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Thanks for taking the time to read our term 4 newsletter!

Tapadh leibh airson ar litir-naidheachd a leughadh!

Small Isles Swimming Trip



In May, the whole school travelled to Mallaig for a week of activities, focusing on Swimming. Along with Muck and Rum Primary School's we enjoyed a week of getting to know new friends, as well as

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connecting with old ones from other islands, art and reading in the library, climbing in Fort William and of course lots of swimming.



School Garden



There has been lots of activity in the garden this term, from digging up and eating our potatoes, to lots of weeding and planting more in the garden and polytunnel, everyone has been working hard to grow some food and flowers! P1-3 in particular have taken on lots of responsibility for keeping the space clear, watered and weed-free. Thanks to Fil for coming in and helping with sowing seeds and planting out beans, we really appreciate your time!

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Bingo Fundraiser



This term we organised a Bingo Night as a fundraiser for our chosen charities. The event was a huge success, raising over £1,000 towards Fèis Eige music tuition and the Niamh Jobson Research Fund! There was so much work put into the event, with the children making prizes for the raffle, as well as cooking chilli con carne, and a veggie chili for everyone who came along. A huge thank you to everyone who donated to, attended or supported the event. Thank you Jenna for organising!

Beach Cleaning

We have continued our commitment to termly beach cleans at Kildonan Bay. We even tested our math skills to work out different ways of measuring the amount gathered. With a huge thanks to Camille, we were able to work out that the total weight of marine litter was 22.88 KG and 14.47kg of household waste, totalling 37.35kg.



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Reducing Plastic

We have been working to reduce our plastic waste and took part in a plastic reduction week, which was a huge success. We totalled and measured our plastic use and compared to our control week. In our control week we used 600g of plastic, but the next week we only used 100g. We are going to measure this again after the school holidays to see if we can keep the total down.



Scottish Wildlife Trust Volunteer Day



We learned all about ponds and their importance to biodiversity. We explored the burn near the school to identify the creatures and their larvae that can be found. We worked with the SWT to make an Eigg shaped pond, in our grounds. This is part of our project to turn our playground into a mini nature reserve. Thank you to Norah and team!

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PE Visits to Muck



We've enjoyed two visits to Muck to play team games in larger groups. Not only have we been able to play with our friends in Muck, but also two other children who are staying in Eigg. We've played team games like football and rounders, and there is so much benefit to playing in the larger, and we are going to keep these visits going next session. Thank you Miss MacGilp for running these sessions.

Ewens Room Visit



We were so delighted to welcome Jenny from Ewen's Room to help children talk and learn about their social, emotional and mental wellbeing. Jenny has built up such a wonderful relationship with the children.

Small Isles Week

It was our friends in Muck's turn to host Small Isles Week this year, and we can't thank them enough for making the week so special. There are very few schools (if any) where children as young as 5 and 6 would take part in a residential visit, and we could not be prouder of everyone for giving their all, all week! We were joined by Muck, Duror and Rum Primaries.

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On the first night we enjoyed rounders and a BBQ on Gallanach Beach, before being properly soaked. It wouldn't be a Scottish BBQ without a couple of litres of water falling on you.



We loved visiting Lexie and Quentin, the Muck Ponies. The Muck children also took the time to show us their pet lambs and a pet calf.



We braved the elements, to clear a huge amount of marine litter off of Fanc Mòr on the West Side of Muck. Our Muck friends have adopted this as their own beach and we were pleased to lend a hand!



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We enjoyed a delicious meal in the Muck Tearoom, with a huge variety of tasty pizza, pasta and salad options, including lots of vegetarian and vegan treats.



We took part in a Small Isles Talent Show, with a huge array of talents on show, from singing and dancing, to a guided drawing session, to pogo jumping, to a Q and A session on dogs, to a football skills demo.



Sports day was as always a highlight – with children competing with one another and supporting each other in equal measure.

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We took part in an exciting Science and Engineering morning with the Newton Room. We took part in three microscopes and minibeasts investigations, before being challenged to create incredible “land yachts” which took all of our resilience and team building skills to make such a success.





We capped off an amazing week by attending a community cèilidh. What a great welcome we had, with some impressive dancing on show.



Athletics



Children have developed their strength speed and stamina, both in PE and at run club. They have enjoyed short, medium and long distance runs and strength-based events like throwing for distance.

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World Cup Project

At Eigg Primary School, learning is often led by pupil interests. We decided to follow a strong interest in the World Cup. We've enjoyed rich discussions of chance and probability and have taken the chance to learn about the countries in Scotland's group, their cuisines and cultures.

With Miss MacGilp, children have made Moroccan tagine, Brazilian Feijoada Stew and will soon make Haitian Poul nan sos.



Children have learned all about the wider world – making flags as part of outdoor art, and plotting the countries' position in the globe in the playground.



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Children put their art and design skills to the test to design and create new mascots for the host nations. Children have been learning to commentate on football and have even managed to do some of this in Gaelic! Our World Cup Fundraiser is helping to raise money for charity.



Youth Club

Our weekly Youth Club is now a permanent feature, run by the children, to help guarantee their Right to Play. At the children's request we have explored the Minecraft for Education Resource, while our youngest Youth Club members undertook some light construction in the nursery. We are spending more time outdoors this term, to make the most of the good weather.



Eigg Electric

We are grateful to Greg who came in and helped us label our high, medium and low wattage appliances at the school so we can try to get our electricity consumption down. We are going to share our tips to reduce usage after the summer.

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Gaol nan Gàidheal



We loved welcoming Ailean Domhnullach and the Gaol nan Gàidheal musicians for a sneak peak of their concert. Children used some of their own Gaelic to greet them and make them feel welcome.

Tree Nursery Fundraiser

We love the tree nursery! Which is why we were so excited to fundraise for them. We planted 68 trees in the woodland creation area.

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We then celebrated the success of the crowdfunder, by being wonderful backing singers for Nan's concert at Tree Nursery.



Reading Schools Award

We'd like to congratulate everyone at Eigg Primary School for achieving their Core Reading Schools Award with the Scottish Book Trust – which recognises the amazing efforts pupils and staff have made to make our school a place where reading for pleasure is celebrated! Next year we will create a plan with the pupils to work towards our silver award.

This is a great achievement and our progress with this award is helping to support all aspects of our learning!



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Rights Respecting Schools Award

In more great news, our pupils met with UNICEF to discuss their progress towards become a Silver Rights Respecting recognised school. The UNICEF representatives were bowled over, not only by our children's breadth of knowledge and enthusiasm for their rights, but also to hear about how they have been supporting others to access their rights through campaigns and fundraising. Next year we will begin our journey towards becoming a Gold Standard Rights Respecting School.

Below you can see the children creating actions for our school improvement plan next year.



Maths Orienteering with Eigg Guiding



We always love our sessions with Jon and Kat, but this one was extra special. They had designed a fantastic and challenging maths orienteering challenge, including counting the trees in the orchard, measuring perimeters and area at the allotment, answering maths riddles and much more!

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Le dùrachd / All the best

All staff and pupils at Eigg Primary School and Nursery

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