



North West Community Campus



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SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

- Mr B Smith -Head Teacher
- Mr B Maxwell— Acting Depute Head Teacher (Early to P3)
- Miss Henry—Depute Head Teacher (P4 to P7)
- Mrs Morrison—Depute Head Teacher (secondary S3-S6)
- Mrs K Templeton—Depute Head Teacher (secondary S1—S2))



Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you enjoy reading our Christmas Newsletter. We are delighted to share with you some of the learning and achievements of our young people from across our campus this term.

Our School Community becomes stronger everyday through the support that you provide and through the commitment and effort of our children and staff.

As I said recently at our Christmas Performances, I am enormously grateful for the support our school community showed at these events. Seeing so many of you come to celebrate the Christmas season, and the performances of you children was really heart-warming for us all.

Thank you for your kindness in supporting our Christmas Market, which was organised by our Primary 7 learners and some of our Senior Secondary Students.

We are all very much looking forward to the next opportunity that we have to be together with you all in this way.

On behalf of at the staff at North West Community Campus, may I wish you a peaceful, relaxing and enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

Best Wish for 2023

Yours faithfully

Mr B Smith, Head Teacher



S1 ENGLISH ACCELERATED READING



S1's enjoying choosing our new Accelerated Reader Boos in the library

Creative Industries Elective

In the Creative Industries Elective, Mrs Dames and a group of S1 and 2 pupils have enjoyed working with local artist Andy Brooke at the YMCA to produce some fantastic stained-glass work. Here's one brilliant example!



NURSERY NEWS



Leg It To Lapland

Hello Leg it to Lapland schools!

Forget World Cup and Strictly finals, I'm emailing to bring you the results you've all been waiting for: Leg it to Lapland!

Firstly, thank you and well done to everyone for your participation and effort to reach Lapland. We had over 2100 D&G pupils from 11 schools taking part as well as an I Bike volunteers team. You racked up over 23,000 miles which is almost the distance all the way around the equator. We had the highest level of participation and of miles of any local authority which took part. Congratulations to all!!

Individual prizes have now been delivered to each school, or plans have been made for delivery.

And now for the results:

- 1st - **Lockerbie Primary** P1 and P7 with an incredible average of 33 miles per pupil! They win a virtual talk from adventurer and Paralympian Karen Darke, currently on an expedition in Antarctica.
- 2nd - **Troqueer Primary**
- 3rd - **North West Community Campus** P1-7.

Have a wonderful festive season, keep up the physical activity and hopefully keep everyone will be inspired to continue travelling actively to school in the new year whenever possible.

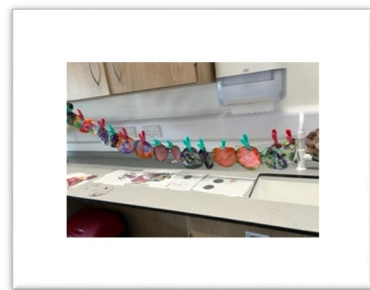




S1 Stem Club

Term 1 and Term 2

The S1 stem Club have been very busy. They have been busy making Lava Lamps, Chromatography butterflies, holograms, oobleck, elephant toothpaste, and levitating pin-pong balls. This week we will be making salt dough decorations. The pupils are all really enthusiastic and enjoy coming every Thursday lunchtime.



NURSERY NEWS



Our second term started off 'spooktacularly' with everyone in the nursery dressing up for Halloween! We enjoyed spooky Halloween activities and ghostly bananas for snack.



St. Andrews Day celebrations took place in the PE hall, with Scottish dancing, Scottish music, Scottish stories and Scottish rhymes. We all enjoy a good ceilidh!

We have been in contact with the residents of Loch Duhar House (The Big House) all term, with Skype calls. We had planned to visit, but due to all the winter bugs going around, we have postponed this. A visit will be planned very soon.

We took advantage of the cold weather with icy experiments and a wonderful icy wintery walk around our community.

We had a fantastic time, when we invited our mummies, daddies, grandparents, brothers, sisters, aunties and uncles to our Festive Activity afternoon. Stations were set up for us to make a snowman, a wreath, a reindeer tree decoration, a Santa mask, reindeer food and a stand up Christmas tree. Feedback from parents was so positive

"More of these activities please" Z's mummy

"It's good to be able to come into do things together" W's mummy

"It's been great" D's daddy





LIBRARY NEWS CONTINUED



Our votes will go forward, with other Scottish school children's votes, to the 2023 Book bug Picture Book Prize competition where the winner will be announced on 2

**Changing lives
through reading
and writing.**

Scottish Book Trust Every Primary 1 pupil in Scotland will receive a copy of The Book bug Picture Book Prize shortlist in their P1 Family Bag. Find out more about this year's shortlist (this will open in a new window) for the prize.. In order to be eligible to vote in the prize, you need to be a resident in Scotland and your children need to have read all three books. www.scottishbooktrust.com

Honk! Honk! Rattle! Rattle!

On 8 November, Mrs Gilfillan, Mrs Boyd and Mrs Maxwell hosted a visit from a local author: Renita Boyle! Renita treated the Nursery to P3 pupils to funny and interactive songs, rhymes and stories - all with her trusty guitar. Thanks goes to Big DoG Schools' Tour for this free event (sponsored by Wigtown Book Festival and Baillie Gifford), and for their generous donation of Renita's book Honk! Honk! Rattle! Rattle! to our classroom reading corners. If you didn't manage to order a copy of this book through the school, we do have a copy of her book to borrow for free from the school library.



Calling All S4-S6 Pupils!

NWCC Teenage Book Group

- * Borrow a book (graphic novel included)
- * Read over a month
- * Meet with other borrowers to share what you thought of the book
- * Runs term-times only and meets once a month in the school library during lunchtimes.
- * Open to S4—S6 Pupils
- * Interested? Drop by the School Library for further information on how to join.



Roots of Empathy



Primary 3 have begun their Roots of Empathy learning this term and really enjoyed the first family visit!

Miss Halliday will be bringing in her baby, Jonah, to help the classes learning over the 9 themes throughout the year. Susan, our Roots of Empathy Teacher, will be teaching Primary 3 for the session every week. So far Primary 3 have been engaged with the learning and it has been a great start to their Roots of Empathy journey!





Columba 1400 S2 Pupil Adventure on the Isle of Skye

As part of our work with Columba 1400, a group of S2 pupils participated in a residential trip to the Isle of Skye. Accompanied by Mrs Templeton and Mr Wilson. The pupils are part of a leadership academy.

Throughout the trip they were able to explore their values, leadership skills, and qualities and develop their ability to work with others. Through the week we were all pushed out of our comfort zones.

We were also fortunate enough to get to see some of the stunning scenery on the island. Pupils were a real credit to themselves and the school.

The next stage of our work will be a project within school or our local community.



LIBRARY NEWS



Scots in Schools

The website, Scots In Schools, has a selection of story videos and downloadable comics all in Scots FOR FREE

Highlights are

For Nursery: videos of stories, songs, and activities (Similar to CBeeBies)

For Primary: videos of stories and songs, and downloadable comics (including Eejit Street which is similar to Beano)

For Secondary:: downloadable comics and animated films..

So, take a keek at the wabsteid to keep your wee ones amused over the holidays: <http://www.scotsinschools.co.uk/index.html>



Scaredy Bat Sweeps Picture Book Prize at NWCC

In celebration of Book Week Scotland (14-20 November), the P1 classes visited the school library for a fun and interactive Story time from Mrs Boyd and Mrs Gilfillan with the three picture books they received in their Scottish Book Trust P1 Family Bags.

They had a great time creating imaginary boats and slides, listening to the peaceful calls of Whales, and even rooting for a bat that was scared of daylight. They then voted for their favourite picture book which was ... Scaredy Bat!

BUT you as parents/carers/nanas/papas can also vote for your child's favourite book from the P1 Family Bag at:

https://www.scottishbooktrust.com/public_bp/bp/the-bookbug-picture-book-prize-2023/applications/new





EMOTION WORKS

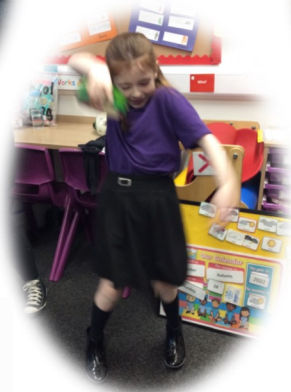
This term NWCC has been awarded its Bronze and Silver Emotion Works accreditation. Emotion Works is used right across the school to support learners and due to the creative hard work of pupils and staff we were the first school anywhere to receive our Bronze Award. Well done Pupils and Staff.



S3 Science Visit Caerlaverock Nature Reserve

S3 Science visited Caerlaverock Nature Reserve to learn about the migration of Barnacle Geese. The pupils asked conservation students from Glasgow University some questions about migration and what the job entails being a conservationist. It was fun but slightly wet morning out of the classroom.





Primary Learning Centre

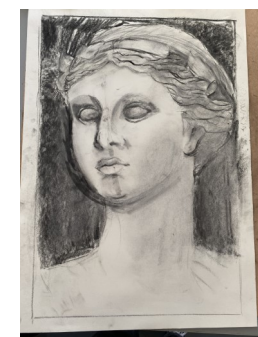
Primary Learning Centre have been enjoying music with Emily on a Monday afternoon. Emily has been visiting as part of a Youth Music project, we have been singing, listening to and playing instruments. Our favourite instrument was Emily's accordion, we loved Emily time on a Monday afternoon and really hope she comes back to visit us at North West Community Campus.



DYW UPDATE CONTINUED

To celebrate Scottish Careers Week in early November, a small group of S5 pupils also visited Langlands School and speakers from organisations including HSBC, CITB, the YMCA Café, and Police Scotland delivered in class talks to secondary pupils.

This month, some senior pupils visited Dumfries and Galloway College to experience taster days in different departments including Business & Enterprise, Hair & Beauty, Hospitality, Photography, and Art. S6 pupil Emma Glover said she thoroughly enjoyed trying different activities in the Art Department including print making, fabric art, and portrait work. Emma shared some fantastic examples of her work for the Christmas Newsletter.





DYW UPDATE



This term, many senior phase pupils have been involved in events focussing on their pathways after school including an open day at Barony College, taster days at Dumfries & Galloway College and “A Bridge to Your Future” careers event organised by Developing the Young Workforce (DYW).

At The Bridge event in November, pupils had the opportunity to meet with local colleges, universities, and employers from a range sectors. Congratulations to Carys Wilson (S5) who successfully completed the emoji game on the Skills Development Scotland Stand and won the prize draw for a £20.00 gift voucher. Carys was recently presented with her prize by our school careers advisor, Jane Paterson and Mrs K Spence (PT DYW).



Higher Biology At Edinburgh



The High Biology class enjoyed a day out to Edinburgh where they learned about a lab technique called PCR. Pupils analysed their own DNA to determine if they had the bitter taste gene.

