

# **World Burns Finalists**

**Three pupils from Chirnside Primary School have had great success at the recent Borders' Burns Finals, held on 13th March in Hawick.**

All three Primary 4 pupils recited 'Willie Wastle' at the finals, with both Stuart Weeks and Liam Snowball being awarded Bronze awards, and Rebecca Richards being awarded the Gold award.

Furthermore, both Rebecca and Liam were invited to compete at the World Burns finals in Ayrshire on Saturday 10th May. Both Rebecca and Liam acquitted themselves well, returning with both pupils enjoyed the experience of representing Chirnside and the Borders at the world finals. Liam said "I thought it was a great experience". Rebecca said "I really enjoyed the day".

Rebecca and Liam recited their Burns poem at a recent school assembly in recognition of their fantastic achievement.

Both pupils would like to thank Mrs Scott for helping them with their preparation and also their parents for taking them to the finals. See inside for our school Burns prize winners...



We finally arrived at the Roman Museum in Melrose. Mr Gordon was the guide who showed us around the Museum.

He showed us the amazing portrait and pictures of the Trimontium fort, with the Eildon Hills in the background. When we went past, we saw a statue of a Roman soldier with his woollen tunic and his shining armour.

Then we saw the pottery with the finger engraving of the Roman who made it! He also showed us pottery made by the local tribe.

We saw a giant map, where three buttons were. First, Hailey pressed the button where the Roman forts would have been in the Borders. Second, Nathan Black pushed the button and that showed the Roman stations. Lastly, Elijah pressed the button that showed the communication stations.



Next, Mr Gordon showed us some Roman sandals which had some iron studs on the bottom. There was some armour for the legionary.

Then we were shown a kitchen and a blacksmith's workshop. There was a dummy horse we could go on.

Next, we were told sit around a Roman well, which was made from stone. Mr Gordon kindly let some of us dress up as people of the time, such as Roman soldiers - Lewis and Liam, rich people in togas - Katie and Natalia, ladies - Hailey and Georgia, slaves - Ryan and Leon.

Finally, we could visit the shop to buy souvenirs of our visit. Jewellery, coins, postcards, pencil sharpeners, were all very popular. It was all very interesting and we found out so much about when the Romans came to the Borders nearly 2000 years ago.



By: Stuart Weeks, Georgia Scott, Hailey Anderson, Ellis Douglas, Ashley Girdwood, Liam Snowball, Katie Donoghue and Carys Runciman.

# Stepping Back in Time

## P4 Travel Back in Time to the Days of the Romans!

P4 travelled to Trimontium (The Place of the Three Hills – The Eildons, near the Borders General Hospital, at Melrose.) But this was no ordinary trip, as we were about to go back in time!

There, we met Mr Gordon, a specialist on the Romans and soon we were in role as Roman soldiers, with Mr Gordon acting as our Centurion.

Some of us were given things to carry – a banner, wooden swords, T-pole back packs, a shield.



We had to speak in the old language of Latin, which the Romans would have used 2000 years ago, so we greeted Mr Gordon with, "Salve, Centurio," which means, "Hello, sir."

Then, we set off on a route march. We had to march to the orders of "Sin., Dex...", which meant, "Left, Right."

On the way, we saluted some of the Roman gods, like Janus, who the Romans thought was the god of doors and gateways, and had two heads – one to look back, one to look forward.

Mr Gordon showed us where the Roman fort would have been. He pointed out the amphitheatre, where gladiators fought and there were chariot races there too.

We saw a monument at Trimontium and heard more about the soldiers at the fort. We passed the site of the Roman baths and where the mansio was. This was where people had to pay taxes.

It was a very windy day and we were glad to get to the end of the march and salute Mercury, the god of travellers.

By P4



# Commonwealth Tapestry

## Project Well Under Way



Our Commonwealth Tapestry project is well under way, under the leadership of Mrs Watt and Primary 5.

So far, Primary 5 have been successful in securing funding from local businesses and organisations including Ahlstrom (pictured left

receiving a cheque from Martin Tennant), Chirnside Community Good and Chirnside Parent Council.

We have also been successful in securing a grant from 'Celebrate!', part of The Big Lottery Fund to cover materials and additional staffing



costs to implement the project across the community.

Each pupil submitted an artistic design that represented what Chirnside means to them. Pupils, staff and the community were

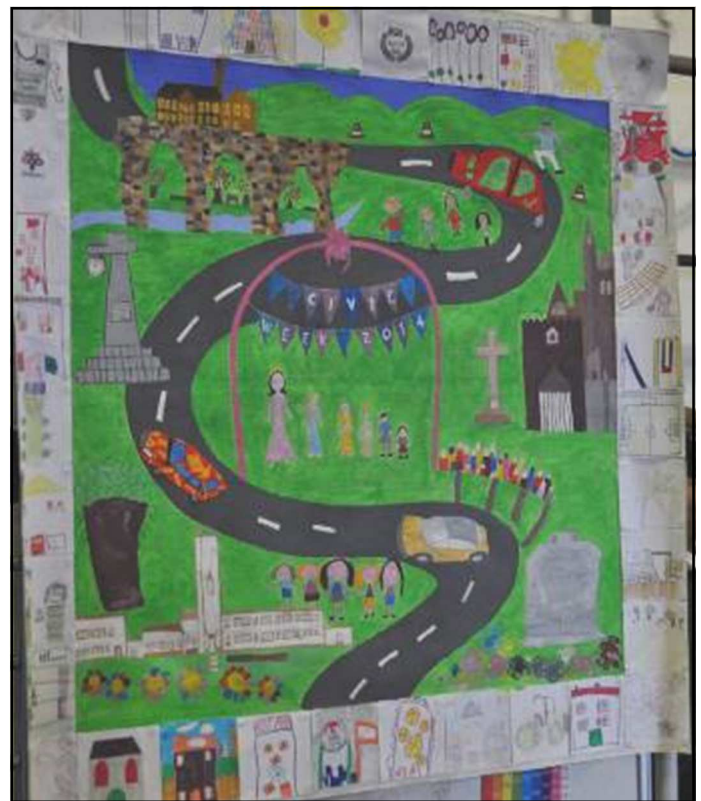


able to vote for their favourite designs at our Tapestry Exhibition held in the school (pictured right).

The designs with the most votes were incorporated into the final tapestry design unveiled by Anne Robertson of Chimside Community Good at our 'First Stitch' event (pictured left).

Primary 5 invited the youngest pupil, Leonnie Kelly and the eldest village resident, Mrs Cranshaw to make the first stitch (pictured below).

The tapestry's diary is filling up fast,



The Final Design



with planned visits to all our classes as well as a visit to Ahlstrom for the workforce to make a stitch or two.

The tapestry will also be visiting local groups and organisations as well as appearing at a coffee morning or two at a community centre near you.

The tapestry will be completed on Friday 20th June at our 'Final Stitch' event, starting at 9.30am.

Please come along to join in the celebrations and see the completed tapestry.





# Burns Recitation Winners



Another successful year in the promotion of the Scots language was evident in the annual Scots and Burns poetry competitions, held in February.

Pictured above are the year group prize winners from Primary 1 to Primary 7.

Our Primary 4-7 pupils attended the Borders Burns Finals held in Hawick and performed very well and to an extremely high standard (see the front page for more details).

In school, the P1-3 Burns Champion was Luke Simpson (P3) and the P4-7 Burns Champion was Tammie Louise Hunter (P6).

Congratulations to everyone, and thank you to the Whiteadder Burns Club for their continued support.

# Pupils of the Week





# Sports Relief Great Success!!!

On Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> of March 2014 Primary Six organised Sports Relief to raise money for this event.

It took us about three weeks to organise what we wanted to do to make it a great day and raise lots of money. We had lots of good ideas.

First, we had to decide what we wanted to do. We decided to organise a four-legged fun-run in our houses, two quizzes and let people come to school dressed up as a sportsperson if they donated some money.

We also decided to make tray-bake, cake and some cupcakes. As well as this, we made up some juice to sell at ten pence and brought in some old toys that we didn't want anymore.

On the day, we were all very excited to see how it would go. We really wanted everyone to enjoy it - would the

fun-run work? all the cakes get bought? and all the toys sell?

Thankfully, everything went well. All the toys sold and all the cakes were eaten.

"The toy stall was epic," quoted Liam Henry (10)

In the afternoon, everyone was really excited to see if everyone would enjoy the flash-mob and the fun-run.

Again, everyone joined in well and it was great fun.

Afterwards, we handed out the certificates and started the flash-mob. "The flash-mob didn't work as well as we had planned because everyone joined in too soon! Next time, we will explain how the Flash Mob should work. However, it was good fun," said Joana Gaspar (10).

Overall we raised £226.10 for Sports Relief. Thank you to all who supported us - you know who you are!

By Poppy Bell and Jessica Scott





# Chimside Q ualify for B orders N etball F inals

Two team s from Chim-  
side entered Berw ick-  
shire N etball Tournam-  
ent, held on the 5th  
February at Berw ick-  
shire H igh School.

The girls represented  
Chimside P rim ary in  
two team s- Chimside  
A and Chimside B .

Both team s played very  
well against other Ber-  
w ickshire prim ary  
schools, w ith Chimside  
being com m ended for  
their sporting approach  
to playing and respect  
for the opposition .



Chimside A qualified for the Scottish Borders P rim ary Schools' N etball finals held in G alashiels held in M arch .  
M rs M illar com m ended the girls' effort, team work and sporting attitude at the finals. W ell done girls!

## P .4's Rom an A ssem bly

O n Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> of M arch, P .4 held an A ssem bly about the Rom ans in Scotland. F irst, E llis did the intro-  
duction, saying what our assem bly w as going to be about. W e greeted our audience in Latin .

N ext E lijah told everyone about our Rom an trip which we went on the week before, on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of  
M arch. E lijah w as saying about the route m arch that we went on. M r G ordon showed us around the m useum  
in M elrose as well.

W e talked about what foods the Rom ans w ould have eaten. E xam ples w ere dates, figs, olives and boar's head.  
W e had a little Rom an feast of our own. N atalia and K atie w ere the rich Rom ans who w ere allow ed to dem and  
the foods that they w anted to eat.

Som e children dressed up as Rom an soldiers, slaves, w om en and rich people in togas. W e borrowed the dress-  
ing up things from the m useum and are the first school in Scotland to do this.

Then we dem onstrated Rom an weapons. W e showed everyone how to get a sword out. This scared the par-  
ents who w ere sitting at the front! W e also showed everyone E lijah's shield that he m ade.

N athan B lack told everyone about Rom an gods and goddesses. M illieanna did a quiz w ith the help of som e  
parents. They had to m atch the labels to the pictures of the gods like M ercury, Janus and N eptune.

A t the end, we perform ed a song about the soldiers at T rim ontium (The place of the 3 hills which are near the  
Borders G eneral H ospital at M elrose) The audience joined in the song when they could.

W e all had a great tin e perform ing our assem bly. The audience and parents also enjoyed it! Lastly, we went to  
the canteen for flap jack and scones. These refreshm ents could have been m ade by Rom ans 2000 years ago as  
they had all the ingredients. The refreshm ents w ere served by our very own "slaves" and w ere delicious.

By Rebecca R ichards, John B laikie and Jack E vans P .4

# What a Healthy Bunch!



Primary 1 have been learning about Healthy Eating. As part of their topic, they cooked and tasted lots of different foods including bread, lentil soup, fruit salad and gingerbread men. This was achieved with much appreciated help from Mrs Reynolds.



They also learned about healthy snack options from Mrs Patterson, who with the kitchen staff, provided a different healthy snack each day for a week. They were treated to fresh fruit and vegetables, carrot cake, fruit smoothies and scones. Many thanks to all involved.

## Berwickshire Schools Cross Country



On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> of February some of the pupils from primary 5, primary 6, and primary 7 went to the Berwickshire high school to a cross country race. Altogether there were 22 of us from Chirnside primary school!

When we got to school we got a team talk in the gym hall by Mrs Milbr and Leanne Ross. We got told the times of the races, the course, etc, etc. ... and Rory was the captain.

When we arrived we got off the bus and went round the back of the high school to get our numbers on and have a quick snack.

Then Leanne warmed us up because the P5 race was soon! It was a fast race for their age and it finished Hamish, Robert then Zakariya in the school! Hamish got a very good 2<sup>nd</sup>! In the girls race it finished Charlotte, Chantelle and Mary.

In the P6 race Chirnside primary also did well with the boys starting first. It was also very fast race with Rowan, Liam and Jack. Next was girls race with Tammie, then Sophie and then Heather finished 3<sup>rd</sup>.

In the primary 7 race the boys were first, we had Robbie, Dominic, Ben and Rory running. This was the fastest race of the day and it finished Rory-1<sup>st</sup>. Ben-3<sup>rd</sup>. Robbie-4<sup>th</sup>. and Dominic 5<sup>th</sup>.



By Rory and Ben



# Scottish Inter District Cross Country

On the 11th January, Rory Williams and Jamie Kinghorn went to Holyrood in Edinburgh to run in the Scottish Inter-District Cross Country Championships.

It was a really hard race because runners from across the whole of Scotland were taking part, so the competition was strong.

We got really nervous at the start because everyone was bigger and older than us.

It was a very fast race, with two steep hills on the course.

Rory was placed 17th and Jamie was placed 28th. We were very pleased with our results as we were two of the youngest runners there.

By Jamie and Rory - P7



## Team Borders Champions

On the 18th of January, Jamie and Ben ran at Broxburn for Team Borders. We were running 2.9k! It was a tough course. It was under 13s. So we were the youngest in our age group. Our race started at ten to one. Steven and Leann Ross warmed us up before the race. We were against Falkirk Victoria, Fife AAC, Aberdeen AAC, Edinburgh AAC etc. and us, Team Borders. I came 12th overall and the 1st 11 year old home in my category. Ben came 18th and 2nd place overall for the 11 year category. Team Borders won the trophy for the East Districts region. There was a presentation after.

By Jamie and Ben P7

## **Borders RDA Quiz**

Pupils from Chirnside Primary School represented Berwickshire Riding for the Disabled recently at the Borders' RDA Quiz.

The team came 10th out of 15 teams and represented their schools and local RDA with confidence.

Well done!

