



Friendship, Ambition, Respect



Kilniver News

Summer 2024

Another year has passed and it is time to enjoy some sunshine and fun! It has been a year of change, with the new sheds, painting, carpets and changes of staff. The school has also had a visit from the Authority review team and the HMIE Inspectors. We are looking forward to a more settled 2024 – 2025 with a view to building on the amazing work that is already happening in the school.

It is always a very proud time of year, when we celebrate our school achievements and say goodbye to our wonderful P7 group. We wish them all the very best at OHS and we know they will be successful and make the most of their time while they are at the High School.

Mrs Burt



Green Flag – Number 7

Our first achievement to celebrate was maintaining the standard for our Green Flag. Although it is difficult to fly our flag at Kilniver. We are very proud of all seven that we have.

The main focus of this Green Flag was Sustainable Communities and Food.

Eco Schools Feedback - 'You've done great work too on the Measuring Element and I was happy to read about the variety of methods you have used. In particular, surveying children's understanding of their rights and how they feel at school for your work on Global Citizenship is fantastic, and your beach survey with MSC - even if you didn't find much litter (which is actually a good outcome!).'



I really liked how you have organised your Eco-Committee. Too many pupils wanting to be involved is a great problem to have and organising them into different groups each term is an innovative way to make sure everyone has the chance to contribute. I also really like the idea of your Big Eco Floorbook to keep all the information in to pass to each new committee every term. What a great way to stay organised!

Our new topics are School grounds and Water and Sanitation. These link with the Global Goals – Global Goal 6 - Clean Water and Sanitation, School Grounds and Global Goal 13 – Climate Action. To help us with climate action we will be working with the Authority STEM Lead Teacher

Young Speaker Competition –

Another achievement was our entrants for the Rotary Young Speaker Competition. The entries were of a very high standard and each person brought their unique interests and personalities to through their speeches. They all worked so hard at home to write and practice what they were going to say. A huge congratulations to Ethan for gaining 2nd place overall. The children were praised for their speeches, but also how kind they were to each other. They should be very proud of this achievement, as we all are since this is the first time they have entered the competition.



Scottish Opera –

The idea to join in with Scottish Opera grew after a conversation with other Head Teachers in the area. We were delighted to be invited to join in with the event as it is always so well organised and gives our children the opportunity to work with different professionals with a varied skills set.

As always, there is a great deal of work that goes on behind the scenes, weeks of practice in the school and in cars, from what we heard! The children were so enthusiastic and really enjoyed the chance to learn the different songs and movements that went with them.

But all the hard work paid off and our children had a fantastic day with Dunbeg PS in Connel Hall. The children were amazing and performed very well for all friends and family.

Many thanks to Dunbeg PS for hosting this event and to Miss Maccoll for making sure the children were ready for their performance.



Forest School –

We decided to change the dates for Forest school to avoid the midgies! They can really spoil the woodland experience for the children and staff. It was so much better without these uninvited guests.

Again, the children had an amazing experience in the woods, exploring and developing a range of skills.

With the support of Kilchoan Estate we are really excited about developing our outdoor learning experience even further. Mrs Watson has met with Luke and Laura from the Estate and they have begun to build plans for whole school outdoor learning each month. This will be in addition to our own Forest School sessions with Mr Maddox.



Active Schools –

We are very happy to begin to work with our new Active Schools coordinator. We have enjoyed Rugby coaching session with sports coaches. We also were Second in the Active Schools Dance competition. Our prize is a session at Oban High School with Dance coaches. What a wonderful opportunity. What a range of skills and achievements the children of Kilninver are experiencing.

ELC News –

We have always recognised that our ELC children have a fantastic experience with Natasha, joined this year by Magda. It was lovely to have this hard work and creativity recognised by the grading they received in our HMIE report.



The children are guided through very exciting learning experiences and a very caring and nurturing environment in our ELC.



Their experiences have been further enhanced by the addition of a dedicated outdoor space and shed!

When the shed was erected we found a new home for all the garden tools and now the ELC have created a very cosy outdoor space, where they can use in bad weather. All we need now is to add some fairy lights and it will just be just magical!!



A very special thank you to the ELC team for everything they have achieved this year. We also have to say a sad goodbye to Magda, who has to return to Craignish, since it is re-opening. Magda has been fantastic and a real asset to developing our ELC further. Next year, we are delighted to announce that Tracey is moving from her ASN post to joining our ELC team.



P7/6 Trip –

The Fire Service had offered the opportunity to visit the Fire Station and with our links with the local police station, it was decided that a trip to visit both of these was an opportunity we just couldn't miss out on.

The children had a great trip and made even better by a wee ice cream treat!



P1/2/3/4 –

The class have been reading the Percy the Park Keeper stories as part of our Storyline Literacy Topic. We have been finding out about the animals in the park, minibeasts and growing plants. It was decided that a trip to Percy's Park (AKA Arduaine Gardens) would be quite exciting!



P1/2/3/4 –

We had a wonderful day, thankfully the weather was kind to us and the midgies weren't too bad. We explored, we measured and we just enjoyed being outdoors.

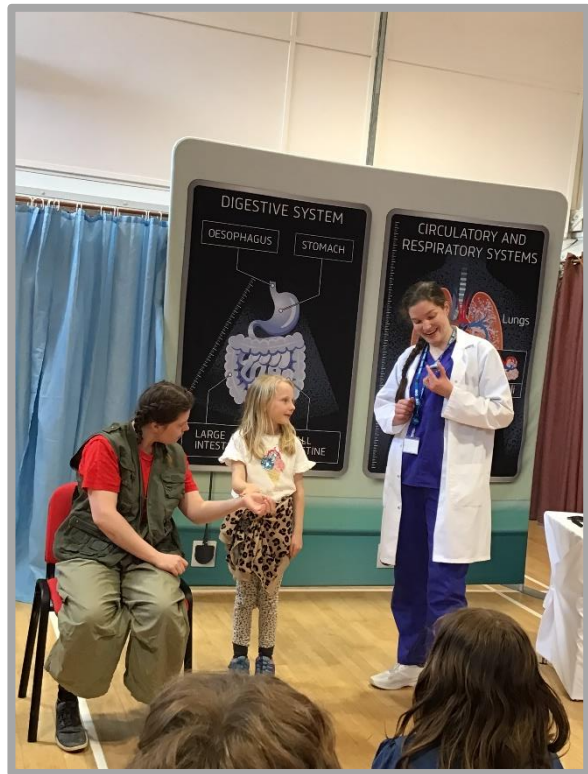


Generation Science–

The Generation Science team came along to share facts and information about our wonderful 'Body Machine'.

It was a wonderful experience, full of information and shared in a very entertaining way. The children loved the show and we carried on learning more about our 'Body Machine' back in our classrooms.

Many thanks to the Parent Council who organised the event for us and provided the funding for the children to share in this experience.



Happy Holiday –

The staff and children wish everyone a very happy summer holiday with just a few events left. All families and friends are very welcome to join us for these events.

Tuesday 25 June – Sports Day 1:30pm

Thursday 27 June – End of year celebration – 2:30pm

Just a reminder that the school closes at
1:30pm on Friday 28 June.

