



Friendship, Ambition, Respect



# Kilniver News

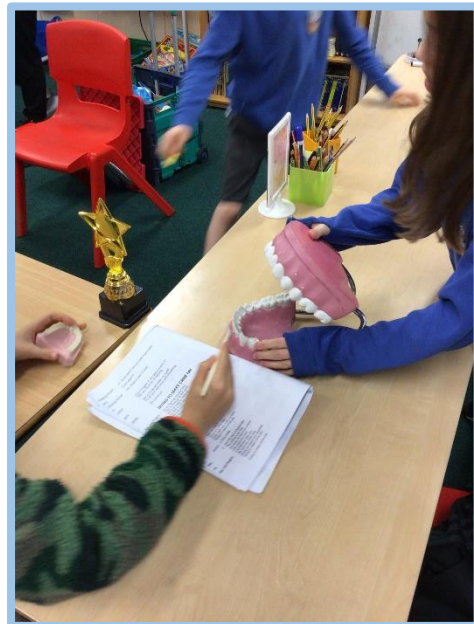
## Winter 2023



I hope everyone had a lovely break and a very Happy New Year to all. Last term just flew after the October break, it was such a busy and exciting term for everyone involved. However, we all really enjoyed being able to meet the school community in so many different ways. This is always our hard work term with activities settling down in class. I am sure that we can still build in time to find ways to continue to build our wonderful school community.

### Super Smiles -

Childsmile came into school to revisit the importance of brushing teeth carefully and to train the staff in the tooth brushing programme. We hope to begin tooth brushing again in school in the New Year. There will be letters coming out, so keep an eye out for them.



### Rotary Christmas Card Competition –

The whole school took part in this annual event. We were delighted to be informed that Caiden was to be invited to switch on the Christmas Lights for Oban. Super work Caiden, we were all very proud of you.



### Mary's Meals –

To complete our IDL task on Global Citizenship we had a visit from a speaker to talk to us about the work of Mary's Meals around the world. Each class now has a mug and we are happy to accept donations to pop into our Mary's Meals mugs.

## Halloween Hilarity -

The term started off with a super afternoon of Halloween fun and games. We challenged the children to wear costumes that fitted in with our eco ethos and it was interesting to see what all the children and staff had decided to wear. During the afternoon, apples were decorated and 'dooked' for and then we all settled down for Halloween stories.



*Dookin' apples in chocolate - a new Hallowe'en tradition?*



*Reading together is fun!*



*Now the real dookin' begins.*

*Triumph!!*



## Christmas Fayre -

It was lovely to be welcomed to the village hall to join in with the Christmas Fayre. It had been decided that as the school was so busy preparing for the pantomime, we would run some fun games and activities that would keep children occupied – and they did. It was great fun and I think everyone really enjoyed them. Thank you to Cate and her team for organising such a successful event. Also a huge well done should be given to Rosie and her family for gathering all the teddy bears and then raising so much money with the bear stall. There were many children with new bedtime companions! Super work Rosie!!

## Christmas Party -

Again, it was just so lovely to have everyone together for our Christmas party. We all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas lunch, many thanks to our catering team for organising such a great meal for us all. A great way to get us in the mood for the party!!

P7 took responsibility for organising the games and I think everyone who was at the party would agree that they did a fantastic job, making sure everyone, felt included and could really enjoy the party. The day was rounded off by a very special visitor, who came to deliver some early Christmas good wishes and parcels.



*What a tasty lunch*



*Anticipation - what is in the black bags?*



*When the music stops.....*

## Learning -

In between all the fun and games, there is a great deal of learning going on, as usual, with our creative staff team, the children learn in different ways and in different places. Here is a very small snapshot of learning in P1/2/3 .....



Language learning with technology



Numeracy in the loose parts zone



Investigating buoyancy



Empty number line calculations with the help of the ipad

Gaelic games with Ian.



There are lots of ways to improve spelling.



Finding out about big numbers using place value.



Investigating forces



**And P4/5/6/7**

*Improving mental skills with Sumdog*



*Hockey skills*



*Using digital skills - presenting, research and creating*



*Active fractions*

*Reading to find things out*



## ELC News –

The ELC is a very exciting place to be with new adventures and skills to be practised every day. Here is just a few pictures of some of the learning that happens on a daily basis.



Fine motor skills - putting out the fire to find the letters



Scooting and running - improving our big motor skills



Role play in the sparkly den



Creating in the loose parts den



Climbing and sliding in the loose parts



Learning about emotions with Twiggie.

## Perfect Panto –

This year, with all the restrictions removed, the staff decided that we could ‘go for it’ with a great performance. The script was chosen. The songs were learned and off we went.

I was so impressed with the very positive attitude of our P4/5/6/7 group. They looked at the story and script and chose roles that they thought they could bring to life. Every person chose a role that really suited them and they were all happy to ‘have a go’. It is not easy learning words, movements and expression to bring the roles alive, but they were all happy to tackle the challenge and none of them got cross with me- when I kept changing the instructions. They were all very patient and kind!!

There were nerves showing as the date of the performance got closer, that was only to be expected since we had not had a school performance for over two years. Not only were we asking the children to learn words, dance moves and acting, we were asking them to perform in the village hall to quite a large audience.

Thanks to our wonderful parent team, costumes were all delivered and our support staff were great with completing the costumes and creating the scenery.

I think everyone would agree that the final performance was just brilliant. There were quite a few of us in the hall that day that felt quite emotional at all the children had achieved. We were all very proud of each and every one of them and I hope that they remember the skills and the confidence they displayed during the performance – the question is, how do you follow that??



*Red Riding Hood and her woodland friends*



*Playing recorders as well!*



*Getting ready to go*



*The final practice at school - don't we all look amazing!*