



# Summer Newsletter

From Yvonne Gribben Head Teacher



The summer holidays are almost here! I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate all of the wonderful achievements that the young people have made this term.

Our young people in the Senior Phase have achieved a number of National 1 Qualifications and the Personal Achievement awards. A few of our seniors made it to the finals of the Ayrshire All Ability Games and Ryan Thomson won a Gold medal in the 60m Sprint. We are very proud of him. Arran Class have won first prize in the Ayr Flower Show competition and received a £100 cheque this week from Mrs McHaffie and Mr Sloan. Planning is underway for a few of the seniors to visit Arran Outdoors and all of the classes have been participating in their yearly school trip. Remember to check out Haysholm GLOW blogs to view recently uploaded class photographs. We are going to be featured in an article written for Education Scotland by North Ayrshire's Glow Development Officer on our use of GLOW blogs as a way of evidencing achievements.



We will be starting the new session with a whole school training session on GLOW blogs and next year every learner will have their own blog, this will allow parents/carers to upload evidence of wider achievements. It is a fantastic way of developing digital and literacy skills in our learners. We will keep you posted as we develop this further next session.

We have been exceptionally busy this term and a few of the highlights include; Interdisciplinary Theme 'Vive La France', Music Therapy, Sensory Science Day, Generation Science Workshops, Health Week, Rights Respecting Schools Recognition of Commitment Award achieved and preparations are well underway for our school prizegiving. Our children and young people continue to 'blossom' through the provision of well-planned curricular activities and through their individualised educational programmes.

## VIVE LA FRANCE

Bonjour! This term our Interdisciplinary learning has centred around the topic Vive la France! The pupils have been learning about France, its culture, food, music and language. We have been learning some French words including hello, goodbye, different foods and colours! The staff and pupils have also been learning new Makaton signs related to France. There have been some lovely smells in the school with classes making and tasting croissants and pain au chocolat. Au revoir!

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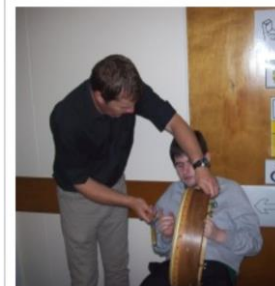
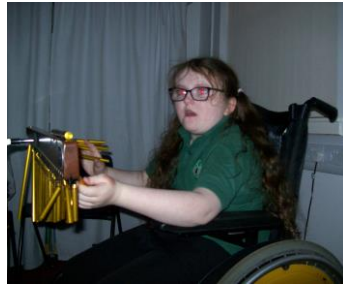
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## MUSIC THERAPY

We were delighted to welcome Janette Montague to Haysholm to deliver our first ever Music Therapy sessions. **Music therapy** is the skillful use of **music** and musical elements by an accredited **music therapist** to promote, maintain, and restore mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual health. **Music** has nonverbal, creative, structural, and emotional qualities. All classes got the opportunity to attend and participate. Some of our children and young people were very responsive during the



sessions and we look forward to securing funding for next session.

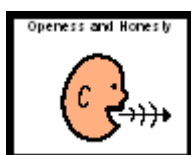


## GENERATION SCIENCE WORKSHOPS & SENSORY SCIENCE DAY

Mrs Mair in partnership with Irvine Royal Academy organised a Sensory Science Day. Teachers from Irvine Royal attended in the morning to help our learners participate in a range of experiments including; making lava lamps, slime, bath bombs and big bubble to name but a few. In the afternoon it was the turn of the teachers to provide a carousel of science activities in each class. Everyone had great fun exploring. Generation Science also visited school during May to deliver sessions for both primary and secondary.



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## HEALTH WEEK



This year we focussed on 'Physical Activity' for Health Week. A number of events were planned including 'Walk a Mile' by Mrs Bennett, 'Tour de France' by Mrs Mair, 'Haysholm Bounce Off' by Mrs Gribben and 'Haysholm Olympics' jointly organised by Mrs Coia and Miss McHarg. It was a great fun week and everyone got into the spirit of it, we also managed to be sneaky and squeeze lots of numeracy activities in too!!!!



## RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

Well done to Mrs Bennett and the rest of the Rights Respecting School Quality Team who worked hard to take forward the Rights Respecting Schools initiative this session. As a result of their work with the pupil council, we have achieved our Recognition of Commitment Award. We will now work towards our Rights Respecting School's Level 1.

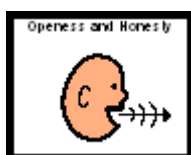


## ARTWORK ON DISPLAY AT MARITIME MUSEUM



Some of our Senior pupils have participated in Art sessions at Irvine Royal Academy. They made a variety of clay models including soap dishes, trinket boxes and plaques. The soap dishes and trinket boxes are on display at an art exhibition at the Maritime Museum. We had a nice trip to the Museum, where we enjoyed viewing our art work and work crated by Irvine Royal Academy pupils.

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## GOODBYE

We would like to wish both Ms Clark & Mrs Mackie a very long and happy retirement & we hope that they will be frequent visitors to our many special events.

Also, we would like to wish Katy Gibb our school leaver all the best as she moves on to start a new chapter in her life.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all involved in our school community for continued support and wish you all a very happy, hopefully sunny, summer holiday.

Yvonne

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