



# Heriot News 8

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## Heriot Heartbeats

Wow! Wow! Wow! What an amazing performance our Glee club, the Heriot Heartbeats, gave during their heat for the Scottish Primary School GLEE Challenge. The performance took place on 19 February in Paisley Town Hall as we took on six other schools. The feedback from the judges was fantastic and very well deserved. We were delighted to be awarded the Esprit de Glee.



A HUGE thank you to everyone, families and staff, who came along to give their support. We were definitely the loudest and brightest supporters in the Town Hall! To our talented staff, Mrs Milne and Mrs McFarlane, thank you so much for giving your time, energy and commitment to our Glee club. Thank you to our wonderful children, who not only performed well, but supported one another and embraced the whole experience.

## TIE (Time for Inclusive Education)

TIE continue to work with Heriot Primary, offering workshops designed to address prejudice and improve outcomes for all learners. Already this year they have delivered a workshop exploring equality and difference to our Primary 5's and a workshop on challenging gender stereotypes to our Primary 6's.

Our pupils interacted with stories of other young people who have experienced stereotyping and inequality and used what they had learned to work through several prejudice-based bullying scenarios. The workshops encouraged the children to ask questions and this created opportunities for meaningful discussion, critical thinking and an appreciation of differences, and treating others with respect. Our pupils really enjoyed this and were fully engaged in their learning.

TIE will return later this month to deliver a workshop on challenging homophobia in football with our Primary 7's, we look forward to welcoming them back.

**INSPIRED!**

Congratulations to the following children who submitted successful entries to the Inspired Art exhibition. Only 100 pieces of artwork were selected from the hundreds of submissions from across Renfrewshire. Their work will be displayed in the online exhibition -

- Ceilidh Burns: I am me (P.7)
- Lucy McCall: Lucy's land (P.5)
- Cody McGregor: Cody (P.5)

## YLL - Young Leaders of Learning

This year our Young Leaders have been working hard to evaluate our schools strengths and areas for improvement, using the document, 'How Good is Our School.' They used their findings to create an action plan, which has now been shared with the whole school community. Young Leaders of Learning from Lochfield Primary will visit Heriot Primary this month to work together to evaluate our progress. Our Young Leaders will return the favour with a reciprocal visit not long after that. The

findings of these visits will feature in each schools Standards and Qualities Reports and influence next years School Improvement Plans, giving pupils a strong and meaningful voice in this process.

### **Physical Education (PE)**

Every class has a minimum of two PE slots each week. We encourage our children to take part and regularly highlight the impact of good physical health on mental health. As we move into (hopefully!) better weather there will more opportunities for outdoor physical activities. Children can use our trim trail, Muga, football pitch and climbing frame and have regular opportunities to complete our Daily Mile track



### **Renfrewshire Cross Country Event**

On Tuesday 10th February, Mrs McFarlane and Miss Ronald took a group of Primary 6 and Primary 7 children to participate in the Renfrewshire Cross Country Event at the KGV Playing Feilds in Renfrew. They competed in a range of races across varying terrains, competing against several other schools in Renfrewshire. The children showed great resilience and determination, even in the typical Scottish weather, and represented Heriot Primary perfectly. No medals this time but they all had great fun. Well done to Abbey Crilley and Lucas Russell from Primary 6 and Abigail Anderson and Matthew Watson form Primary 7 who were first to cross the finish line for Heriot.

### **Renfrewshire Handball Development Day**

After developing their Handball skills at sessions supported by local college students, some Primary 6 pupils attended the Renfrewshire Handball Development Day at the Lagoon Leisure Centre in Paisley. They demonstrated their skills, showing great sportsmanship throughout. We are pleased to share with you that our team successfully qualified to take part in the National Handball Championships later this month. Well done!

### **Bikeability**

Mrs Milne and Mrs Gordon will be getting on their bikes again later this term to deliver Bikeability Level 1 training to our Primary 5's. Children will be learning essential bike control skills like starting, stopping, manoeuvring, and using gears in a safe, traffic-free environment, building their confidence and competence. This will prepare them for real road journeys when they complete their Level 2 training in Primary 6.



### **Scotland World Cup Ceilidh**

Last week we received our certificate for participating in the Scotland World Cup Ceilidh. This event ran from January 19<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> and it encouraged schools to celebrate Scotland's football team qualifying for the World Cup with themed, simple ceilidh dances like "The World Cup Wheech". The event promoted fitness, culture, and teamwork in the lead-up to Burns Day. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part and can dance the 'Wheech' each time Scotland score in the summer!

### **2026 Anonymous School Meal Survey**

We have been asked to share the link below with you for a short survey to gather feedback on the current menu. This survey is for pupils attending nursery, primary, and secondary schools. They would be very grateful if you could complete this with your child. It is important that the pupils themselves provide this feedback. Please follow the link to complete the survey: [2026 Anonymous School Meal Survey - Fill in form](#)

**School gates**

If you are entering, or leaving, the school or ELCC during the day please can we ask that you close over the gates. Keeping the gates closed is part of our safeguarding measures. The gate for the infant playground is locked during the day. Thank you.

**April Holidays**

The school will close at 2.30pm on Thursday 2 April for the Spring Break. Children return to school on Monday 20 April.

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