



Friendship, Ambition, Respect



Kilniver News

Autumn 2023

It has been a very busy first term back with everyone settling into the new roles and spaces. Just as we begin to settle in, everything has to get tidied away again, ready for even more work. I do understand how disruptive this can be for both staff and pupils, but the work is badly needing done and we will look so smart after the holidays. I can only thank all the staff and children for accepting the disruption so cheerfully.

New Staff Team – We have got our new staff team settled in and everything is going well. It takes time for staff to find out how systems work in new schools and this term has been all about building positive relationships.

Our staff team now looks like this –

Mrs Burt – Shared HT with Arinagour, P6/7 every alternate Wednesday and NCCT cover for P6/7 Friday until break (IDL and Reading)

Mrs Watson – PT Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday – Support and Wellbeing/NCCT cover for P1-4 (Art and Handwriting)

Mr Urquhart - P1-4

Miss McColl - P6/7 Monday/Tuesday/alternate Wednesday –
Numeracy/HWB/Writing/Expressive Arts

Mr Maddox – P6/7 Thursday/Friday — Maths/Spelling/Grammar/Science/RME

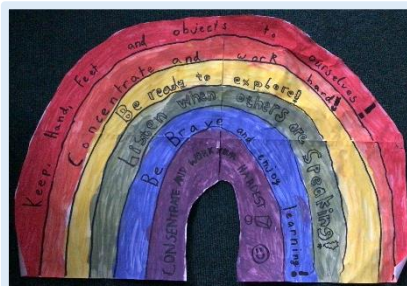
Natasha and Magda – CCEW ELC

Mrs Shirley Lafferty – Clerical Assistant

Miss Kirsty Gommersall – ELC and Classroom Assistant

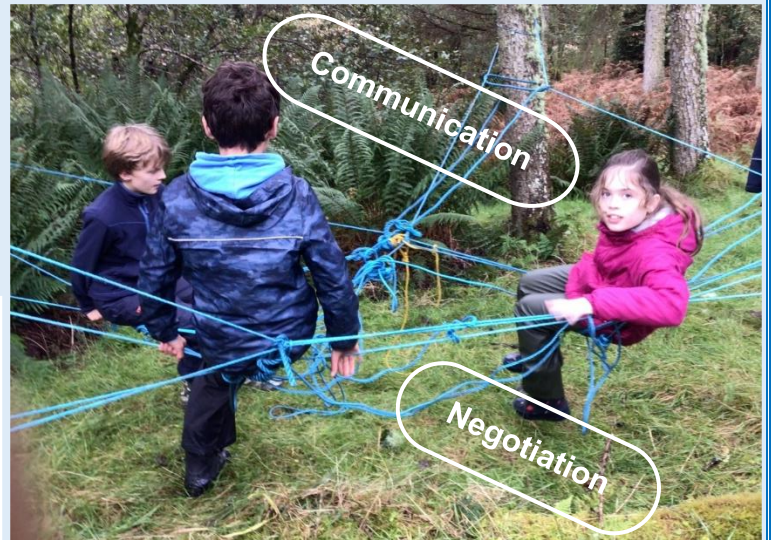
Mrs Tracey France – ASN

Part of building these relationships is to develop new class charters. Both classes have a charter. These are important to share understanding about how to behave in class, set clear expectations and how to be a good friend.



Forest School –

Forest school has given the children some amazing experiences to try new things and to challenge themselves. They had their usual fun in the forest, making fires, cooking marshmallows, printing and painting with natural materials. There were even fashion designs using foliage and building zip wires and nets using rope skills.



What skills did we use in the woods this term?

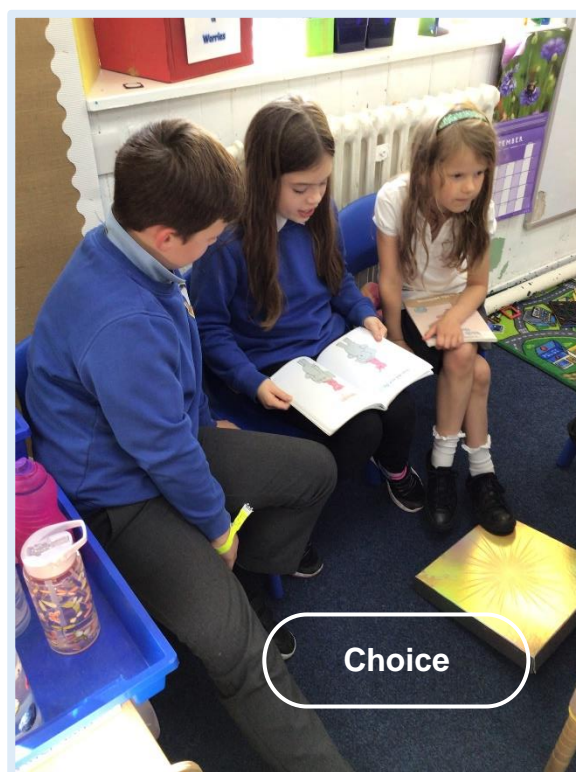
P1/2/3/4 –

We have been learning about mapping and the world around us. We have been using digital technology to find out about places and maps. We have also been learning to be responsible by taking care of our fish, and our indoor plants. We are very proud of our growing responsibility and are very happy to make the school look pretty by planting pansies in the hanging baskets.



Paired Reading –

Reading is very important as it can have a huge impact on our writing, creativity and confidence. We love promoting reading any way we can and P1/2/3/4 and P6/7 have paired up to support each other to develop their reading skills. This is done in a variety of ways, from reading stories to talking about stories. From answering questions and discussing characters.



Aquaculture event –

P6/7 were invited to Oban High School for an event organised by Developing the Young Workforce. It was to introduce the children to the world of work related to aquaculture. At this event the children learned about many industries linked with the marine environment and how the skills they are developing in school can be used in the world of work!



P 6/7 –

Our IDL learning has been about natural disasters. The big questions we wanted to answer were –

Why do they happen? and Who are affected?

We have found out about tectonic plates and their link with earthquakes and volcanoes



Building earthquake proof structures

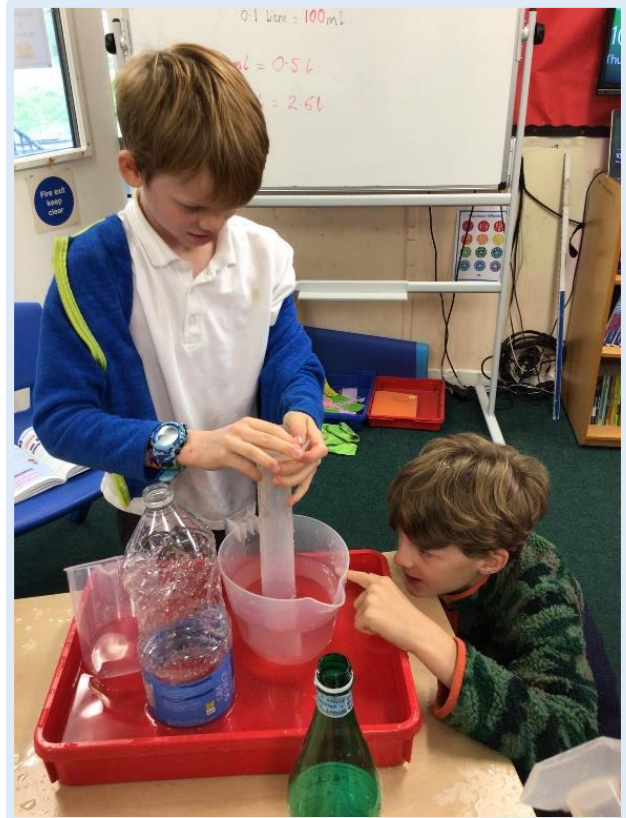


P 6/7 –

In science we have been investigating light and sound. We are getting ready to share our learning at our Science Fair on Friday. The rest of the school is looking forward to going seeing and hearing all about their learning.

P 6/7 –

We are learning about measurement in maths and making the links with the different units of measurement.



A Surprise visitor –

We had a surprise visitor in the school when some of the children travelling to school found an injured owl. We found out that it was a Barn Owl and its wing had been damaged.

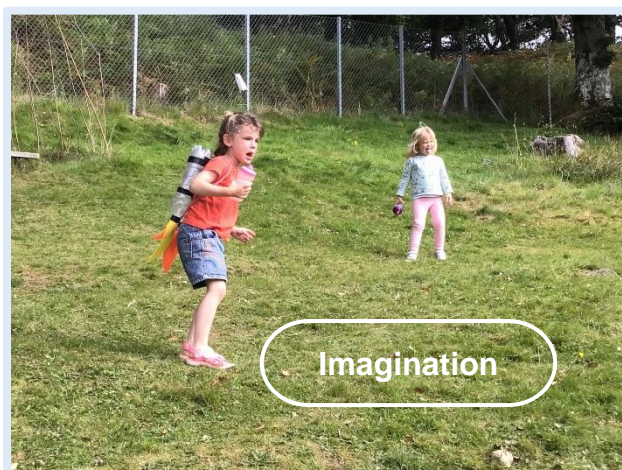
Mr Urquhart called the SSPCA and they came out to collect the owl and take it away to heal and be safe.

For the rest of the day P1/2/3/4 found our more about Barn Owls and completed research and writing tasks all about Owls.



ELC –

This term has been very exciting. We have travelled to far away planets and met all sorts of aliens. We have cared for our babies, making sure they were well looked after and had lots of exercise in their swing. Now we are exploring autumn and being very creative with the nuts and animals that we find all around us. What skills we are developing and all the time having fun!!



Looking Forward –

October Holiday – School closes Friday 6 October and reopens on Monday 23 October. I hope everyone has a lovely holiday.

**Happy
Holiday!!**



Whole School review – from 31/10/23 – 2/11/23

A school review team from the Authority are coming to review the school and the ELC. They will be looking at a variety of elements from leadership to learning, teaching and assessment. They will be talking to parents, staff and children in various focus groups. It is an exciting process to be part of and it will be supportive as we think about school improvement. There are surveys which have been sent out from the school office. It would be appreciated if you could take the opportunity to complete them. Many thanks.

School Parent Carer

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ELC Parent/Carer

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Thursday 16 November - Parent Council AGM – this is an opportunity for all families to come along to find out more about our Parent Council and to share their views. The usual parent council meeting will follow after the AGM. We look forward to seeing you there.