



# Kilchattan School Newsletter

## March 2019

### 100% Increase in School Roll!

Welcome to our two new pupils who joined us at the beginning of March, it must be a bit daunting coming to our tight knit little school, but they have fitted in beautifully. We are looking forward to our two additional new starters coming after the Easter holidays and that will bring the school roll up to eight + our 1 Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) child.

### World Book Day Coffee Morning

For World Book Day we celebrated it by dressing up and holding a coffee morning at the school. The children wanted to raise money for the



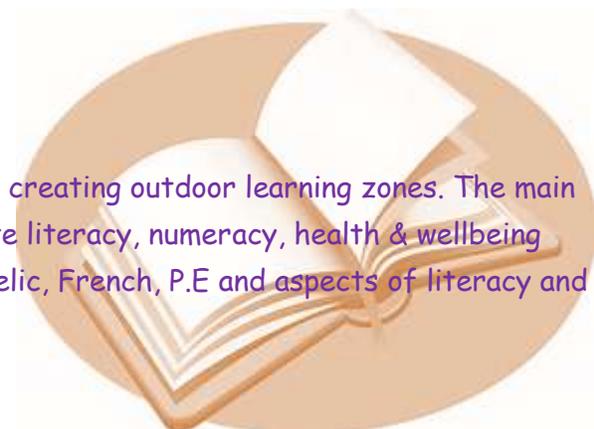
school and for the WWF and as we had plenty of redundant books in the library we decided to combine the



coffee and cakes with a book sale. Thank you to all who contributed the cakes, truly delicious! As always it was very well supported by the Colonsay community (we even had Granny Island call in) and we raised £220.

### Learning Zone

Our interdisciplinary learning will be based on creating outdoor learning zones. The main focus will be on technology and will incorporate literacy, numeracy, health & wellbeing amongst others. We will continue to teach Gaelic, French, P.E and aspects of literacy and numeracy as standalone subjects.





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### Vision, Values and Aims

The staff and children have been working together to agree our school vision, values and aims. We will continue with this when our new pupils arrive and will be inviting parents to a workshop to complete the process.

### Polytunnel

Unfortunately, we are unable to put the poly tunnel up in the field by the heritage centre so will be reverting to plan b and siting it in the school field.

### School Security

Just to remind you that in the interest of safety and school security, the gates into the school grounds must be kept shut during the school day. Also, the front door must be kept locked - if you need to come in, please press the button and a member of staff will come and let you in.

### School Staff

Ms Dance is attending courses in Inveraray for Assessment and Moderation training. She has completed 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> level and is completing Early and 1<sup>st</sup> level this week.

### After School Club

This term the children have created artworks that are going to be submitted to a competition run by the National Gallery of Scotland. On that note, the children have had their excellent short stories accepted again for publication by Young Writers.

This week, the children will be completing their clay projects.



Last term's creative triumphs - what beautiful cushions!

There will be no after school club in the summer term, however we may make use of any fine weather to go kayaking.





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### Outdoor Learning Area

A letter recently went to parents to advise them of our proposed new outdoor learning area.

We will be taking delivery of a selection of scrap materials such as tyres, pallets, planks, rope, logs, branches etc. for the children to develop mathematical, scientific, technological inquiry whilst meeting health and wellbeing and literacy learning objectives, whilst they create outdoor play and learning zones.

It is likely that the outdoor learning area will look a bit messy so it will be zoned off on one side of the school field.



### ELC

The Pre 5 unit has been renamed to Early Learning and Childcare (ELC)

Jodi recently went on two courses "Exploring Self-directed Play Outdoors" and "Promoting Curiosity, Inquiry and Creativity". These courses

have inspired opportunities for the school children to work together with our ELC child on outdoor learning projects.

### Dates for your Diary

The school closes for the end of term on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March** for 2 weeks. The children return to school on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April**. We break up again on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April** for the Easter weekend and are back to school for **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**.

The Childsmile visit has now moved to **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April**.

School is closed for the May bank holiday on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May**.

Sports Day at Machrins - date to be confirmed.

End of term celebration is on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

