



December 2023

Dear Phàrant/Neach-cùraim

Tha sinn an dòchas gun còrd ar litir-naidheachd saor-làithean ribh agus geàrr-chunntas air teirm thrang eile. Tha an teirm seo air cothroman a thoirt do choimhearsnachd na sgoile againn a thighinn còmhla agus ionnsachadh ar sgoilearan a cho-roinn. Anns an t-seachdain a chaidh seachad tha Fèill Geamhraidh na Bun-sgoile agus na Sgoile Araich air còrdadh rinn, an t-Seanadh sgoil air fad againn, an Dannsa Àrd-sgoile agus Quizzes Bun-sgoil is Àrd-sgoil!

Tha e air a bhith na urram dhuinn na h-uidhir de shoirbheachas a cho-roinn, le sgoilearan air leth math anns a' Mhòd Nàiseanta Rìoghail agus a' togail còrr air £1000 ann an airgead airson carthannasan ionadail is nàiseanta. Tha sinn a-rithist taingeil do theaghlachan agus do choimhearsnachd na sgoile airson taic a thoirt don obair gu lèir a tha an sgoil a' dèanamh. Tha cudromachd obair-sgioba air a chomharrachadh tron teirm

Tha sinn an dòchas gum bi saor-làithean sona, socair agaibh uile agus tha sinn a' coimhead air adhart ri fàilte a chuir air sgoilearan air ais dhan sgoil air Diardaoin 4mh Faoilleach.

Le deagh dhùrachd,

Andy Murray

Ceannard na sgoile

Dear Parent/Carer

We hope you enjoy our festive newsletter and round up of another busy term. This term has provided opportunities for our school community to come together and share the learning of our pupils. In the past week we have enjoyed the Primary and Sgoil Araich Winter Show, our whole school Assembly, the Secondary Dance and Primary and Secondary Quizzes!

We have also been privileged to share so much success, with pupils excelling in the Royal National Mod and raising over £1000 in funds for local and national charities. We are once again grateful to families and the school community in supporting all of the work that the school does. The importance of teamwork has been highlighted throughout the term

We hope that you all have a happy, restful festive holiday and we look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Thursday 4th January.

With very best wishes,

Andy Murray

Head Teacher

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY



Megan Brown S2 and Anna MacMillan, S1 made some Christmas decorations out of dry clay and sold them in the school to pupils and staff. They raised £55.50 for Crossroads, well done girls!!



SGOIL ÀRAICH



Anns an Sgoil Àraich rinn sinn taois shalainn agus stuthan nolaig a pheant sinn arison ar craobh. Chòrd an gnìomh seo riutha.

We have been doing some salt dough, Christmas decorations which we painted for our tree. They really enjoyed this activity.



SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DINNER

We all enjoyed a lovely Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 13th December, this is a highlight of the school year. We are very grateful to all the canteen ladies, for preparing a fantastic meal for us all.



P1-3 WORKER OF TERM

This term's Worker of the Term award goes to Cooper Maclean. Cooper always puts in 100% even if the task is tricky. By Cooper's own admission he just loves Maths, Sport, Art and a bit of dance and drama if our recent performance is anything to go by!

Cooper receives little lamp in the shape of a football which he has to paint first.

Very well-done Cooper – we are delighted for you!



PANTO FEISEAN NAN GAIDHEAL

Air Diciadain 06.12.23 thàinig buidhean Feisean nan Gaidheal a chèilidh air na clasaichean Gàidhlig leis am Panto Nollaig aca "Calum Anndra a' Chòta Dheirg". Bha spòrs, òrain agus fealla-dhà gu leòr ann agus abair gun do chòrd e ris a h-uile duine, sean agus òg!!



LEUGH IS SEINN LE LINDA

Air Diardaoin 14.12.23 ghabh na clasaichean GM 1-4 pàirt ann an sèisean Nollaig Leugh is Seinn le Linda. Chuala iad stòiridh "Bioran" agus bha iad a' seinn orain. Chunnaic iad clasaichean Gàidhlig eile bho air feadh Alba air an sgrin cuideachd.



SPECIAL VISITOR

Primary pupils enjoyed a visit from our very own 'Buddy the Elf' on the last day of school and they all got a candy cane too!



SGOIL ÀRAICH & PRIMARY 1-3 SHOWCASE

Sgoil Àraich and Primary pupils participated in a Showcase for parents on Thursday 14th in the evening, and Friday 15th December. Pupils enjoyed performing on the stage, refreshments were served afterwards which were enjoyed by all.



PANTO CINDER HEARACH

Tha clasaichean GM5-7 agus GL4-7 air a bhith ag obair UABHASACH cruaidh gus Panto miorbhailleadh, Cinder Hearach, a chur air. Thairis air na 6 seachdainnean a chaidh, tha a' chlann air sgilean canain, cuimhneachaidh agus drama a leasachadh agus misneachd a thogail asta cuideachd. Tha sinn uile cho pròiseal às a h-uile pàiste agus tha an luchd-obrach airson taing a thoirt gu gach pàrant a tha air taic a thoirt dhuinn gus am Panto a dhèanamh cho soirbheachail sa bha e.

GM5-7 and GL4-7 classes have been working incredibly hard to put on our spectacular Panto, Cinder Hearach. Over the past 6 weeks we have build confidence in so many skills, such as learning lines, dances and songs, projecting our voices and showing characterisation through facial expressions and movement. The staff are SO proud of every child and would like to extend a huge thank you to every parent/carer who helped bring this Panto to life!





CHRISTMAS PARTIES

The Sgoil Araich & P1-3 pupils enjoyed their Christmas party on Monday 18th January. They played lots of festive games, followed by festive snacks and a visit from a special guest, with gifts for each classroom!

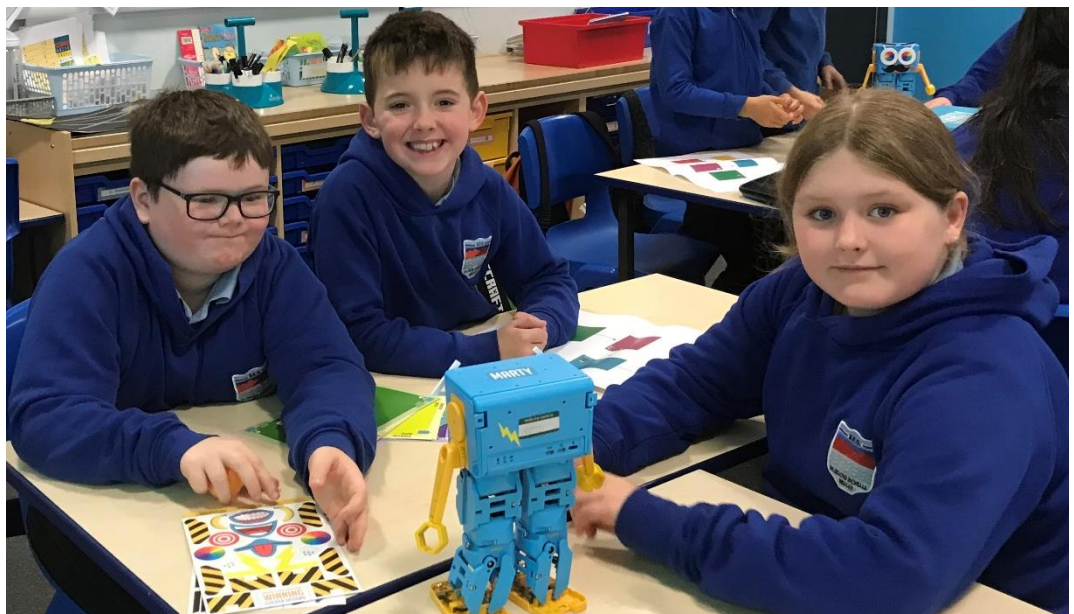


DIGITAL XTRA

Bha GM5-7 agus GL 6-7 gu math fortanach cothrom fhaighinn pairt a ghabhail ann an Digital Xtra le Mrs Finnigan. Thairis air 6 seachdainean bha sinn ag obair le Marty and Robot, Scratch Junior agus thainig Connel bho HebDrones a bhruidhinn rinn mu dheidhinn Drones. Dh' ionnsaich sinn torr sgilean mar coding, debugging agus fuasgladh ceistean. Tapadh leibh gu mor do Mrs Finnigan.



GM5-7 and GL 6-7 were so lucky to take part in Digital Xtra with Mrs Finnigan and some special guests. Over the last 6 weeks, we have been working with Marty the Robots, Scratch Junior with software developer Maria Bell and had a visit from Connel from Heb Drones. He answered all the questions we had about drone and then flew the drone on the pitch! We learned lots of skills like coding, debugging and problem solving. A huge thank you to Mrs Finnigan, we loved the sessions and definitely have some future coders amongst us!



NATIONAL MOD SUCCESS

Huge congratulations to all the pupils who participated in the National Mod in Paisley, especially both the Junior and Senior Choirs who swept the boards, winning all of their competitions and coming back with a haul of trophies. We are extremely grateful to Mrs Jayne MacDonald (conductor) for her dedication and commitment to the pupils and also the Mod Parent Committee who freely give their time to fundraise, organise and accompany the pupils to the Mod.

Last but by no means least thank you to all the pupils who continue to participate in this National Event, we are very proud of you all.





BLYTHSWOOD SHOEBOX APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Blythwood Shoebox Appeal. Approximately 50 boxes were handed into

the school for this worthy cause.

Pictured are Senior Pupils; Alasdair Langley, Kieran McNally and Ellie-Ceit Johnson with some of the donated boxes



REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

On Friday 10th November we came together to mark Remembrance Day. Pupils and staff read letters and diaries of family members who participated in the First and Second World Wars.

The school was also represented on Saturday 11th with pupils and staff attending the Remembrance Service and laying a wreath at the War Memorial.



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

S4 pupils organised a very successful coffee morning on Friday 17th November in Tigh Mo Sheanair. The raised the amazing sum of £950.00 which will be split between Macmillan and Crossroads Harris. Thank you to all who donated baking, everyone who came along and supported this event and special thanks one again to the Harris Hotel for enabling us to host the event there.



We had the pleasure of presenting Crossroads with a cheque for £500 today, following the Macmillan/Crossroads Coffee morning.

Pictured Kathleen Macleod, representing Crossroads receiving the cheque from Seoras Macdonald and Jessica Mackay, S4



HARVEST ASSEMBLY

The annual Harvest Assembly was held on Friday 3rd November. Thank you so much to pupils, parents and staff who gave so generously. We have passed these items onto the local food bank organisers and will be distributed to those in need.



DEASBAD GAEILIC DEBATE

S iad Sgoil Sir E Scott B (Ellie-Ceit Niclaine agus Isla Scott) a bhuannaich Deasbad Nàiseanta Loganair nan Àrd-sgoiltean ann an Dùn Èideann aig toiseach na Dùbhlachd.

Rinn iad a' chùis air Àrd-Sgoil Sheamuis Ghilleasbuig anns a' chuairt-dheireannach, a bha air a chumail ann am Pàrlamaid na h-Alba.

Airson a' chiad turais ann an eachdraidh, bha dà sgioba à Sgoil Sir E Scott anns an iar chuairt-dheireannach, an oidhche roimhe ann an Ionad Sgeulachdan na h-Alba. Chaidh an Sgioba B suas an aghaidh Sgioba A (Seamus MacAoidh agus Bella NiclIleathain), agus a-rèir aon de na brithemhan, bha strì aca gan sgaradh agus co-dhùnadh a dhèanamh air cò a dheigheadh a-steach dhan chuairt-dheireannach.

Tha sin fhèin a' sealltainn na h-ìre aig an robh na h-òraidean agus na sgilean deasbaid a bh' aig gach sgioba againn.

Mu dheireadh thall, 's iad Ellie-Ceit agus Isla a fhuair troimhe, agus an-dèidh deasbad gu math teth aig amannan an aghaidh nan sgoilearan à Dùn Èideann, 's iad clann-nighean na Hearadh a ghlèidh a' chuaich.

Is e seo a' chiad turas ann an eachdraidh a bhuannaich Sgoil Sir E Scott an Deasbad, agus tha an sgoil, agus gu dearbh a' choimhearsnachd, gu math moitel às an ceathrar aca – Ellie-Ceit, Isla, Seamus, agus Bella.

Riochdaich iad an sgoil ann an dòigh a bha sgoinneil, agus bhruidhinn barrachd air aon neach a bha an sàs anns a' cho-fharpais mu cho modhail, còir, agus cuideachail 's a bha iad.

Sir E Scott School B (Ellie-Ceit Johnson and Isla Scott) were announced as winners of this year's Loganair National Gaelic Schools Debate competition in Edinburgh at the start of December.



They defeated James Gillespie's High School in the final, which was held in the Scottish Parliament.

For the first time in history, two teams from Sir E Scott School had made it through to the semi-finals, which were held the previous evening in the Scottish Storytelling Centre. The B team faced off against the A team (Seamus Mackay and Bella Maclean), and according to one of the judges, they had an incredibly difficult job in separating them and deciding on which team would go through to the final. That shows just how highly they thought of the quality of speeches and debating skills shown by both our teams.

Ultimately, it was Ellie-Ceit and Isla who won through, and following a final debate against James Gillespie's, which was at times quite fiery, it was the Harris girls who won the cup.

This is the first time in history that Sir E Scott School has won the Deasbad competition, and the school and indeed the community is very proud of the four competing pupils – Ellie-Ceit, Isla, Seamus, and Bella. They represented the school fantastically, and it was mentioned by more than one person involved in the competition, how well-behaved, kind, and helpful they were.

NETBALL

The netballers have had a very busy term. The boys went up to Lewis to play the Nicolson S5 girls and unbelievably the score was level. They are after a re-match! Emma MacSween was selected to represent the Nicolson and SES team and has been quite the jet setter popping over to Inverness to play against Gordonstoun and Fettes College in the Scottish Schools Cup. Mrs Rogers is very proud of how well everyone has done and is delighted that the boys like netball more than football!!!



YPI CHARITIES FAYRE

On Wednesday 8th November, a number of local charities came to visit our school and speak with pupils of P7-S6 classes about the important work they do within the community.



The event was organised by Kathleen Duce to allow the charities to raise awareness about their work and explain how pupils could contribute to it.

S3 pupils were given the role of introducing the charities to the various classes who came down to the performance area to take part in the event. Pupils were then free to chat with the charities' representatives, ask them questions and hear about their work first hand.



The charities which kindly participated in this event were The Leanne Fund, Western Isles Cancer Care Initiative (WICCI), Crossroads, Alzheimer's Scotland, Harris Community Wheels, and the Western Isles Community Care Forum (WICCF). They were represented by Hazel, Peggy, Catriona, Helen & Ronah. Everyone enjoyed learning about the work of the different charities, about volunteering opportunities and collecting the free information which was being handed out to those interested.

Over all it was a very enjoyable fair which everyone was delighted to be part of and we hope to have them back again. Many thanks to everyone who came.

Esme Brien S3



SECONDARY CROSSROADS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

The Secondary Crossroads Football Tournament was held on Wednesday 29th November. Congratulations to Jake Maclean who was Player of the Tournament. Congratulations also to the winning team and the runners up. Thank you to all the organisers for another successful event which was enjoyed by all.

*Pictured below SAMS – the Winning Team, Seumas MacIennan, Alsadair Morrison, Malachy MacDonald and Seoras MacDonald
Runners up – Jake Maclean, Ben Murray, Ryan Morrison and Luke Johnson.*



SECONDARY CHRISTMAS DANCE

On Wednesday 20th December, the annual Christmas dance took place for Secondary pupils in the Tarbert Community Centre. Thank you so much to the HMIA Committee and the hall users for being so accommodating. Thank you also to Marion (School Office) and Diane (FES Janitor) for giving of their time to organise all the food and refreshments. Thank you also to Iain MacIver and Iain Angus Macleod for musical entertainment. Finally, last but by no means least thank you to all staff who joined us for the evening, a great night was had by all!



Last Christmas dance for the S6 group. Huge thanks to Dylan Brown for the fab photos!



Nollaig Chridheil agus Bliadhna Mhath ùr dhuibh uile.