

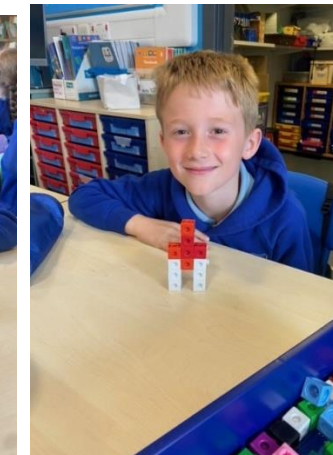
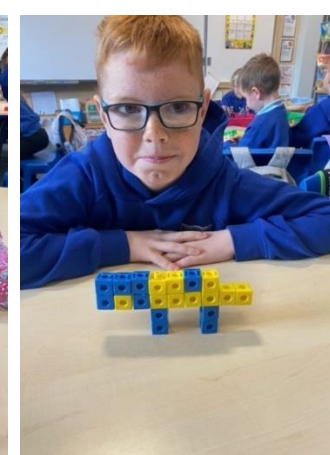
## Primary 1-4 Class:

Welcome to another blog from P1-4. The weeks are rolling by all too quickly and this week came a request from the children ..... ***"No more Sumdog for a while!"*** Last week's win meant it was a hard week. So, it was down to Mrs. Mackinnon to have careful think about classwork!

**Maths:** Lots of practical work was the order of the day. We began some work on fractions, which always allows plenty of practical tasks – as well as some recording. We made models using our knowledge of "half" and "quarter". One half had to be one colour and one half had to be another – otherwise it is not fair or equal. Once we have counted out our amounts we could then concentrate on building. We did the same using quarters. Four colours divided equally ensures we are building with quarter amounts.

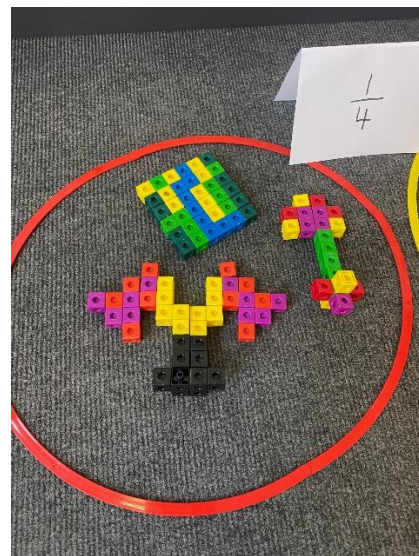
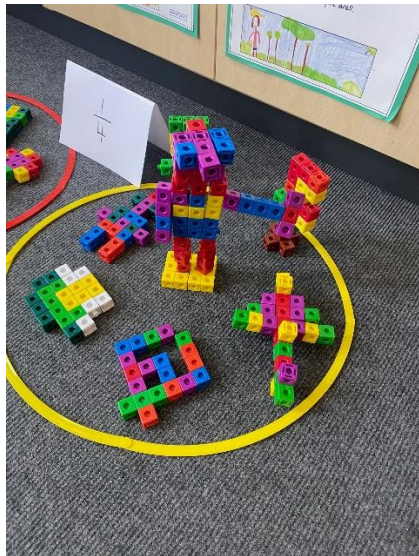
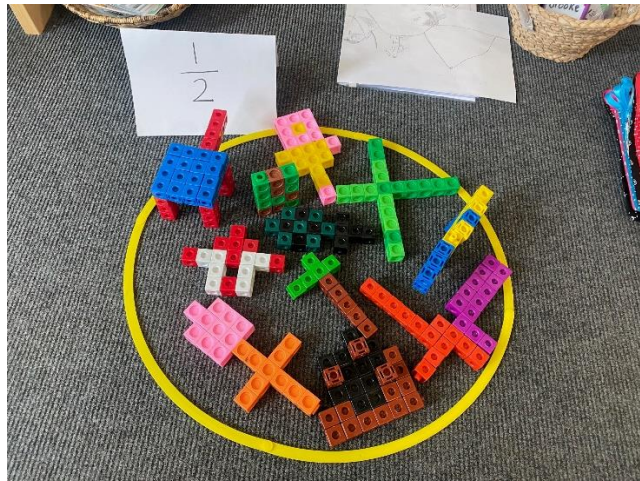


We ran into a few tricky problems along the way.... Building with cubes means our models have no curved edges and some of us had to adapt our designs along the way!





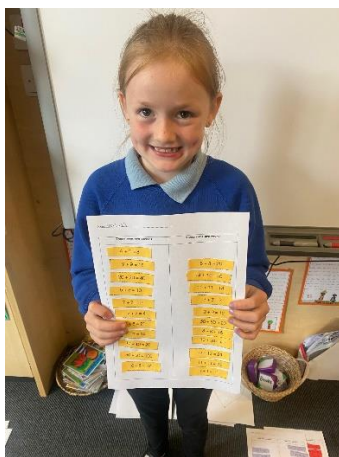
Our finished results were really good. The children came up with some great ideas!



A great start to our week.

I could not decide on the most inventive models – they were all really good!

Continuing with our fractions theme later in the week – Mia is pictured with her work on halving and doubling!



It's been a lovely week for weather – and just look at our flower heads! Hannah, Lydia and Riley have been super busy finding quarters of amounts. The coloured petals on the flowers each make up one quarter of the total amount!

Benji, Seth, Grace, Flora and Margaret have tackled something similar, but they were finding one third of differing amounts.

Cooper has been finding one half by sharing and threading the answer. He worked independently and calculated brilliantly!





Primary one are busy making their own ladybugs. On this occasion, they had to share out the correct number of spots equally so that there were the same amounts on each side of the body.







We also had a try at sharing Pirate Jack's treasure out equally too... This time it's Uilleam and Mia; Angus and Macie – and Andrew and Finlay George!



Riley, Lydia and Bella are busy making fractions of different amounts.

They are using squared paper to help them calculate!

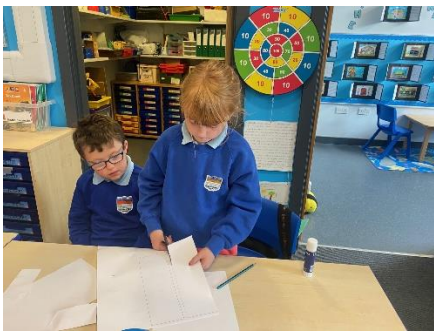
Next, we worked in pairs towards the end of the week constructing a figure half the size of the measurements given. The children had to first calculate what half was before measuring their paper accurately in centimetres to ensure correct measurements.

We spent part of Friday turning our figures into individuals!





Flora and Brooke; Grace and Finlay George; Andrew and Bella, Macie and Riley; Benji and Elsie; Hannah and Darcey; Mia and Uilleam, Seth and Cooper; Lydia and Angus...



Our early finishers..... the children have worked on them to make them into their own characters! Aren't they super?







More to come I suspect on this next week as more of the children complete their work!



### Literacy:

We began our week with a focus on spellings. Our weekly lists are in fact up on Sumdog, but we wanted to try different things – so here we are busy on our tasks!

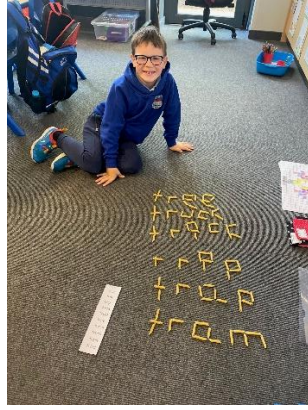
Primary one have been concentrating on tricky words. It is something we keep coming back to as they can be easily forgotten. Let's make our words from play-doh!



I do like it when the children leave me examples of their work for me to inspect





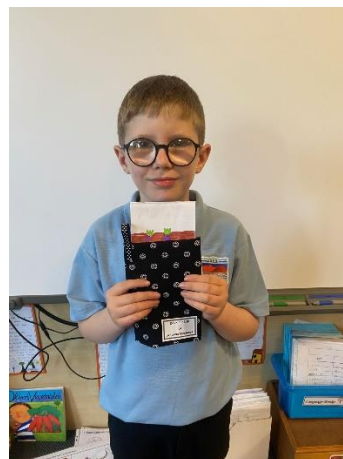


Cooper has made quite a selection of his spellings from pasta – I think they look really effective!

We have a group designing sets of their spellings in the tuff tray using chalk pens! Mrs. Mackinnon gave them a quick check up at the end to see if they could pick out the words I was looking for!

Flora and Lydia are busy using squared paper as they work on their spelling word stairs!

**Book in a bag!** You may recall that last week we began some little growth books, which we intend to put in a little fabric bag – hence “book in a bag!” Darcey is half way through her book (now there’s a calculation!) Here she is with it in her bag! Joining her we have Elsie, Andrew and Cooper!



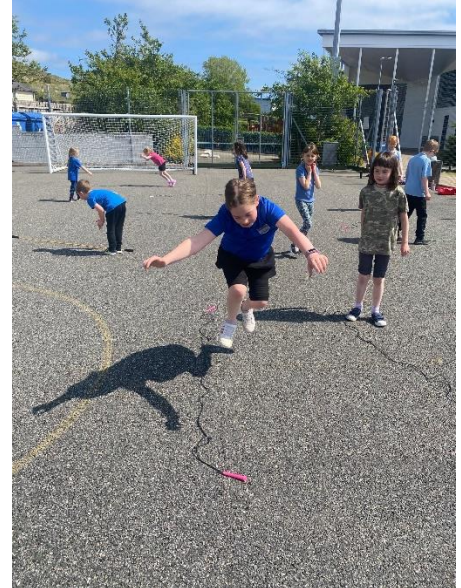




Books also complete we have Seth, Hannah, Benji and Flora; followed by Uilleam, Angus, Grace and Margaret who was absent when the pictures were taken. Most are now ready and it's up to Mrs. Mackinnon to work her way through them all to prepare them for display! Well done!

**Tuesday PE:**

It was rather hot on Tuesday, but we managed a good session outside in the good weather! Andrew, George and Margaret are absolutely flying with their jumps!







Here's some great skipping form – straight back, looking straight ahead, knees and feet together – it's Cooper, Hannah, Brooke and Elsie! Well done, you guys...

We are also working on running skips- this is a different technique – meaning you spin the rope while moving at a run or jog. Blink and you miss us! It's Lydia, Uilleam and Riley – just in case you were wondering!



### Here's another....



Another sticker folder complete!

This one belongs to Benji Morrison who has been collecting for the last few months!

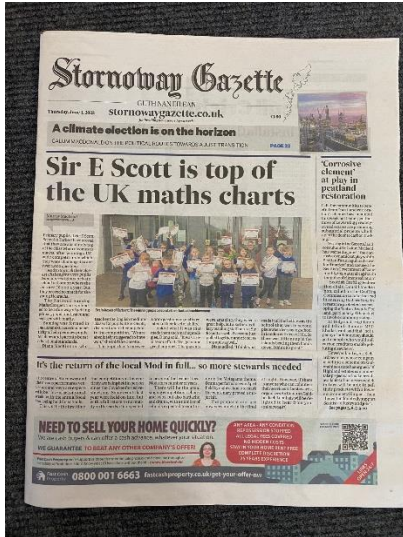
That's a great achievement at the end of a school year, isn't it?





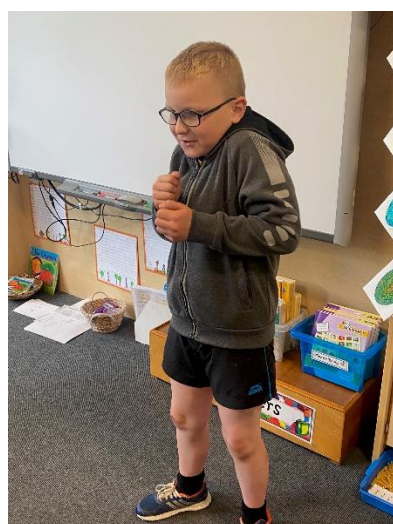
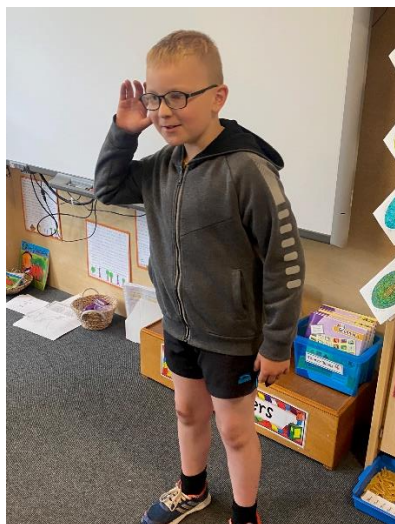
## Sumdog Update:

The Stornoway Gazette have received a tip off about our impressive recent Sumdog win! P1-4 faces are all over the front page! Of course, Murray Macleod would never reveal his sources.... however, I have it on very good authority that it was one of my parents! The children were thrilled, by the way! We all have a copy of the paper in our class profiles so we can keep it for many years to come! Absent from our pictures are George and Margaret who were away... Your Gazette pages are waiting for you both!



Champions all over again!

## Gaelic Poems – Mod Preparation!





Finlay George and Lydia have been working very hard on their Gaelic poems for the Mod. I really loved listening to both of you. Keep up your fantastic work – you are doing so well in my opinion!

**PE:**

What a beautiful week it's been – and outside we went again on Friday – before it got too hot!



Working the legs this week – it's Macie, Brooke, Alfie and Angus. More high flyers – Seth, Flora, Benji and Grace, Hannah and Mia!

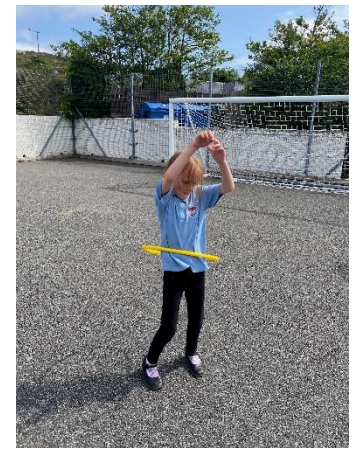


We couldn't resist a little free play with the hoops at the end of our lesson!

The children worked on different skills of their own!

I didn't know you could all do so much!





That's the end of another busy week! I am going to continue with fractions next week. It is such a practical topic, but still relevant, when the children are tired. I think they have enjoyed this week's work!

Have a great weekend, everyone!