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Creative, Active, Respectful, Resilient

Thanks for taking the time to read! Tapadh leibh airson ar litir-naidheachd a leughadh!

Community Meal

Our P3-7 pupils have loved being involved in the Monday community meals and have developed lots of valuable skills such as communication, active listening and memory. They have been taking and recording orders, cleaning and serving meals.

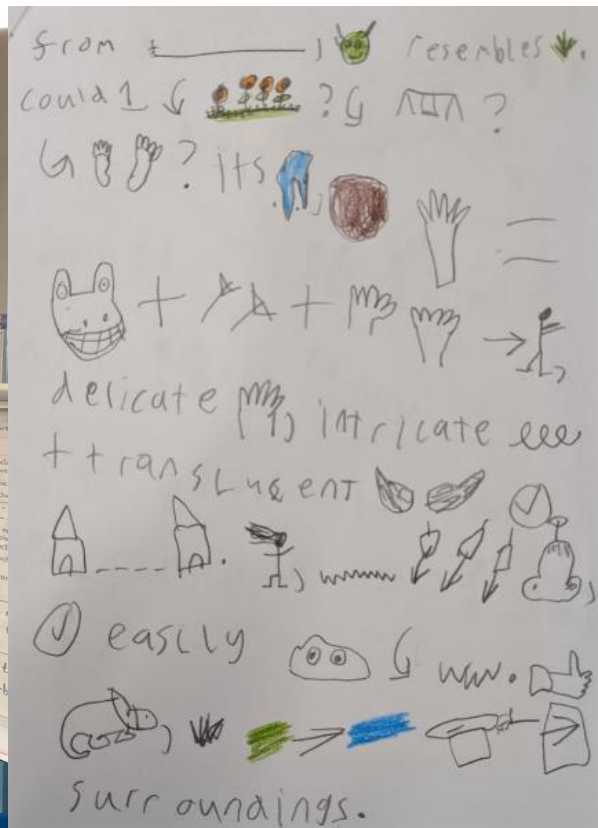
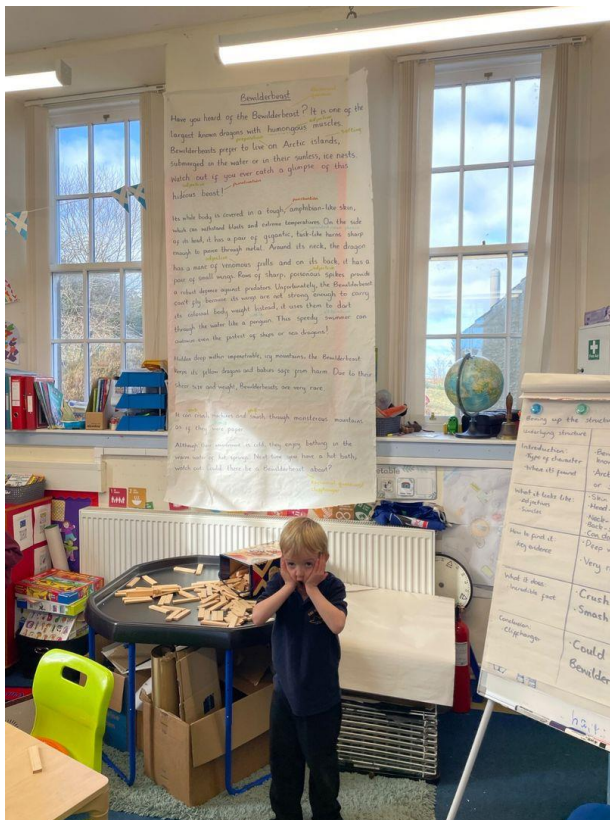


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Talk for Writing

We have been working very hard on our writing. We began using the "Talk for Writing" methodology. Talk for Writing" is a teaching approach that uses spoken activities to develop writing skills, focusing on imitation, innovation, and independent application of language structures and ideas through "talking the text". You can see some of the exciting ways we use this below - giant collaborative stories, boxed up texts and story maps.



Space Topic

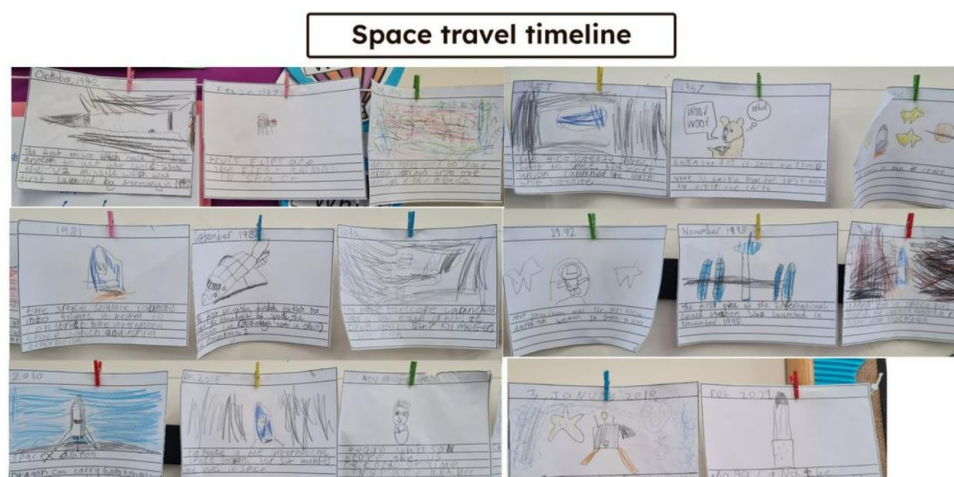
We wanted to learn more about space this term and have explored this in lots of interesting ways. We have mapped out the distance between the planets in our playgrounds and created scale drawings of the planets.



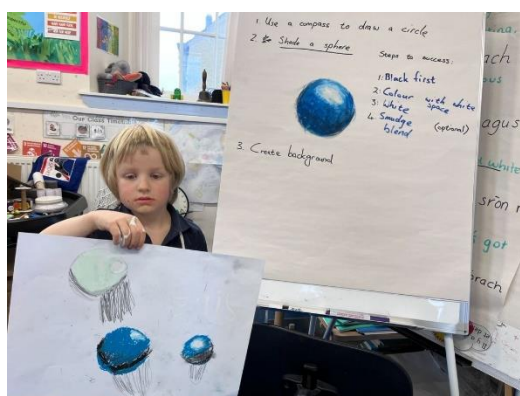
We enjoyed a personalised Eigg Primary Q and A session with the Astronomer from Royal for Scotland.



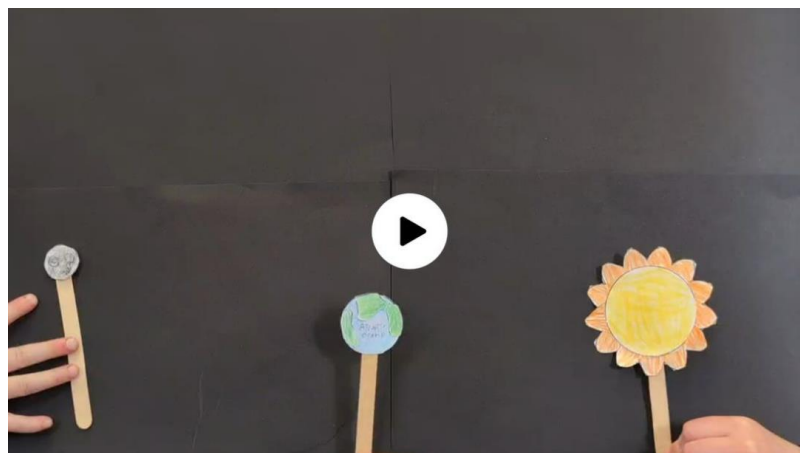
We created an amazing timeline of space travel.



We used our favourite planets to help us learn to shade.



We explored lots of interesting ways of showing the movement of bodies in the solar system, such as chalk drawing and stop-motion videos.



Archaeology Visit with Labhaoise McKenna from Archaeological Management Solutions (AMS)



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We were so lucky to be visited by Labhaoise from Archaeological Management Solutions - to share what working as an archaeologist is really like. Children were fascinated by Labhaoise's stories. They loved hearing about her amazing dives and close calls with Orcas. They were also really interested in hearing about the special equipment that archaeologists use, to find out if treasures might be buried beneath our feet!

Podcasting Workshop with Meg Wilcox

The Bothy Project enriches our school so much. We were visited by Meg recently who ran a podcasting workshop with the children. The children created their own "Space Show" podcast to showcase their learning from their space topic and took on the roles of hosts, producers and guests.



Singing in the Sun

We have been learning two Gaelic songs, so that we can enter a Small Isles choir with Rum and Muck into the National Mod. Norah has come in to support us and we have also had online tuition from Gaelic singer Mary-Anne Kennedy. We look forward to sharing our songs with you.



Seachdain na Gàidhlig / World Gaelic Week

We held a special celebration for World Gaelic Week. We created our own Gaelic board games to play with our visitors. We sang them a song about porridge "brochan lom" and made lots of posters and a handy hints sheet to help everyone practice their Gaelic with us. Abair latha sònraichte (what a special day!). We even made 3 different kinds of soup (brot) and some fresh bread (aran) to share.



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We also took part in a design a Gaelic t-shirt competition with all Mallaig area schools.



PE on the Beach with Miss MacGilp

We love learning outdoors. We enjoyed a game of rounders on Laig Beach.



Insulation Experiments

Mr Haycock visited us for a week and helped us undertake some insulation experiments.

We created our own coolboxes and measured which materials make the best insulators.



Burns Supper

We held a Burns Supper for our January monthly meal. The children recited some Burns poetry before tucking into haggis, neeps and tatties.



Children's Rights

We have made it our mission to make sure that everyone connected with our school and ideally everyone on the island understands children's rights. Our first step has been to learn about the UNCRC Articles of the Child ourselves. We have created posters to help share our learning with others and remind ourselves. We have each focused on an individual right that we thought was important to share. Now we want to make a video to share this with everyone in Eigg.

Children's Rights



Freya

31 Rest, Play, Culture, Arts



Ness

13 Sharing Thoughts Freely



Violet

14 Freedom of Thought and Religion



Ellis

28 Access to Education



Ross

12 No punishment without due process



Arlo

27 Food, Nutrition, A safe Water



Agnes

9 Keeping Families Together



Jess

24 Health, Water, Food, Environment



Oran

2 No Discrimination



Calm

17 Access to Information

Paramedic Visit

We were visited by Earl the Paramedic who shared what it is like to be a paramedic and showed the children how CPR works and left us equipment to practice with.



Big Garden Bird Watch



Norah helped us take part in the *Great Garden Bird Watch* and to submit our data for science!

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Craft Club

This term we have taken part in a weekly after-school craft club - where children can showcase their **creativity** through junk modelling, drawing, writing, clay modelling and more.



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Pictured: A scary puppet called "bad luck".

Run Club

Run club continued this term, with children continuing to make great progress with their **fitness**. Children have practised trail and hill running and explored new routes. They showed great **resilience** by not giving up even when tired or dealing with terrible weather!



Visitors – Reading Guests



Thank you so much Mairi for coming in to read bible stories to the children. We are very grateful to Hilda who regularly reads fiction to the class on a Friday. If anyone would like to come in to read to the class or nursery, we'd be delighted to have you.

Camille – Galette Des Rois

Children celebrated the galette des rois as part of our French lesson with Camille. The galette des rois is a French cake eaten on Epiphany to celebrate the arrival of the Three Kings in Bethlehem. Whoever finds the little charm in their slice of cake gets to be king or queen for the day! Thank you Camille!

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Poet Visit



We had an amazing visit from poet Emma Sullivan. She guided us through a collaborative **creative** process that showcased poetry in many different forms, beginning with a 3x3 grid to represent traffic, and ending with a fuller picture that represented the people within the traffic, as well as the circumstances surrounding the traffic. We then read a poem that incorporated traffic and

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sharks, which was very interesting! We learned that poems don't all have to have "stanzas", though they often do, and can look very different from poem to poem! Someone even wrote a three word poem on a kite! We thought it was very symbolic indeed! We then created our own mini poems, and were able to take them home. What a busy afternoon! We are so grateful to Emma for taking time out of her writing day to visit us and share her knowledge!

Yoga with Laura



Laura Potts led an amazing yoga session at the school. A great way to keep **active** and build **resilience** in our minds and bodies.

Garden Day

Thank you to everyone who helped us with our garden clear out. Children, parents and volunteers helped us clear the growing beds, dig a trench for tatties, strip back brambles and plant new trees in our hedge. This year we will

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be focusing on growing potatoes - experimenting with what works best, salads and flowers to help the bees.



Katrin helped us to chit the potatoes - ready for planting.

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World Book Day



World book day, saw a week long celebration of reading. We enjoyed a variety of exciting and **creative** activities, including quizzes, making bookmarks and simply reading with our friends.

Show and Tell Assembly

We developed our listening and talking skills through a show and tell assembly with our friends in Muck, sharing things that are special to us from home. Children were extremely **respectful** to one another.



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Zones of Regulation

We created Fimo models of ourselves at craft club for our new Zones of Regulation display. The Zones of Regulation organizes our feelings, states of alertness, and energy levels into four coloured zones - Blue, Green, Yellow and Red - which helps children to talk about, understand and share how they feel with a shared language across the school. This will help us to be **resilient** in different situations.



Christmas Data Handling

Christmas dinner item	Tally	Total
pigs in blankets		8
cranberry sauce		1
roasted potatoes		10
stuffing		4
gravy		8
turkey		8
brussels sprouts		8
yorkshire pudding		8
mashed potatoes		2
apple sauce		1



Thank you to everyone on the island that voted for their favourite Christmas dinner item. We used this information to learn how to make bar graphs, tally charts and more.

Observatory Visit

We are so grateful to Dougal who gave us a special tour of the observatory and showed us how it works as part of our space topic.



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A P7 pupil leading the walk back to school.

Nursery Visit to the old shop

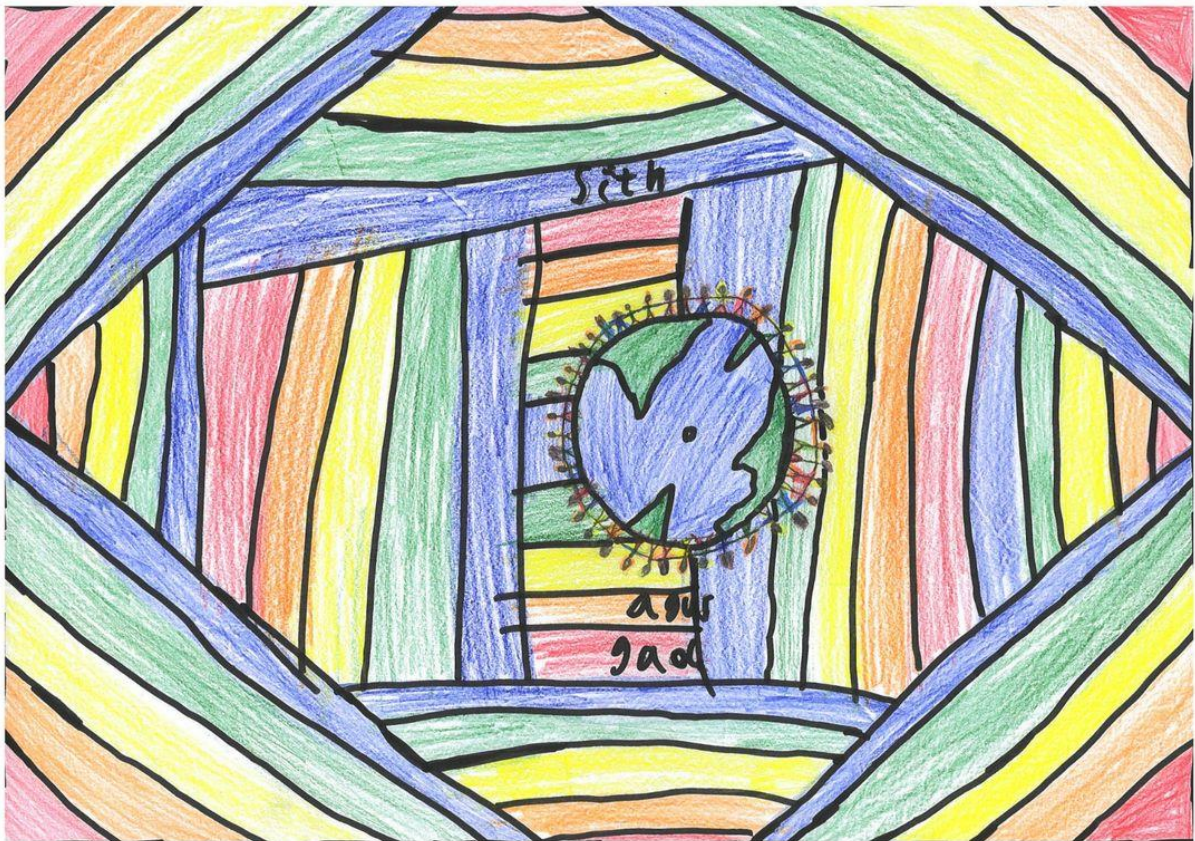
We visited the old shop and talked about how Eigg was different in the past. We were so impressed with the art made of plastic and talked about how we could use less plastic in the nursery.



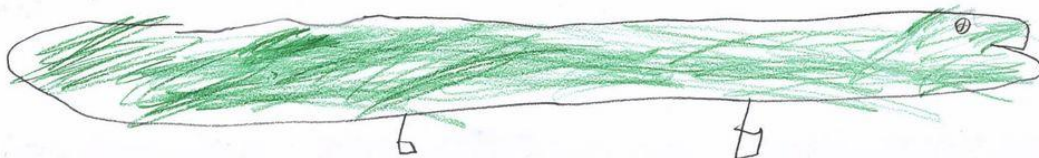
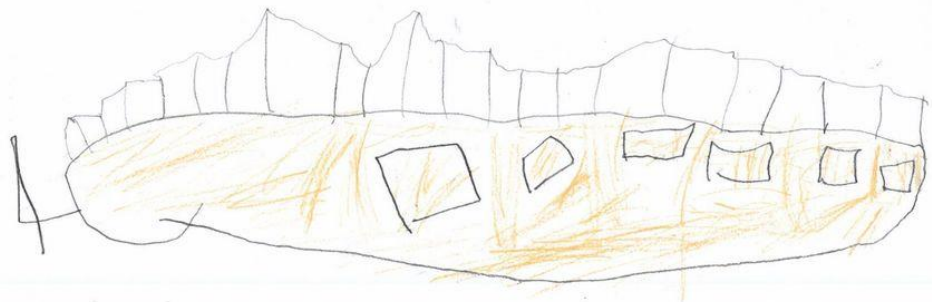
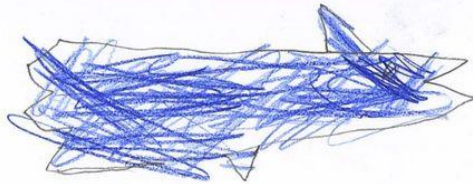
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Mod Art Competition

You can see our entries for the Royal National Mòd Art competitions here.



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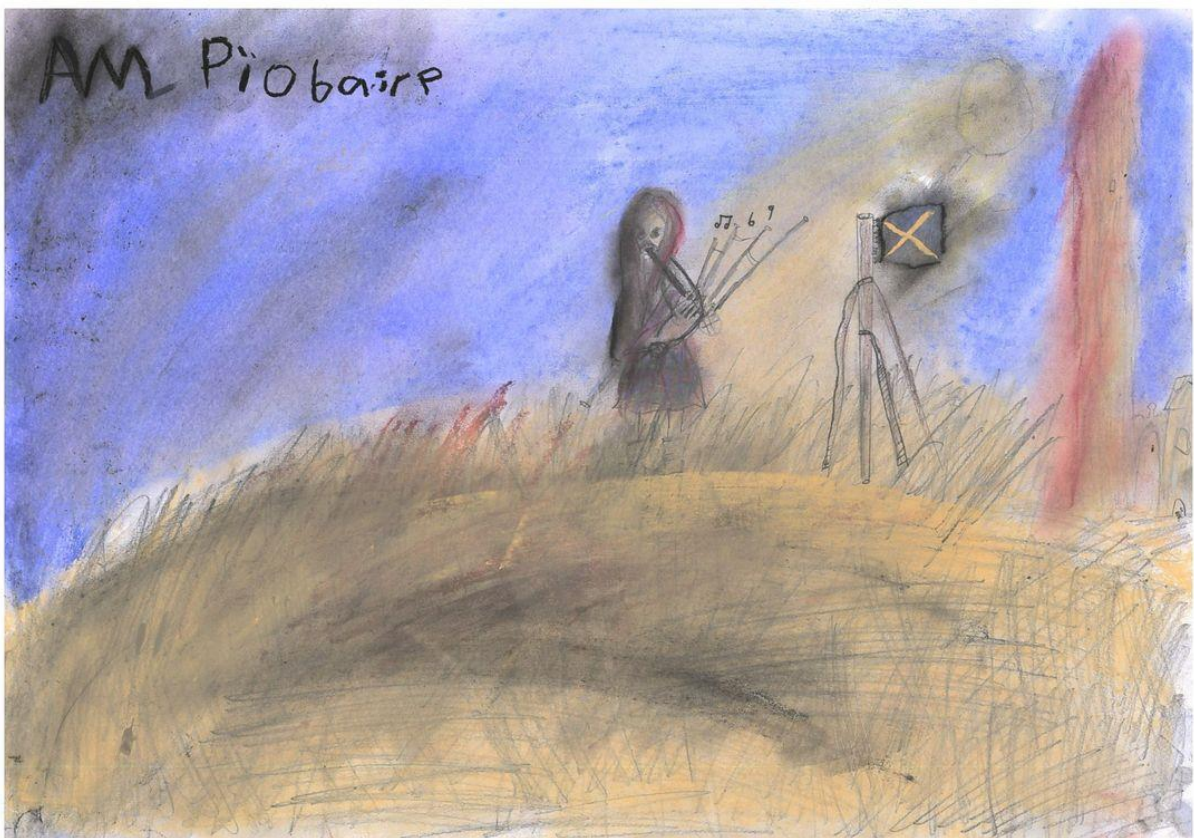
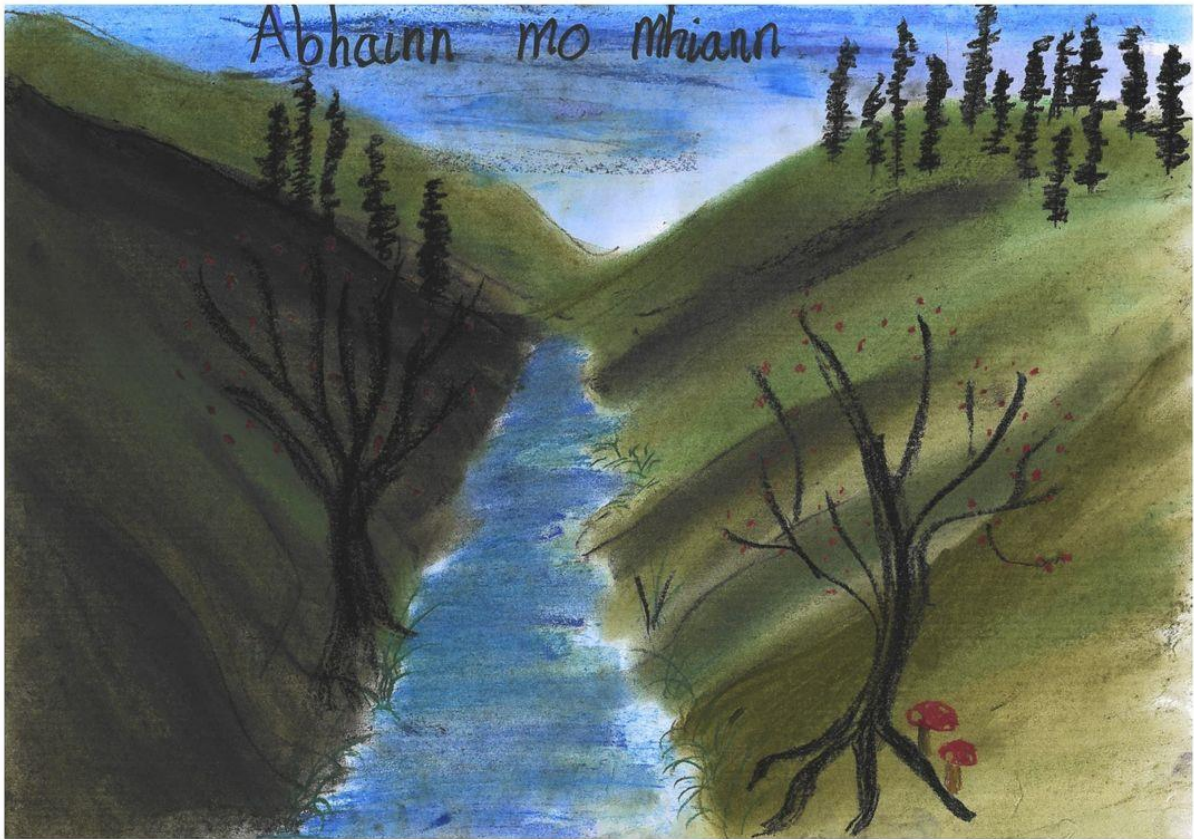


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Le dùrachd / All the best

All staff and pupils at Eigg Primary School and Nursery

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