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**Creative, Active, Respectful, Resilient**

Thanks for taking the time to read our busy term 3 newsletter!

*Tapadh leibh airson ar litir-naidheachd thrang a leughadh!*

### **Our Project with Eigg Electric**

Thank you to the team at Eigg Electric, who provided a really interesting tour of the site.



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Children learned all about our unique island grid and what it takes to keep it running.



Our next step is to undertake a project with Eigg Electric to share helpful ways to keep our usage down across the island.



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## Solas Eige Project

Our P5-7 pupils had the pleasure of interviewing Catherine about her memories and experiences of the Church of Scotland Kirk. Thank you so much to Catherine for your time and your amazing stories about the building and its history.



They then worked with Camille to turn this into a beautiful display, to celebrate Ionad Solas Eige's transfer of ownership. We loved exploring photos of the church being used.



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## Our Eco-schools Award

We were so proud to be re-awarded our Eco-schools Green Flag last year and are working hard to keep it! Miss Hollands has been helping us to prune our fruit trees, and we will shortly be fitting guards to rabbit proof them.



We have taken advantage of the changing weather, to get active in our school garden. Visiting volunteer Laura Potts helped us to plant this year's seeds. Each year we focus on growing a small number of crops well - this year we are focusing on beans and corn.



Laura also treated us to a special Yoga session - we can't wait to welcome her back.



We welcomed Alex and Ffion from the Marine Conservation Society, who led a day long session with the children - with a focus on seagrass restoration and climate action.



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We found a quite surprising amount of seagrass as part of a shoreline survey at Kildonan (our adopted beach). We will be returning soon for a beach clean, to continue our project on climate action. We even found a pool shaped like Eigg!



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**Thank you, Katrin!**



We held a special assembly to mark Katrin's 9 years at Eigg Primary School - in the nursery, in her Facilities role and in the school office. The children made her cards, shared their favourite memories and a gift of a leaver's hoodie. Thank you Katrin!

### **Rights Respecting Schools**

We'd like to introduce our new termly "Play Leader" - who supports their friends with their right to play (Article 31) and Article 19 (the right to be safe).



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Colm and Violet have been leading a Tuesday Youth Club after school - which supports pupil voice and our right to play. Activities lately have included crafts and clay, board games, animal themed book clubs, and a music club.

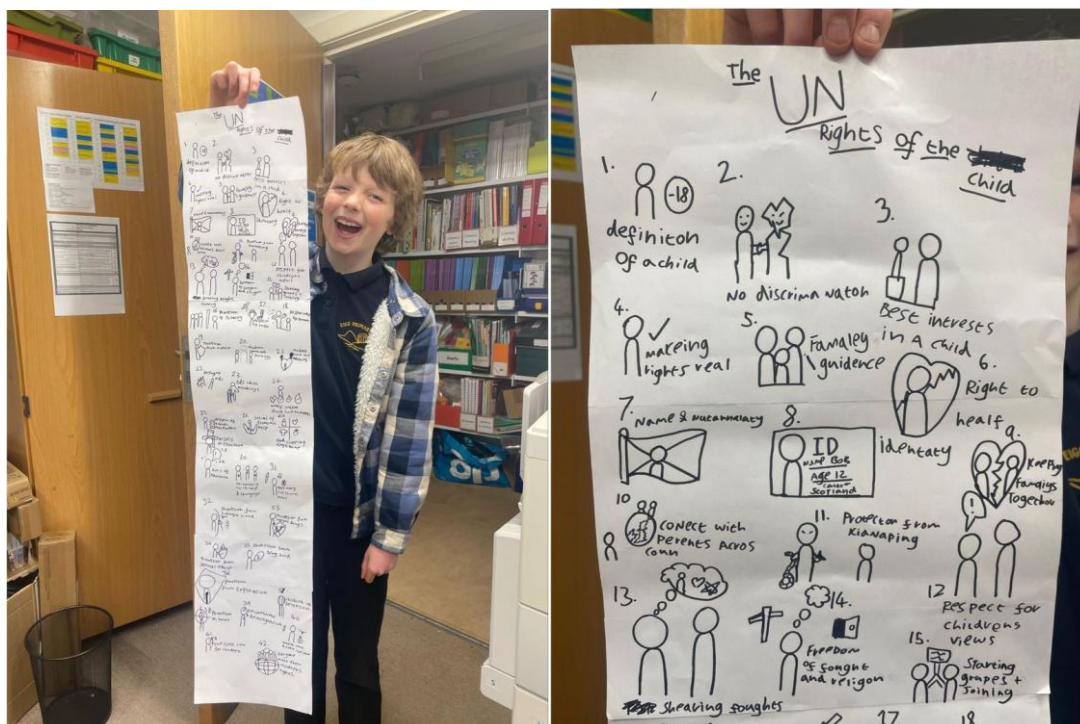


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We have also continued our amazing run club - started by Katrin over two years ago, we have continued her good work. Here you can see the children leading stretches in front of a big audience (the Isle of Rum).



We also wanted to recognise this learner for challenging themselves to create an amazing display showing each right that children have.



We have been learning about the importance of International Aid and the children (along with schools across Scotland, England, Wales and Northern Ireland) took part in

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UNICEF's Outright Campaign - to try to persuade the Home Secretary to preserve the international aid budget.

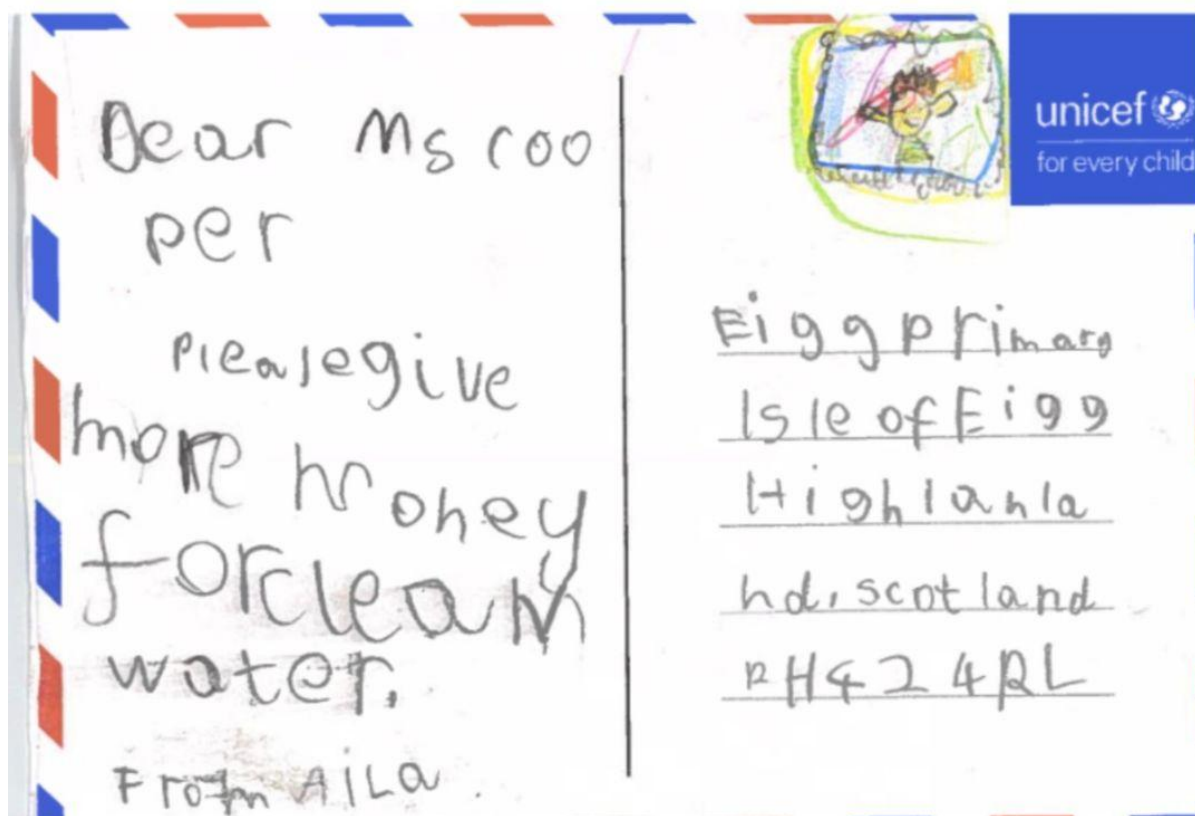
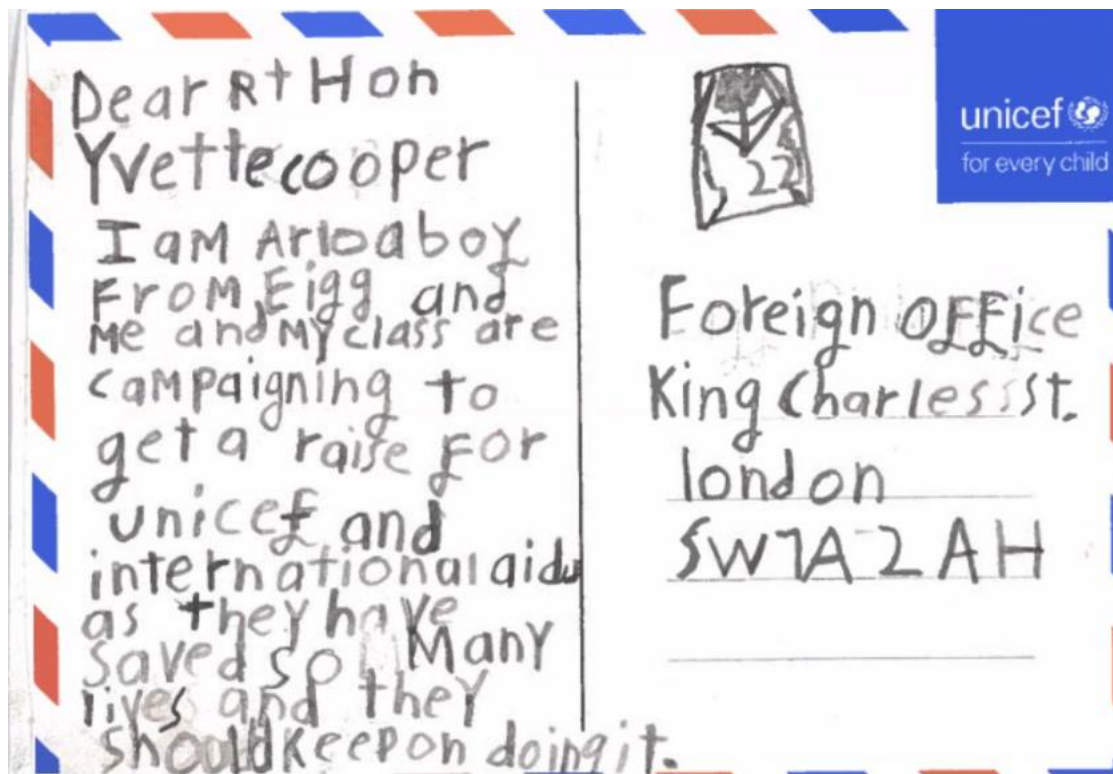


Dear Rt Hon  
Cooper,  
International  
aid and children's  
rights  
are important.  
HELP THE  
POOR PEOPLE.

From NESS

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### Farm Safety

A huge thank you to Sarah B for coming in to speak to the children to share helpful tips for keeping themselves and animals safe - during the calving and lambing season.

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### Practical Maths

Our pupils have been making great use of their three tough trays - to undertake rich practical maths activities - like this Cuisenaire colour challenge.

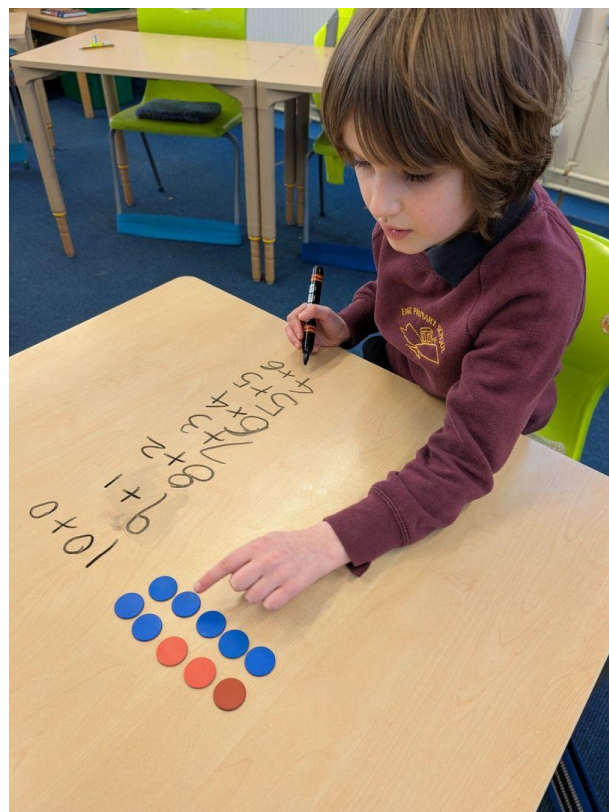


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These pupils had a great time playing Kaboom. The children pull out times table sticks and answer the number statements as they go, making sure they avoid the kaboom sticks hidden in the pot!



When we run out of tough trays - we even write on the tables!



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We also wanted to share that we finished fourth in the Highland Sumdog Challenge! Out of 97 classes across Highland entered, Eigg Primary came in 4th overall, with an accuracy of 84%, which is excellent!

### **Seachdain na Gàidhlig - World Gaelic Week**

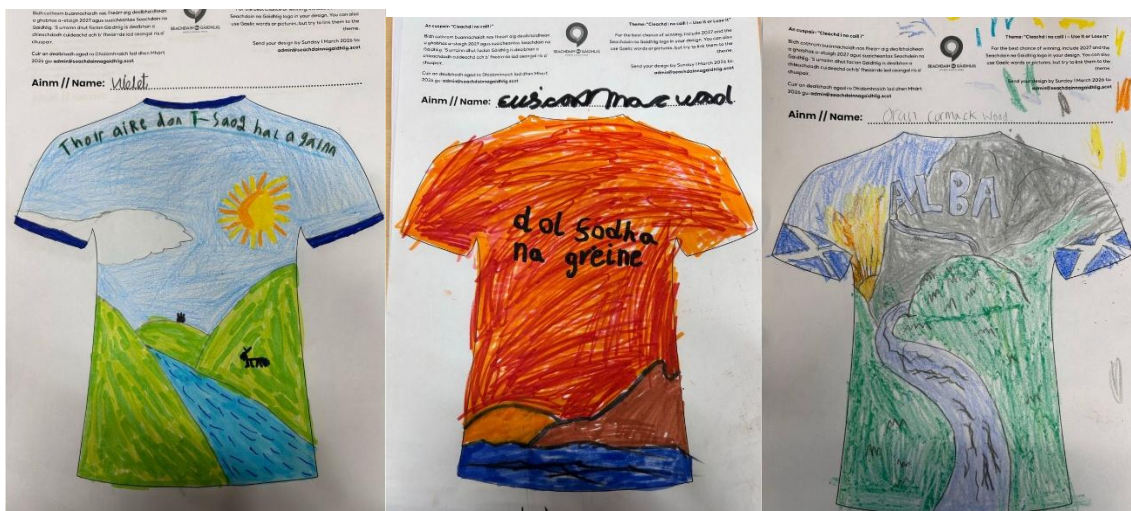


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The highlight of our World Gaelic Week Celebrations was a special cèilidh in the snug with pupils playing and singing the Mingulay Boat song with Gabe and Mr Merrick, after singing three Gaelic songs of their own. Thanks to everyone that came down. Thanks, Peigi, for coming and speaking to us in Gaelic, Tapadh leibh a Pheigi!



We entered the World Gaelic Week design a Gaelic t-shirt competition and the children's creativity and enthusiasm for Gaelic shone through again.



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## Bookbug

Bookbug with Jenna has been going from strength to strength on a Wednesday morning. Jenna even held a special Gaelic Bookbug during World Gaelic Week. We are so lucky to be able to welcome the youngest members of team Eigg Primary in every week.



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## French with Camille

Un grand merci, Camille! We are so lucky that our P5-7 pupils have access to such an amazing teacher and can speak French with a native speaker every week. Children have been learning about French geography and names for other countries, all while immersed in the language.



## The Bothy Project

We were visited by Lucy and visiting artist in residence Hamshya Rajkumar. We spoke about what a Seed Librarian does and how seed libraries work - before investigating some of the seeds we have chosen for planting, under a magnifying glass. We are really interested in establishing our own seed library.



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We were extremely lucky to have another VIP visitor from the Bothy Project this term, with Risteárd Ó hAodha popping in to chat to us about his specialist instrument, the cello. He was great fun & spoke a little Irish Gaelic to us, sang us a song and played lots of different tunes, including some AC/DC, James Bond & the Jaws theme. He was really impressed by the children's singing.

### **Our Bird Project**

Birds are a big deal at Eigg Primary School and children have been following their interest, to learn all about them. We have been learning about their evolution from dinosaurs, how they are categorised and how our favourite birds fit into the food chain.

As part of their outdoor learning the children have been learning to observe the key features, shapes, and textures of birds to create observational drawings. They had to look carefully at the birds in the playground and draw their basic, simple shapes first using light pencil marks so they could change them. The children then added fine details, such as feathers, beak shape, and eyes.



A real highlight has been undertaking the RSPB Great Garden Birdwatch with Norah. We submitted our data, to help improve scientist's understanding of birdlife in Eigg.

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### **Football Focus**

The children have undertaken a brilliant block of learning with Miss MacGilp and Mr Merrick. There has been so much passion football lately! We doubt that any school in Scotland has had as scenic a setting to play in as we have!

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### **Cooking**

We have continued our monthly meal. So far this term we have made a veggie haggis bake with rowanberry jam and carrot and neep mash, and also a vegan butternut squash macaroni - both were big hits!



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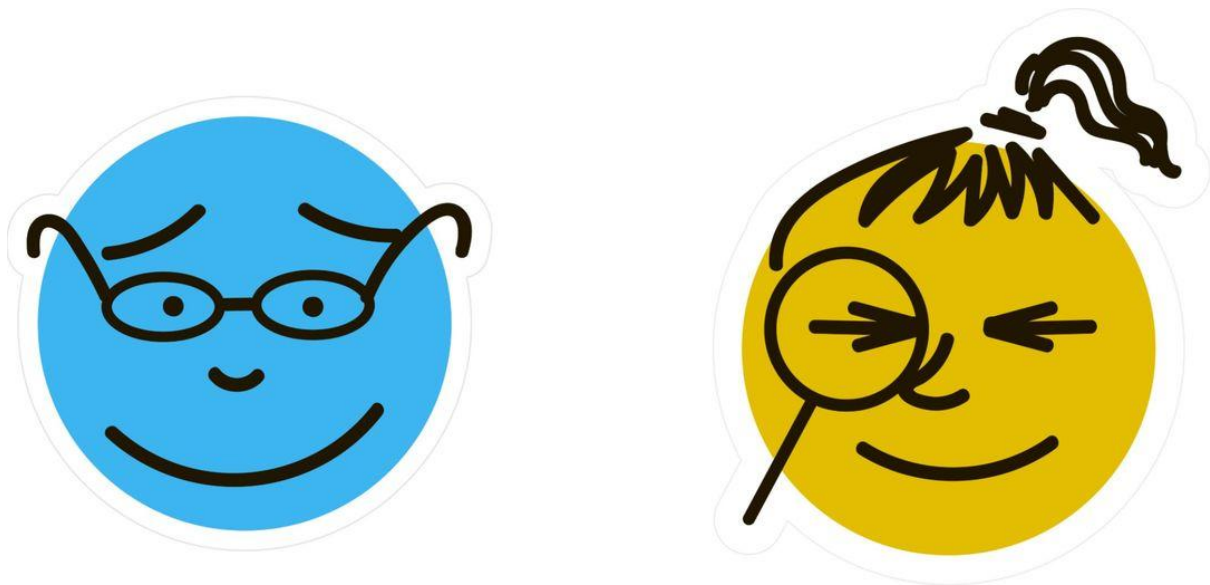
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## Calligraphy with Heather

A huge thank you to Heather Martinez - a handwriting instructor - who joined us to share her passion for calligraphy!

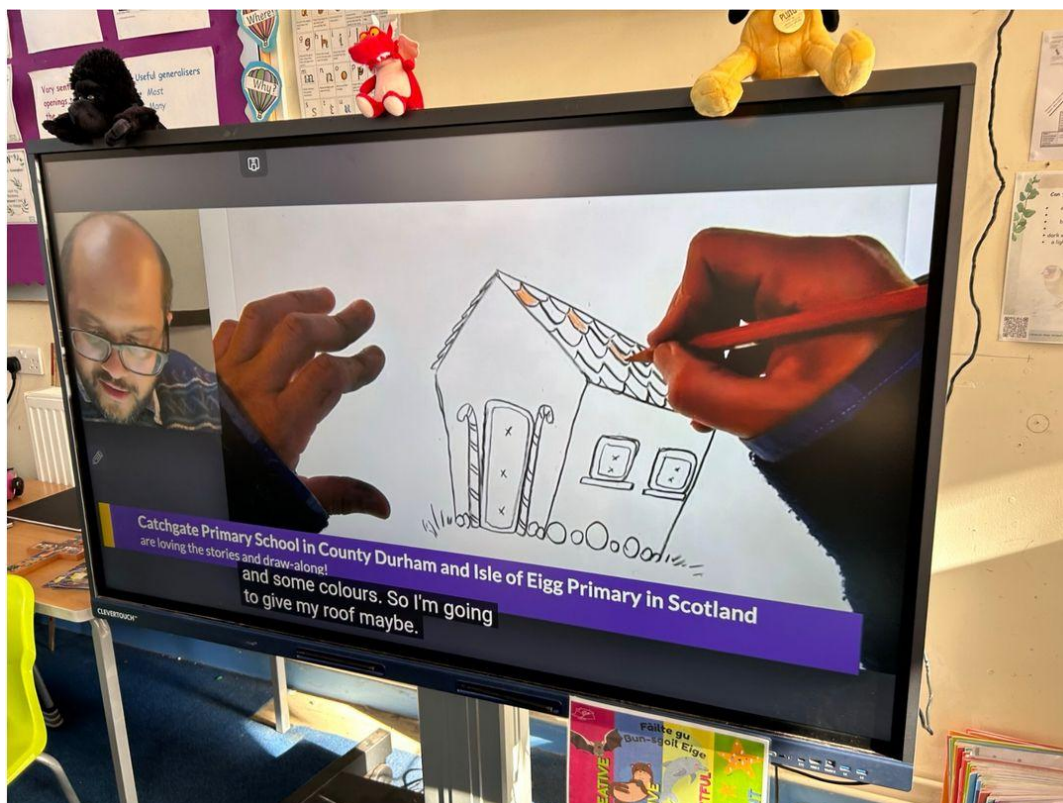


## Meet our new Classmates



The children have worked together with their teachers and Anna, to design and create these characters, to help them with their learning. WALT stands for - we are learning today. We want everyone to be 100% clear on what the purpose of a lesson is. WILF stands for we are looking for. This is how we will spot and measure success! When we





Michael Rosen shared tales from all over the world, including the Caribbean, Africa, the Philippines, Scotland, Indonesia & more!

We were excited to receive our £1 book tokens - but realised that these would expire before we had a chance to go off island. The Highland Book Shop in Fort William came to our rescue and set each child two books to enjoy at home!



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We have had some amazing reading visits this term. We wanted to say a great big thank you to Libby Galli, an amazing island author for sharing and donating the "Time Eating Goblin" and providing each child with their very own goblin!



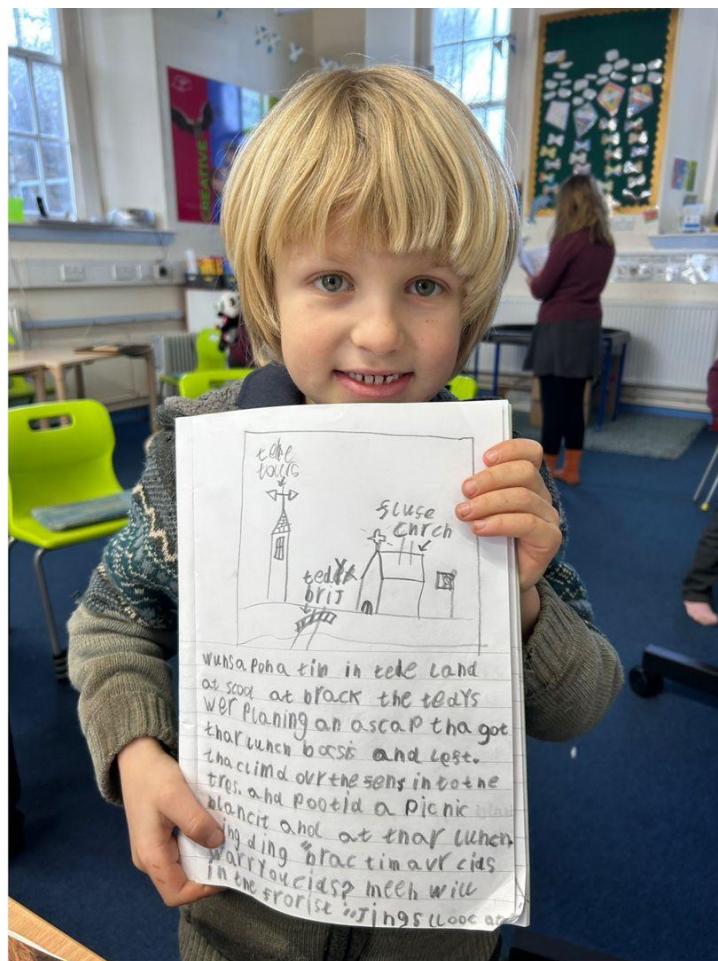
We held our first ever reading café - where children and adults came together to relax and share their love of reading. Thank you, Karen, for sharing a brilliant story about your "reading addiction!"



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Our love of reading is really helping to support our writing and we have seen some amazing pieces of imaginative writing - inspired by stories. .



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We've enjoyed a fantastic project based on the "Rosie Revere - Engineer" and "Iggy Peck- Architect" Books - learning from and being inspired by women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and researching our own STEM heroes. Children then created their own STEM hero characters including "Isla Static Mathematic".



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Lastly, we have been celebrating our own reading superstars, with a new weekly reading certificate linked to our school values.



Thank you again for taking the time to read our newsletter!

**Le dùrachd / All the best**

**All staff and pupils at Eigg Primary School and Nursery**

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