

Term 3 Newsletter

March 2023



It's been another busy term as you can see from all the details in our newsletter. Pupils and staff have been engaged in lots of different learning experiences from 'History Alive' to STEM week. Mrs Malcolm has taken the football team to many games this term with mixed results. Teams from the school have taken part in South Ayrshire schools' competitions and we got through to the authority final of the Sportshall athletics at the Citadel in February. We've celebrated Burns and World Book Day and raised money for Red Nose Day. No wonder the time has gone so quickly.

We have also been preparing for our merger with Cairn Primary and Early Years Centre and our move into the new Maybole Community Campus.

In January, the Parent Councils of both schools held a joint meeting at the Carrick Centre and heard an update on the project. They then discussed our new school uniform, Culzean's vision, values and aims and other aspects of the merger. It was lovely to see parents from both school communities coming together to discuss the changes.

Staff from both schools have been working together throughout the year planning pupils' learning experiences. Classes have met this term to share various aspects of learning from STEM activities to outdoor learning. Children enjoy working with their peers from Cairn and are making new friends. Class visits will continue next term with 'Merger Fridays' when children will continue to build positive relationships with classmates and staff.

Recently a whole school photograph was taken to mark the last year of Gardenrose PS and EYC. The photo will be on sale to parents very soon.

Last Saturday, all 4 schools in Maybole opened their doors to visitors who wanted to see their old schools before they close. It was a very successful day for the town with all 4 schools being very busy. It was lovely to hear the memories of former staff and pupils. The school looked lovely.

Parents received a letter last week about exceptional closure days to support our move to the new campus. Gardenrose will close for the summer holidays on Friday 30th June. Inservice days are Thursday and Friday, 17th and 18th August and the school will remain closed to children until Thursday 24th August to allow us to unpack and prepare classrooms.

Parent information sessions will be organised in June once we have more details about what the children's first day will look like.

Progress on the new build can be found using this link:

<https://www.morgansindallconstruction.com/our-projects/live-projects/maybole-community-campus/>

The nights are getting lighter and we are seeing a glimmer of sunshine. I hope you all have a lovely Easter holiday and that we all return with our batteries recharged for our last, busy, term to remember in Gardenrose.

Fiona McDougall

P.6 – Regeneration Project

Primary 6's took part in a Maybole Regeneration Project at the Carrick Centre. During the workshop, pupils learned about Maybole's heritage and important landmarks within the town and surrounding area. They shared their favourite memories about Maybole and why Maybole is a special place to live. Pupils were also be involved in discussions about how to improve Maybole's High Street with a focus on shops and shopping. They joined Cairn P.6s for the activities.



Sportshall Athletics

Our Primary 6 and 7 athletics team won the cluster heats at Carrick Academy and made it through to the South Ayrshire Finals. Miss Jones was so proud when other coaches commented on the team's sportsmanship.



History Alive Visits

Primary 4's thoroughly enjoyed their visit from History Alive. They learned all about William Wallace and Robert the Bruce, and what life was like around the time of the wars of independence.



The workshop was so good, History alive were invited back to share with Primary 6 information about their topic, the Jacobites.



Scots Celebration Afternoon

We all got a chance to perform the Scottish poems and songs we had learned for our Scottish topic at our Scottish Assembly.



Burns Supper



Our Primary 7s, hosted their annual Burns Supper this year. They did extremely well and the turnout was great. Their toast to the lassies and reply to the lads was very entertaining. Guests also enjoyed songs, poetry recitals and highland dancing.

We also had two pupils who represented Gardenrose Primary at the South Ayrshire Burns Supper, which was held in Ayr Town Hall. Ian and Fiona showed so much confidence and amazing talent as they danced in front of a large audience including some local dignitaries.



Scots Poetry Competition

Congratulations to all our winners and runners up in this year's Scots Poetry Competition. It was incredibly hard to judge so Mrs McEwan, the Head Teacher at Carrick Academy came to help. She was so impressed at the enthusiasm our pupils brought to the competition and the difficulty of the poems they recited. Well done everyone.



Primary 1 - The Dinosaur Penny, David & Faye



Primary 2 - The Sair Finger Eve, Calum & Erin



Primary 3 - A Dug, A Dug Archie, Harris & Noah



Primary 4 - Tae a Moose Charlotte, Sophie & Jacob



Primary 5 - Willie Wastle Craig, Emeli & Harry



Primary 6 - Listen Tae the Teacher Finlay, Imogen & Saira



Primary 7 - Tam O' Shanter Maisie & Breagh

Fairknowe

Our senior pupils made Valentines cards for the residents at Fairknowe. Jack and Corey delivered them for us.



Football Team

Our football team have had 5 fixtures this term. We have had mixed results in the league but have advanced to the next round in the Craigie Cup Competition. We would like to thank our supporters who come and cheer the team on.



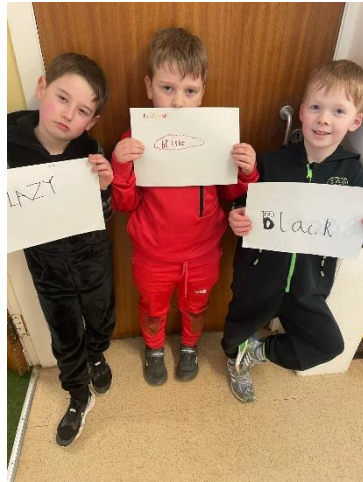
Golf Tuition

Golf coaches from Turnberry have returned this session to deliver golf lessons to P.3 – 7.



World Book Day

This year for World Book Day, pupils were asked to dress up as an adjective. We had lots of great ideas and everyone got a £1 Book token. There was also the return of the much loved The Masked Reader.



Numeracy Workshop

Scott Morrow, our numeracy development officer came into school to deliver a family workshop on maths and number. Our parents found it really interesting and said it would help them support their children at home.



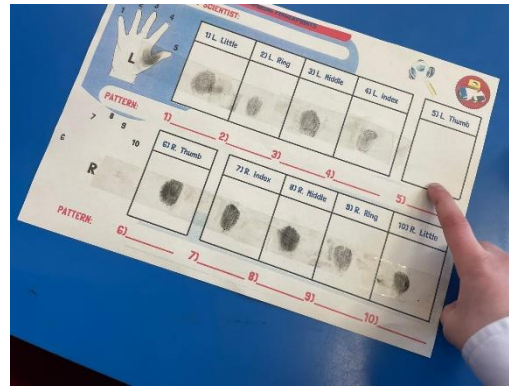
RRS Day

We are currently on our journey to gain our Silver Rights Respecting Schools Award. As such our RRS Group organised a day to help us all understand our rights and embed them into our school. They spoke at our assembly and helped plan activities throughout the day to raise awareness. Our accreditation visit is on the 31st May.



STEM Week

We held a Science Week in March. All classes took part in a range of experiments



Primary 5 - Examining fingerprints



Primary 4



Primary 1s and 7s worked together on experiments

Red Nose Day

Primary 4 & 5 organised Red Nose Day for us this year. The theme was wear something red or crazy. We had some wonderful crazy hair creations! In total £162.01 was donated. Thank you.



Internet Safety



PC McGinlay visited the school to speak to P.4 – 7 pupils about internet safety. We posted on Facebook and asked that people shared our post and commented where in the world they were. We wanted to see how quickly and far our post went. It has been commented on throughout Scotland, the UK, New Zealand, Mexico, Canada, Australia & the USA!!

Joint Learning Days

We continued with our merger activities this term with every class coming together with the equivalent stage at Cairn for joint learning experiences. Below are details of what some of the classes got up to.

P.1

P.1 pupils took part in 3 different activities together including making Cazoos!



P.2

Primary 2 had great fun down at Cairn Primary learning about Farm to Fork. They enjoyed mono-printing with ink to design some pigs. They also had a visit from a vintage tractor, planted their own chilli plants and used wool to weave rainbow patterns. It was a great day!



P.3

Primary 3 each practised their Scottish dances and then came together and held a Ceilidh.



P.4

P.4 joined with Cairn for the History Alive Session. See earlier in section in this newsletter.

P.5

Primary 5's focus was technologies. Their activity was to plan and build the new school out of junk. Great teamwork and creativity were required.



P.6

P.6 joined their Cairn peers at the Carrick Centre for a Heritage Project. See the Regeneration section of the newsletter.

P.7

P.7s visited Ladywell Stadium, the home of Maybole Juniors. They took part in a number of activities including playing a game, a tour of the stadium and designing a new kit for the team.





Gardenrose Primary School

Rights Respecting School Newsletter, Term 3



What is a Rights Respecting School?

A Rights Respecting School is a community where **children's rights** are learned, taught, practised, respected, protected and promoted.

Committee Members

- P1 - Emily
- P2 - Erin
- P3 – Jaxon
- P4- Jenna
- P5 - Fiona
- P6 – Finlay McD
- P7 - Kyle

This term we have been learning about...

Article 17

You have the right to get information that is important to your well-being, from radio, newspapers, books, computers, and other sources. Adults should make sure that the information you are getting is not harmful, and they should help you to find and understand the information you need.

Article 29

Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.

RRS Day: We hosted an RRS day in March to celebrate children's rights. Through this we learned that rights are a need, not a want and some of the articles included in the UNCRC.

Term 4 Dates for Diary

31 st March	School Closes 2.30
17 th April	School Returns
1 st May	School Holiday
3 rd May	P.4, 5 & 6 Transition Event @ Carrick
5 th May	King's Coronation Garden Party
8 th May	School Closed – King's Coronation Holiday
10 th May	EYC Transition Activities
11 th May	Parent Appointments
22 nd May – 25 th May	P.7 Dolphin House
24 th May	EYC Transition Activities
26 th May	School Holiday
29 th May	School Holiday
30 th May	In-service Day
5 th June	Maidens Tournament
9 th June	Sports Day (subject to weather)
13 th – 15 th June Inc	P.7 Transition Days @ Carrick Academy
16 th June	P.7 Leavers Celebration
19 th June	EYC Graduation
23 rd June	Closing Assembly (Time TBC)
30 th June	School Closes @ 1.00pm