they have grown into. Shetland particularly enjoyed learning about all the garden pests and natural ways to encourage them to leave our plants alone. Pupils can't wait to harvest their vegetables and use them to cook a feast!



BUTE A very busy term, we have been learning about Materials as part of our Science Topic combined with our book study of the 'Three Little Pigs'. The pupils learned about the different materials needed to build the three houses! We have also been learning about spring and have visited Pollok Park to look at the different signs of spring in nature.



ARRAN Class Arran created fantastic tote bags, featuring the Paisley pattern, which they printed using fabric paints. Mrs Airlie took charge of this, as it is part of the National 1 Award Practical Crafts – ‘Working the Materials’. It also linked nicely with part of our Personal Achievement Award – Exploring a Local Area. The class also visited the Ashoka Cookery school, where they learned to make kebabs, pakora, and chapatti. All of the pupils also enjoyed a fantastic lunch during their visit. The Ashoka catered for everyone’s dietary needs, even blending the food, where necessary. Our last major event of the term was getting ready for the Science Fair. Sean McKenzie inspired the class, with his love of ‘The Smartest Giant in Town,’ story. We used this as a starting point for our work on materials. The pupils explored a variety of materials and created the story and giant for our display. The class also worked with the Visual Artist to create the different houses in the story, again for our display.

HARRIS Class Harris has been working extremely hard this session, our more senior pupils on their SQA awards and our younger on their Curriculum for Excellence targets. We’ve also taken part in Comic Relief, the Peace March, the Science Fair and lots of different science workshops! We have been out and about loads too, with our regular trips to the Baptist Church on a Friday, as well as visiting Rouken Glen, Morrison’s and travelling by train twice to Neilston, and back! Next stop Troon ☺



CUMBRAE Class Cumbrae has had a great and busy session. Everyone has worked really hard. What have we enjoyed most? Millie enjoyed a visit from Louisa and friends from St. Cadoc’s. We had a lovely music session together. Alexander enjoyed time outside. Scott loved the ‘opera singer’ sessions. Kirsty loved the hydro- pool and Jamie loved being on the AKKA. Happy holidays everyone!!

IONA This term class Iona has been learning all about water and ice as part of our science theme. We enjoyed time in the paddling pools and feeling the cool ice and warm water on our feet and hands. We have also been working alongside class Mull and have learned about the importance of recycling. As part of our work we asked for your help to send in old clothes for our RagBag collection and we raised a fantastic £116.80!



ISLAY Class Islay has been very busy this term. We created reusable bags and yummy treats for the Mairtrade Fair in the school. Our Science topic is looking at how musical instruments work and we are exploring the different sounds they make. We can be very noisy at times!

We have also been learning about Easter and hope everyone has a great holiday!

TIREE / WHALSAY Classes Tiree and Whalsay have been very busy since January. We have been learning about forces, we investigated the impacts of pushing and pulling on different toys and predicted the effect of wind on different objects through experiments. We have also worked with pupils from St Cadoc’s and Crookfur on Community Unity events such as the musical “Sensational Childhood”. We did lots of talking and listening with new friends, sang songs, danced and took part in mini plays entertaining a crowd of parents and friends at Eastwood Theatre. A very busy term, we wish you all a terrific Easter holiday.



YELL Class Yell has loved PE this term. We’ve been working with the S6 buddies from Woodfarm who are helping us achieve our SQA. This term we’ve been learning skills in volleyball and badminton and we have just started circuit training.

LEWIS Class Lewis has had a busy term working on our Forces Topic. We have been investigating effects of pushing and pulling using toys and objects indoors and outdoors. The pupils’ learning was put on display at the IMS Science Fair for all parents and friends to see. We wish everyone a happy and relaxing Easter.

