



# IMS News Easter Newsletter

30th March 2016



## 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 Fair and World Book Day to Sport Relief, drama shows 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

I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate all the wonderful achievements that the young people have made this term. Our pupils in the Senior Phase have already achieved a record breaking level of attainment in their National Qualifications. Pupils have taken part and won many sporting events including cross country and swimming. All secondary pupils and their families had the opportunity to take part in the 2<sup>nd</sup> of our careers fairs. Pupils from across the school raised funds for many charities. Younger pupils fully participated in World Book Day and we really enjoyed performing *The Three Little Pigs*. The planning for the annual residential trip to Lochgoilhead is well underway we are all looking forward to the high points of this years trip. For the first time some young people will also be working towards the Duke of Edinburgh award as part of the trip.

We will be starting the new term on a high note as our flying school will be installed into the MOD for the first week back. Please check the website for videos, pictures and commentary.

I have also sent out parent surveys this week, please take this opportunity to feedback as we appreciate and value your opinion.

Thanks also to the Parent Council for their continued support and creative approach to fundraising. Keeping our fingers crossed for David Walliams being the next possible guest speaker!

Ground force team is also back in action and the group usually meet on a Tuesday morning please contact school if you can help and we will pass details on to the Parent Coordinator. This is much appreciate and has a very positive impact on pupils so thank you very much.

**Sarah Clark**



# Sports Relief 2016



We celebrated Sports Relief on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March. Pupils came dressed in their sports gear and took part in a range of sporting activities for a good cause. There was a sponsored walk around the school grounds as well as potted sports such as hockey, basketball and dancing in the MOD.

Thank you for all your participation and support!!



## World Book Day 2016

We have had lots going on to celebrate World Book Day. Invited storytellers came into school and we also had a story from the child smile team.

Our senior management team led stories on Thursday and Friday and we finished off the week with a whole school assembly. Classes have been engaging in lots of imaginative activities to foster an enjoyment of reading. We've had the Hungry caterpillar, Flat Stanley, the Gingerbread Man, the Smartest Giant in Town, the Borrowers and the seniors have been attending the library at Woodfarm High School to read some books.

Flat Stanley treasure hunts took place around the school and the ISS@IMS group performed an interactive "The Smartest Giant in Town" for the Family Centre pupils.

Thank you to Miss Dewhurst and Mrs. Barron for organising World Book Day 2016





# P1 Transitions

Our P1 transition pupils from Isobel Mair Family Centre are settling in well. They are visiting different areas of the school and coping well with transitions. This morning they all worked well at snack time and received lots of praise from class staff!



## Down's Syndrome Awareness Day

We are participating in Lots of Socks to promote awareness of World Down's Syndrome Day. Staff and pupils are wearing crazy socks and made a £1 donation which will be sent off to support awareness of Down's Syndrome.



## Easter Egg Competition

Mrs. Goodlad and Mrs. McKinnon from classes Tiree and Whalsay set their pupils and parents an Easter Egg challenge for homework. All the pupils had to decorate an Easter egg and bring it into school the next day. Have a look at some of the wonderful and creative designs. Mrs. Clark judged the competition and the winners are:-

Kieran McGhee, Thomas Connell and Toby Penman  
Well done everyone and what a fun homework challenge you all completed.



# IMS Science Fair 2016

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March we celebrated Science with the annual IMS Science Fair. Miss Philo invited every class across the school to display an experiment they had undertaken with their class and share it with others. Lots of sensory fun and exploration taking place as the pupils touched worms, created their name blindfolded, made rain clouds and participated in lots of other exciting experiments.



## Easter Service

Thank you to everyone who came to our Easter Service this year. I'm sure you will agree the children all sang beautifully. Thank you to Daniella (opera singer) who has been working with the pupils in classes Cumbrae, Bute, Sanda and Arran. Most recently she has been working on vocal tuition with the pupils from Classes Whalsay and Tiree.

Joey, Musa, Oscar and Leia introduced all our singers and the important people like Reverend Roddick, a proud moment for them all, and Amy led our school songs by singing and Makaton signing.



# IMS Careers Fair

We were delighted to have along members of our local community to talk to our pupils about jobs and careers in different companies and services. The pupils were very excited to be able to ask our visitors all sorts of questions about career choices that are available. They spoke to staff from Waitrose, Vets at Home, Morgan Sindall, Enable Scotland, Action on Hearing Loss and many others.

Miss Philo, who organised the Careers Fair, would like to thank the careers advisors and the representatives from all of the companies who came today to donate their time for our secondary school children. We could not have done it without you!



## Diary Dates

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April  
 Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April  
 Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April  
 Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April  
 Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May  
 Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May  
 Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May  
 Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May  
 Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June  
 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June  
 Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June  
 Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June  
 Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June  
 Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June

### School closes 2.30pm

School Reopens  
 Parent Council Meeting  
 Last Day of School  
 School Closed  
 Community Unity  
 Fun Fitness - Staffa & Jura  
 Community Unity  
 Mini Olympics (Primary classes)  
 Primary pupils induction  
 Secondary pupils induction

Last Day of School  
 May weekend  
 May weekend  
 Inservice Day

School Reopens  
 Parents Night  
 Lochgoilhead Residential  
 Leavers' Service  
 School Closes  
 Extended School Year begins

Easter Holidays begin  
 Summer Term  
**7pm**

May Day Holiday

**10am**  
**1.30pm**

**Appointments TBC**  
**Returning Sunday**  
 NMBC **10.30am**  
**2.30pm**

# Information

As you already know the school recently obtained their [Eco green flag](#) award as a recognition of the care and effort taken by pupils and staff to ensure we are a sustainable and environmental school. To this end we will now be distributing our termly newsletters electronically via email and the school website to cut down on the paper we use. Please fill in the attached form to ensure we have your up to date email address.

The school website is a terrific platform to keep you updated with all events in the school, it is updated on a daily basis with the dates and times of current events and updates on what has been happening in the school.

The website also contains links to the Learning Blogs of each class so take a look at the exciting experiences and activities your child has been engaging with throughout the week. From next term we will begin to distribute all important dates and times via this platform so please keep up to date with the school website and Twitter feed !!

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/IsobelMair/> - [school website](#)

**Please look out for information in the school bags relating to the AAC @ IMS Communication Club!**