

NEWSLETTER April - June 2023

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LOCH INSH

OLIVIA COOK P7

THE P6/7 LOCH-INSH TRIP WAS VERY FUN. WE LEARNED LOTS OF NEW SKILLS SUCH AS - CANOEING, KAYAKING, PADDLE BOARDING, SWIMMING, TEAM BUILDING, SKIING, BUSH CRAFT, WAYFINDING, TUBING AND MORE. WE MET NEW PEOPLE IN DIFFERENT SCHOOLS AND GOT SOME NEW FRIENDS. WE HAD A MEETING ROOM IN OUR LITTLE HOUSE WE STAYED IN, AND THE ACCOMMODATION WAS AMAZING. EVERY MORNING WE WOULD GO DOWN TO THE KITCHEN/RESTAURANT BIT AND HAVE A FULL COOKED BREAKFAST AND YOGURTS WITH CEREAL AND JUICE. WHEN WE WENT DOWN FOR BREAKFAST, WE WOULD MAKE OUR OWN PACKED

LUNCHES FOR THE DAY. THEY HAD ALL THE FOODS SET UP FOR US. A HUGE THANK YOU TO COOKE AQUACULTURE FOR SPONSORING OUR TRIP. WE ALL LOVED IT. PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT OUR NEW WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE. THIS WILL KEEP YOU UP TO DATE WITH THE MOST RECENT GOINGS ON IN THE SCHOOL.









Saltire Awards are volunteering awards for 12–25 year olds in Scotland. As we emerge from the restrictions of the pandemic, we need to ensure that young people can get back to suitable volunteering opportunities so that they can gain the awards which are 10 hours, 25 hours, 50 hours, 100 hours, 200 hours, 300 hours and the Summit Award for exceptional volunteering. In the past we have had pupils gaining all of these different awards and it can't happen without the commitment of the community, which we on behalf of the young people of Yell are delighted they are supported with. The award ceremony happens in March each year, so we can help them get the certificates they deserve. We have a drop in each month in the Science lab for any interested pupils. As a parent or member of the community, we are also happy to support organisations to feel more able to support young volunteers.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS



We have ten new participants this year and they have been working away at their training schedule for the expedition. They will undergo their practice expedition in June and then the final expedition in July, along with Unst participants.

The Silver Duke of Edinburgh group who did their expeditions last summer holidays have been working away at their different sections and Thomasina Mallett has completed her whole Silver award and hoping to start Gold, after her exams. Sonia, Theo and Ollie have successfully completed their expedition sections and will continue to work towards their final award at Silver as time allows.

WIDER ACHIEVEMENTS

Our SI-2 have dedicated periods on a Wednesday afternoon, 2:05-3:45pm where we would like to get back to more diverse opportunities for our young people, perhaps fishing related skills - knot tying; net mending; knitting; conservation of our environment; or any other skills which it would be a benefit for our young people. If you or someone you know is keen to help us deliver these or other skills during our Wider Achievement time, we would love to hear from you.



THIS TERM DURING OUR WIDER ACHIEVEMENTS PROGRAMME, OUR SECONDARY PUPILS HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN SOME SAILING LESSONS. THEY HAVE LEARNED HOW TO RIG AND SAIL A PICO DINGHY, THE RULES OF A SAILING RACE, AND HOW TO RIGHT THEMSELVES AFTER A CAPSIZE! A BIG THANK YOU TO GRAHAM HUGHSON AND WAYNE STRACHAN FOR VOLUNTEERING TO HELP US WITH ORGANISING THE PICOS, LIFE JACKETS, WATER PROOFS AND KEEPING US SAFE ON THE RESCUE BOAT.

NURSERY





THE NURSERY MADE CROWNS, BUNTING, BAKED AND HAD A STREET PARTY LUNCH WITH SPECIAL VISITORSI



THE FIRE ENGINE ARRIVED AFTER A BURNT TOAST INCIDENT! JOHN AND GRAHAM KINDLY GAVE US A GUIDED TOUR OF THE FIRE ENGINE!



YOUNG JOURNALISTS PART 1

Recently the Glasgow Science Centre came to our school and they told us about our body and where things are in our bodies.

They even got volunteers to eat two cream crackers in one minute and before the challenge started the person there showed the contestants two glasses of water and he said that if at any time in the challenge the contestants take a glass of water and drink it they are disqualified from the challenge. but both of the volunteers sadly didn't finish their crackers in time. At the end they let us play with all their equipment till it was snack. Everybody wanted to do it again and again and

again.

NICHOLAS TULLOCH

On Wednesday the fourteenth of June everybody in primary went on a walk to the water tanks at the top of the hill. When we got to the top we started a game of hide and seek we played two rounds. Then me and some of the other primary sat on this metal lid that had water underneath it. There was also a hole in the lid that you could see water through then we all started to walk down the hill. when we got to the bottom of the hill we went to the playpark then everyone played tag but I went on the swings and slide. Then we left the park and started to walk back to school. When we were walking back to school we saw some big lambs and when we got back everyone got a drink of water because it was a very hot day then we waited to go on the bus or in a car or an after school

club.

BILLY KENNEDY P4

On Friday the 5th of May 2023 our school [MYJHS] celebrated King Charles III's coronation.

We celebrated his coronation by having a buffet with sandwiches, cakes, meringues, shortbread, and juice in the hall downstairs.

When we finished eating, we had music on and did some traditional dancing. We even had a surprise visit from King Charles and his wife Queen Camilla! We all had a great afternoon celebrating the King's coronation.

> MACY WILLIAMSON P5

YOUNG JOURNALISTS PART 2

Most of upper primary and some lower primary students entered their young writer stories for a chance to win a prize!

We started on Friday the 5 of May and had to finish by Friday the 26 of May. The theme we

had to do was the gift. We did some in the morning and some in the afternoon. We split the time between our work and young writer. It was very very fun.

You had a word limit of 750, you were not allowed to go past it, or you would not be able to enter the competition, so your teacher would read it over and check for capital letters and full stops. There are 24 stories in total.

We are keeping our fingers crossed that MYJHS has a

MARIANNE WILLIAMSON P5 winner!

P6 and P7 went on a day trip to Lerwick to compete in a Shetland small schools sports day.

When we got to the 60/40, where we were competing, we were split into teams. Once we were split into teams, we were then sent to a different pitch to play Quidditch.

It was really fun! We were then sent to the next pitch to play golf, after that we played rugby, it was a friendly version.

Later we went to play archery. We didn't even try to hit the targets, we all aimed for the back wall.

Finally, we went to play handball. That was the best. The pitch was really small,

but it was really fun. After a bit we went back up on the bus. It was a really

> fun day. HANSEN TULLOCH P7

On Tuesday the new Pl's came in for a visit then we read a book called We're off to look for aliens by Colin McNaughton. We then paired-up and made little aliens. It was very fun and we went for fit fifteen.

GRACE WOOD P4

BOOKFAIR

The Bookfair this term was a roaring success! pupils seemed to enjoy browsing the selection of books and stationary items available. Through the Scholastic "rewards" program the Bookfair accumulated a whopping £338.80 worth of free books for the school. Thank you for your support!

YPI FINAL

ON WEDNESDAY 31 MAY 2023 S3 CLASS TRAVELLED TO UNST TO TAKE PART IN YOUTH PHILANTHROPY INITIATIVE (YPI) FINAL, HOSTED BY BALTASOUND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL. THE FOUR TEAMS CONFIDENTLY SHARED

THEIR PRESENTATIONS TO A JUDGING PANEL, INCLUDING YPI REPRESENTATIVE FROM WOOD FOUNDATION. PRESENTATIONS SHARED THE GREAT WORK DONE BY THE CHARITIES: BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION, UNST PARTNERSHIP, COMPASS CENTRE AND DOGS AGAINST DRUGS. A SPECIAL WELL DONE TO THE WINNING TEAM – EMER, LENA & LIZZIE – WHO SECURED £3,000 FOR THE COMPASS CENTRE.

TESCO COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME – BREAKFAST CLUB

We have been successful in our application to participate in the Tesco Community Grant scheme. This request was made in order to help fund our breakfast club. Our schools breakfast club will be put forward to the public vote in the Lerwick store from the first week in July until the end of September. The project with the highest vote from the three selected will be awarded £1.500, the second placed project £1,000

token, which should be given for any purchase in store, into the appropriate slot.

and the third £500. Customers vote by placing their blue

We support our local stores in Yell and appreciate all they do for us throughout the year. They do a fantastic job and provide a brilliant service for us all but, if you do find yourself in Tesco then please try to support this.







RRSA AWARD





WE ARE DELIGHTED TO SAY THAT WE RECENTLY RECEIVED A BRONZE UNICEF RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL AWARD. OUR UNCRC WORKING GROUP HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD TO PROMOTE THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD, SPEAKING AT ASSEMBLIES, WRITING IN OUR NEWSLETTER AND DISPLAYING POSTERS.





