



Kilchattan School Newsletter

January 2019

Christmas



This Christmas was the first time that we opened up our School Christmas lunch to the whole community. It was decided that it was a good fund raising opportunity as well as bringing everybody together. Due to the numbers expected we held it in the village hall. Thanks again to Grace, Helen and Shonagh for putting on a wonderful feast and to all who helped



to set the hall up and make it look so festive. Thank you also to Colonsay General Store and Hammer & Thistle for making the event possible. We raised approx. £200. As it was such a success we will look to do the same next year and maybe hold it in the evening rather than during the day.

Snow White has been postponed until next Christmas as we just couldn't get enough rehearsal time in. We did hold a Carol Concert and the children sang and performed beautifully with very little notice! Thank you to the members of the community who also contributed, it was a lovely evening and got as all in the Christmas mood.



Learning Zone

Literacy - Gaelic

Literacy - Non-fiction Information Writing

Numeracy - Area and 3D Shapes

Numeracy - Data Handling

Technology - iPads and Apps

Science - Materials, Friction and Forces

RME and Health & Wellbeing - Conflict Resolution

PE - Hockey and Football





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iPads

The iPads finally arrived after we managed to find the funds to purchase them. Luckily they arrived just before Christmas so the children had the holidays to get to know them. They will be very useful in all their future learning and also a lot of fun!

After School Club

Craft club will continue through to February half term. The children are finishing off their fabric projects before moving onto clay work.

Polytunnel

We have had confirmation that we can use the remaining funds from the Pupil Equity Fund from 2017 / 2018 to get the polytunnel erected and fenced off. Just waiting to hear from the council as to whether it can be positioned in the field behind the school.

Pre 5 Unit

Over the next few weeks we're going to be learning about people who help us with a focus on the Colonsay community (e.g. fire service, doctors and coastguard) which will hopefully lead to a visit at our local fire station for all the children at Kilchattan School.

At the end of January the Pre 5 unit classroom will be swapping with the dining room.

School Staff

Following a short period as supply cover, Shonagh and Grace have now started in a permanent role as catering managers on a job share. Congratulations to them both! The school and lunch club continue to be the best fed in all the highlands and islands!

Dates for your diary

The school closes for half term on **Friday 8th February**. There are in-service days on **Thursday 14th** and **Friday 15th** and the children return to school on **Monday 18th February**.

Parents Meetings are due on **Monday 18th February**.

Kathryn Wilkie our Education Officer is coming to the school on **Tuesday 19th February**.

Christine McLean from Early Years is visiting us on **Thursday 21st February**.

World Book day is on **Thursday 7th March**

Childsmile are coming to do a fluoride varnish on **Wednesday 13th March**

Comic Relief (Red Nose Day) is on **Friday 15th March**

