

NEWSLETTER

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Woodfarm Community Garden



We have 2 raised beds at Eastwood Allotments, just 5 minutes away from the school. Pictured is one of our Autumn harvester.



Out of School Care

The Scottish Government launched a national consultation exercise on its plans to extend the provision of afterschool care clubs and holiday schemes. Pupils and parents/carers contributed extensively to our submission. Pupils felt that activities had to be interesting, energetic and provide the opportunity to "chill out" and engage in social media. Whilst parents felt that services had to be affordable and flexible to accommodate modern work patterns.



Pictured: The Out Of School Care Pupil Focus Group.

Big Breakfast



In September 2019 40 pupils participated in the event as part of the STV Children's Appeal. After tucking into a wide range of cereals, toast and juices, courtesy of Morrisons, Newlands, pupils were entertained by our own Mr Yates. There followed an interactive quiz with the morning concluding with a healthy walk around the school.



Making Big Breakfast muffins in Home Economics



Annabel M winner of our Big Breakfast slogan competition, sponsored by Woodfarm Community Centre

S1 Adventure Group



After much thought, the S1 Adventure Group came up with the idea of making a giant mosaic replica of the school's badge from reclaimed plywood and recycled plastic bottle tops. They hope to unveil the completed work in January. Thanks to Heather and David from Thornliebank Resource Centre for their help.



Remember we have a stock of recycled school uniform items available. Thanks to Clean & Press for all their help.



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EAL Support

Bilingual Support along with Support for Learning, have been working together to develop an EAL programme to further support S1 pupils in key literacy areas like vocabulary, basic grammar and close reading.

Some useful facts about **EAL**:

EAL is referred to as **English as an Additional Language**

EAL pupils may speak or understand more than one first language

An **EAL** pupil is receiving his or her education in a predominantly English speaking country

ESOL. (English Speakers of Other Languages) mainly refers to adult learners of English in the UK, attending English Language classes

EFL (English as a Foreign Language) is referred to when English is taught in a country where English is not the dominant language



Thanks to everyone who supported the Community Cafe. A new initiative will be launched in 2020. Look out for details.



This year's S1 litterpick in September

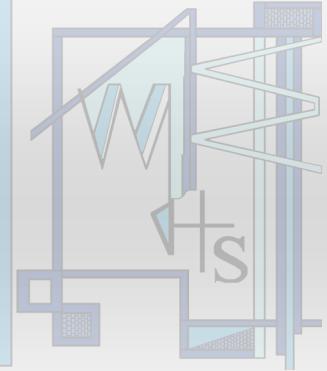
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Summer Transition Programme

This year's event in August was a bit different. We spent a day at Roukenglen engaging in outdoor learning. This was great but the highlight was a trip to the Transport Museum and the Tall Ship.



The school's Activity Day



A day out at Giffnock Tennis Club

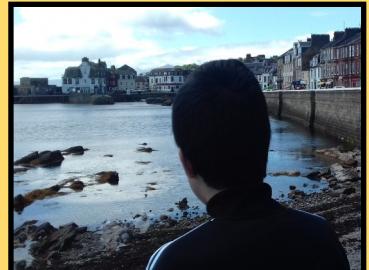
Orienteering Event

Congratulations to our S2 pupils. Their sponsored orienteering event raised £840 with £420 going to Alzheimer Scotland and the remainder to the school fund. Pictured are some of our star fundraisers but it was a great effort from the entire year group.



Summer Trips

During the summer vacation we organised a number of trips. We had lovely days out in Saltcoats, Ayr and Millport. The weather was kind to us and we had a relaxing time strolling around, taking in the views and visiting some of the sites such as the famous "Crocodile Rock". One pupil said he loved getting out of the house and would like to visit Arran. So that's on the agenda for next spring or summer.



..and finally..

Seasonal Prize Quiz

Q. In what modern day country was Saint Nicholas born?

Please send answer to Richard, Social Justice Manager