

Primary 1-4 Class:

Welcome to another blog instalment from P1-4!

Many Happy Returns!



We start this week's blog with some birthday wishes....

It's Many Happy Returns to Riley MacDonald who celebrated his birthday at the beginning of the week.

He tells us he had opened his presents before coming to school. You were obviously up bright and early Riley!

He had a few pals popping over for some play after school. We hope you had a lovely day, Riley!

Fractions:



We enjoyed a spot of investigative work this week. Which shapes can be divided equally into half or quarters? Of course cutting at the beginning had to be accurate. We then made some pictures with our newly divided shapes!

Outdoors:

It remained rather hot for lots of running about, so we adapted our outdoor time to play a few games that didn't really involve a lot of running around! Make a shape with your partner where your feet are touching...



There seemed to be quite a bit of balance involved! Here's Riley and Finlay George; Rowan and George and Seth and Cooper.

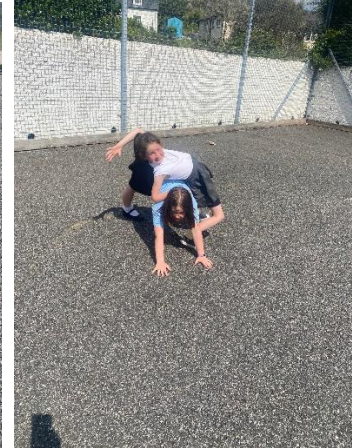
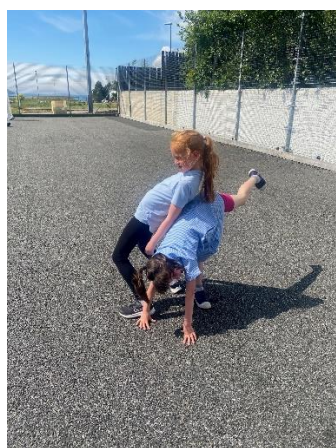
Next let's make a shape where your hands must touch.... Here's Autumn and Darcey; Macie and Andrew; Angus and Uilleam.



What about a shape where hands and feet touch.... Here's Hannah and Mia; Lydia and Flora and Seth and Cooper!



Let's now make a shape where our backs touch....



This was followed by a class challenge. Pass the cardi around the group without dropping hands! It was quite a challenging task with the children using different parts of their anatomy to try and pass it all the way round the circle.

We got there in the end!



I don't know how you all managed it!

The whole thing gave Mrs. Mackinnon a good laugh anyway....

... As the weather is unprecedented at the moment, we have been spending quite a bit of time outside. It is however, a bit too hot to run around much. We have been doing some paired work with hoops!



Working with a partner to make a circle – it's Autumn and Darcey; twisting the spine to pass the hoop – Flora and Mia; Benji and Cooper. Make the twist bigger by turning the opposite way – Uilleam and Angus. Overhead passing – Finlay George and Andrew; Elsie and Brooke. Next it was passing the hoop to a partner using feet only – quite tricky especially when the hoop rolls down the leg! Seth and Riley are giving this one a try – so are Hannah and Lydia. Finally, some tummy muscle work – sitting up with the hoop – Margaret and Grace; Finlay George and Andrew!



A bit of fun at the end with the hoops! Hula hooping their way across the yard are Bella; Autumn; Seth and Lydia. Followed by Angus; Hannah; Uilleam and Andrew!



...and for a third occasion this week we were outside working on our ball skills! We went out first thing to try and avoid the worst of the heat and limited our activities to walking at most.

Throwing and catching skills first. Keep the feet in one place as much as possible. This tests our throwing accuracy!

Here we have Andrew, Cooper, Bella and Seth.

Followed by Rowan, Brooke, George and Flora.



Taking this up to a walk or jog.... Margaret, Hannah, Darcey and Bella – well done girls!



Walking the ball around the body – Elsie and George. Working the tummy muscles – Hannah and Lydia!

More work on the stomach muscles from Riley, Macie and Flora. Elsie works on squats while squeezing a ball between her knees!



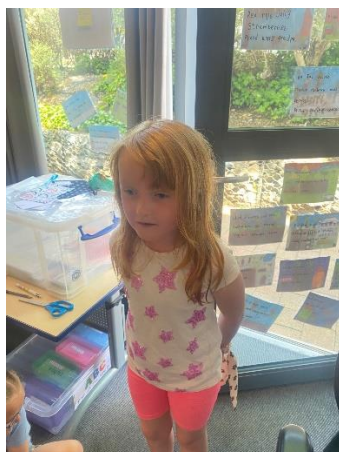
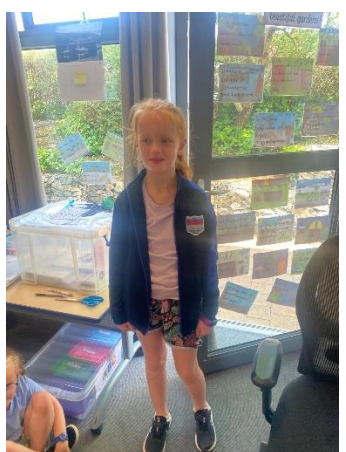
Rowan and Cooper have to catch the ball by reaching. This means the throw is difficult but not impossible to catch!

Very well-done boys!



It's Harris Mod Week!

Once again Harris Mod week is upon us – and in Gaelic learners we have been hard at it! The children are working on both songs and poems. Gaelic is tricky for Mrs. Mackinnon, as you all know, so I am really proud of the children, who are once again giving it all they've got! Best of luck to you all – I know you will do us proud!





First up – it’s the songs!

Elsie, Lydia, Macie, Flora, Hannah and Grace!

Well done girls!

Then it’s the poems – Finlay George, Lydia, Hannah and Flora! Go for it – we’re all behind you!



We had a busy day on the day of all the competitions!



The children are all fighting fit!

Here they all are on the morning of competition!

I am so proud of you all – flying the flag for the Gaelic Learners! I almost had a tear in my eye as they left!





What a relief!

Competition over – we were able to take some pictures outside!

A well-earned rest today now for you seven! Smashing!

There's nothing like some time outdoors when it's been a heavy morning of competitions! I took the class outside to relax a bit before the onslaught of further classroom tasks!



Further Correspondence from Ratcheugh Crag:



We were very pleased to receive further correspondence from Joan at Ratcheugh Crag, Northumberland. Margaret is here holding the cards which illustrate the work of my cousin Peter Bolwell Andrews who died in 2007.

Joan was busy telling us all about how she came from Widnes to live in Northumberland – and a little about the work of my cousin too!

Book in a Bag!



...More little book in a bag pieces are ready.

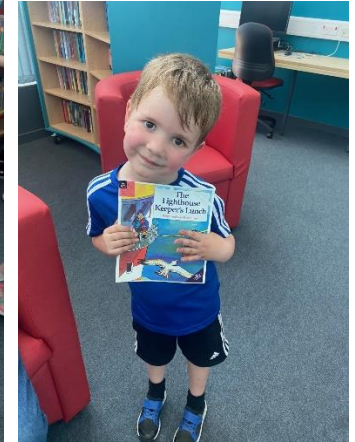
This time it's Lydia and Macie!

They are on the wall girls as I write – well done!



Library Visits Return:

Visits to the library have resumed after secondary study has finished. We were eager to browse the bookshelves for any interesting reads!





Heather also met us for a story in the library.

It makes a Tuesday afternoon!

Sharing: I was delighted to be shown Brooke and Darcey's brand-new watches! They were very excited to share their new items with me.

They tell me dad got them as a present for them both. This is lovely girls – you can use them to learn how to tell the time. I also love the fact that they are colour co-ordinated!

Here are Brooke and Darcey with their new purchases....



Alfie – an update!



What a lovely update I had from Alfie's mum Steph this week...

Alfie has been in hospital having an operation and he is doing really well.

Here he is in hospital with Pikachu who has also got bandages on!

We have been wondering – GET WELL SOON ALFIE! We are missing you and we want you back at school very soon!

The Travelling Art Gallery:

Primary three and four visited The Travelling Art Gallery this week. Most of you will have seen the bus around Harris, I'm sure. The current exhibition is called "High on the Summit Ridge," created by Rachel Adams and Tessa Lynch. In the gallery there are lots of unusual, yet strangely familiar things. However, all the things are just a little bit different. The children listened to a short presentation by Vickie and were then allowed to peruse the exhibition!



Can you see any clothes in this plughole? Giant packaging for carbolic soap; washing machine on a hill.

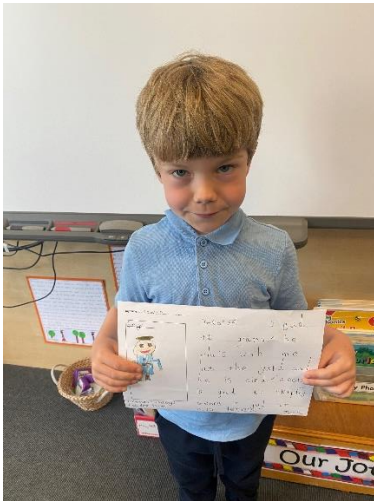
Angus is busy looking at the rather unusual photographs! Andrew smells the soap! Bella, Mia and Riley examine the artefacts....



Here's Vickie from the gallery talking to the children about all the conceptual art pieces in the exhibition.

We've not seen the travelling gallery for a while so it was fun to see something different!

Literacy/ Health Wellbeing:



We wrote our own little pieces about our friends this week. We had a think about their qualities before getting down to the writing. The children found out all the information by talking before getting down to the task.

Here's Rowan with his finished piece! What a beautiful page, Rowan! No wonder you look pleased with yourself!

...Later in the week we were sorting out words to make sensible sentences! Some of them were quite tricky, but we all got there!



Leaves!

As our term draws to a close, we have been busy creating our own leaves. Depending on the season chosen, the children altered their colours to suit their leaf.



Work is still in progress.... We'll no doubt return to these next week!

Have a great weekend everyone!