

## Primary 1-3 Class:

Welcome to another of our class blogs! As is often the case, we are beginning the week with our Maths work!

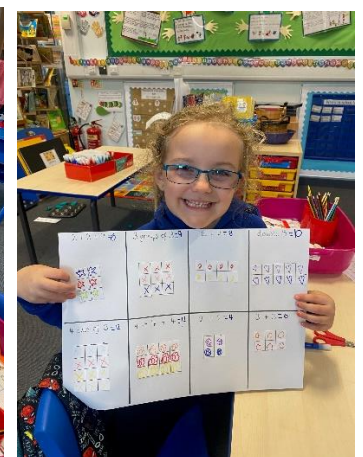
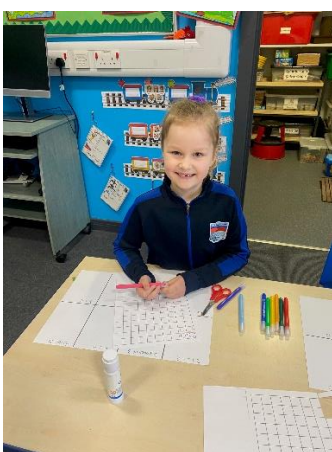


What a great pattern maker a baking tray is!

Zoe, Rowan, George and Cooper are making multiplication arrays using play-doh!



It's more repeated addition from Elsie, Darcey and Brooke. Logan is missing from our picture as he was on a snack break! Your work was excellent too Logan!



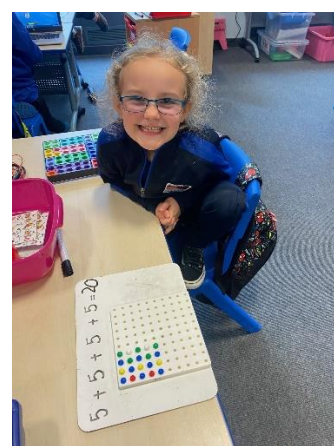
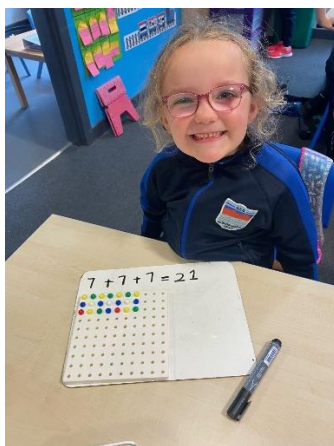
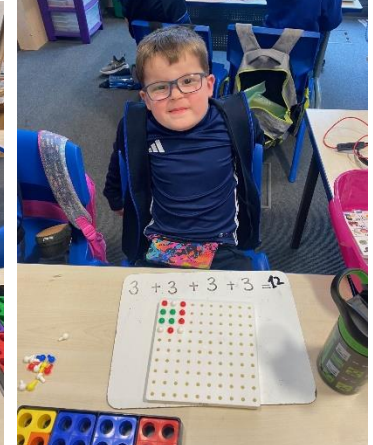
Robert has been equally busy. He started the week making numbers to twenty using the magnet boards! He went through each problem systematically... doesn't he look pleased with himself?

Robert also set aside some time for Sumdog Maths! There's just no time for Monday morning blues, everyone, is there?



We've been going great guns at our Maths this week! Primary two were busy making pictures with numicon. Then they had to work out the value of it by calculating repeated additions! Autumn, Elsie and Brooke were very proud of their models...

We have also been making arrays using the pegboards! And Robert and Phoenix working on their counting – well done!



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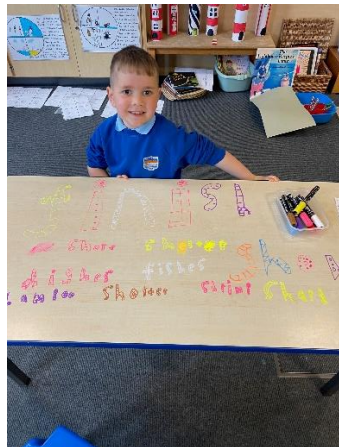
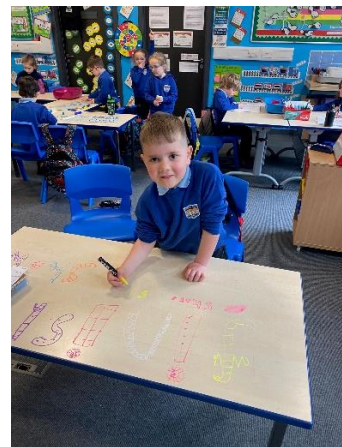
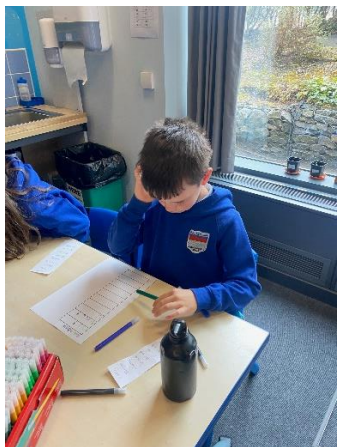
We completed some spelling work first thing on Monday too! What a great excuse to try out our new painting sticks and give the chalk pens an airing!



Robert also had a try with the paint sticks to help him with his tricky words! Meanwhile, George, Rowan, Zoe and Cooper all worked on rainbow spellings. The children picked out the word(s) that were trickiest for them.... George with his chalk pen spellings!



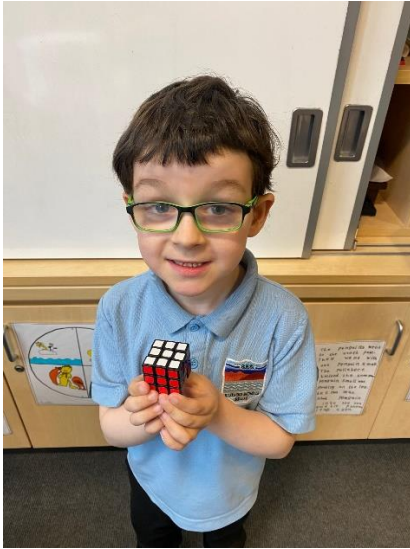
....and Robert just about got everywhere today! He worked very hard at writing his own sentences using his phonics to help him!



## **Sharing:**

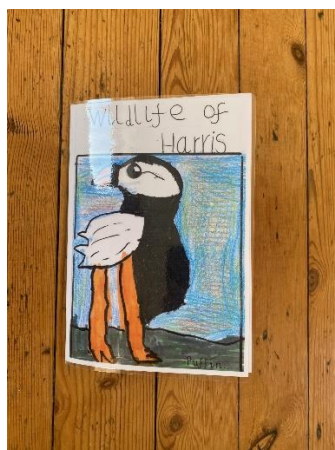
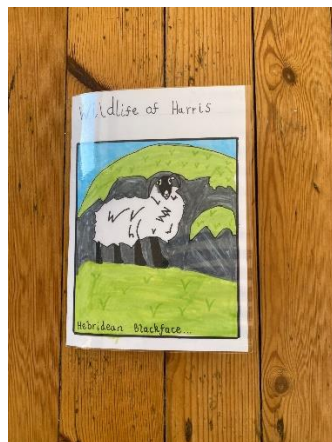
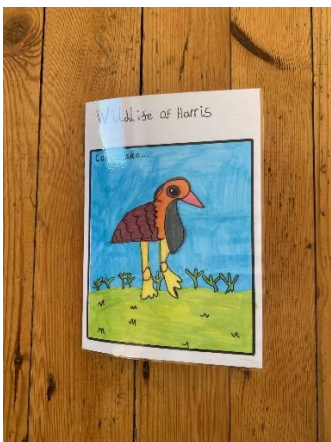
A few quick shares this week! The first one comes from Robert, who wanted to share his Rubik's Cube with us! I haven't met anyone who could solve the puzzle yet! There are some who can solve it in about a minute... no pressure, Robert! You never know, as you get a bit older you might be THE ONE!

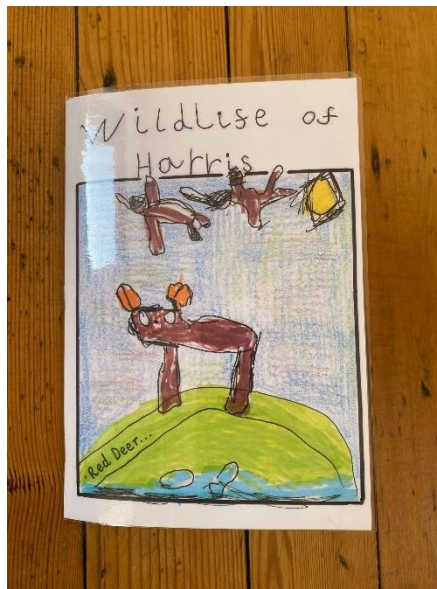
Our other share comes from Brooke and Darcey... it's a shared share if you see what I mean. Here they are with their lovely Husky dog, who apparently sleeps on Brooke's bed.... Unless Darcey has taken him for a cuddle of course!



### Hot off the press...

The first of our publications are ready for selling – and don't they look marvellous? We are delighted with the finished results! They will be in the shops soon priced at £4.99. We will keep you updated as to where you can purchase if you would like a copy, but firstly we have to hope that our local retailers will help shift our stock! I intend to take the children round in groups to let them do the persuading!





A stunning selection!

If you know anyone who might want a little Harris gift made by the children... then look no further!

We are aiming for around £500.00 so here's hoping tourists will be interested!

With the first run printed, the children couldn't wait to have a look at them and share with a friend!



We are aiming to have a first print of about 120 copies! Mrs. Mackinnon is already folding sheets of paper throughout the school day...



Meet our team responsible for page ordering and numbering! It's Brooke, Elsie and Darcey – great work girls – and no mistakes! It's become a bit of a production line I must say.... Hopefully all ready for sale next week!

## **Are you skipping ready?**

We think we might be! We worked on our skipping technique and our jumping skills which of course strengthen our legs to help us skip well! We are also working on a continuous skip for one minute... we think we need quite a bit of stamina for this one!



Our jumps are pretty good! You might be forgiven for thinking there are a few flying birds – but actually it's Logan, Robert, Cooper and Phoenix! Well done boys – great work!



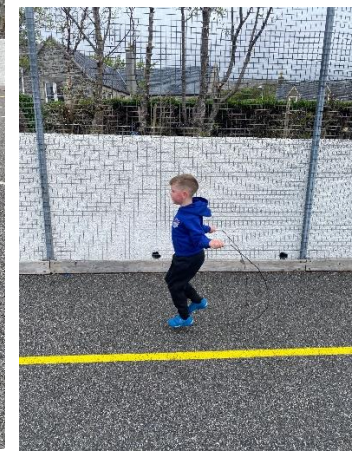
Various jumps – here comes / there goes George! Here's Rowan with standing long jump and Logan gives mountain climbers a try!



Paired skipping is good when you are just learning. It allows one person to control the rope giving the other person the chance just to concentrate on jumping! Great fun with this one....



It's also good to give some accomplished skippers the chance to work together too! Finally, here's George with a running skip! It might not surprise you to know that we all got skipping stickers for such great work!



### **Friday PE:**

We went out with the agility ladders on the last day of the week! Look at this smashing lunge from Zoe during warm-ups! It's a straight run through the ladder for Robert, Rowan and Cooper; Logan has found his jumping feet, so has Phoenix and Elsie! How about leading with the same leg? That's a tricky one! Autumn, George and Brooke are giving that one a try! Rowan, Autumn, George and Cooper are busy side stepping through the ladders







I was exhausted watching you all...

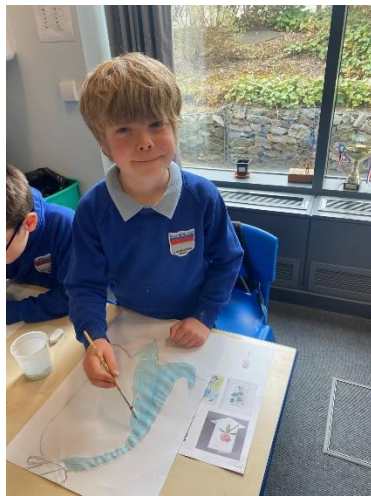
Well done – some of those steps through the ladders are really quite tricky!



### **South Harris Art Competition:**

It's that time of year again! Doesn't it come around quickly? The theme of this year's competition is Machair Flowers. We drew on some inspiration from Georgia O'Keeffe – famous American artist who painted large flowers! We have some harebells and pink clover from the children this year -all on a large scale!

Robert, Rowan and Zoe are busy using acrylics to paint harebells!



We have been busy making bees and butterflies... we don't know if we'll use them yet, but we're working on the principle that it's great to learn a new skill!



They are all looking great already... we will keep you posted on our progress!



### **Harris Mod Fever!**



The Harris Mod is almost upon us once again – and flying the flag for the Gaelic Learners we have Logan, Elsie, Brooke and Darcey! I am SO PROUD of them for having a go! Of course we are all learning the songs together as a class!

Mr. Maciver is putting us all through our paces – me included! He sets me a challenge each week that I have to try and meet!

Oh well ..... we are all in it together!

### **...A thought from Cooper!**

Here is a copy of an email I received today from Wildlife Aid Foundation (WAF). The message comes from Simon Cowell (not THE Simon Cowell), but the founder and CEO of this lovely charity.

*Dear animal lover,*

*Well, it's been an interesting couple of years, to say the least.*

*Diagnosed with terminal lung cancer in 2022, it's now spread pretty much everywhere. It's in my brain, in my stomach... so, it's not been a lot of fun, to be honest.*

*I've been lucky with my cancer treatment; it hasn't affected me as badly as it affects some people, but it's still on-going, so there's a lot more to go, yet.*

*I've just finished another treatment, this week, and have had all sorts of scans done.*

*I haven't got much longer left. They reckon it's a few weeks. I'm handling it quite well, emotionally, I think.*

*But it is what it is, can't get away from it, so, we go onwards.*

*We are desperately trying to raise money to build the new hospital, and it's now becoming more important; obviously, when I die, the site has to go, so, if anybody feels like giving us a very generous donation, I'd be incredibly grateful, and may come and thank you, personally, if I'm still here.*

*So, guys, please, if you can help with this new project, help get the new hospital off the ground, that would be fantastic, any donations, any legacies, anything.*

*Please, help us get this build started, or try to start it, before I go.*

*Warmest regards,*



Simon Cowell MBE  
Founder & CEO  
Wildlife Aid Foundation



Cooper listened to the contents of the email before saying "That's where our money should go that we are raising with our wildlife books!"

It is a very fitting suggestion and one I think we should consider further as a class next week!

I wonder how many of our readers agree with Cooper?

***Have a great weekend everyone!***