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Community Newsletter for Chirnside Primary School

Life Through A Lens



Heather Starts Army Cadets

On the 2nd of May I got my army cadet force uniform from the platoon in Duns . At army cadets, you work on projects to get stars. The stars can work towards the Duke of Edinburgh award.

First, you have to get your half star, which is the basic one. We have to draw a map of where we live and learn about first aid.

Once you get your first star, you can be considered for the rank lance corporal. This is my goal for the next 12 months.

Heather Kinghorn



Judo Kids

Congratulations to Lewis Mark and Martin who have been rewarded for their effort and commitment at judo.



Keira has been making great progress in the pool recently. She was awarded a medal in recognition of her continued commitment , effort and progress. Well done!

Mr Barrett Raises the Titanic

Mr Barrett, our janitor, can be found regularly in classes giving up his own time to inspire our pupils in their art and design work.

Our teachers have also involved Mr Barrett in the creation of drama props and staging for class assemblies, the most memorable being his canon for Primary 6's performance of 'A Wee Keek at Flodden'.

This year, Mr Barrett has been involving pupils in his ideas for his own piece of work, pictured right, which is a model of the Titanic made from recycled metal tins emerging from a mirror.

Mr Barrett brought in his creation just after Easter and invited classes along to find out more. It was also on display at the recent 'What Do You See?' photo exhibition.



Rebecca Richards' photo of Chirnside Church Yard



Omar Gibson's photo of Chirnside village clock



Joana Gasper's photo of Chirnside Church

What do you see? Is it different from what others see, even if you're looking at the same thing? Do you, therefore, understand what you're seeing in a different way from others?

These are interesting questions for all of us but during March and April, our P5, P6 and P7 pupils took part in the *What do you see? David Hume Observation Competition*. Coached by 3 local amateur photographers, Michael Barron, Allan Brown and Mark Kinghorn, the pupils took photos of familiar things around them in Chirnside but from very unfamiliar angles. The purpose was to reveal something fresh or surprising or different from the normal way in which we look at things, whether buildings or our homes or even our pets. The competition culminated in an exhibition of the photos at the school on the morning of Saturday 25th April.

The idea came from the Chirnside David Hume Group as part of their celebrations of Britain's (and arguably the world's) greatest philosopher, who lived at Ninewells, Chirnside and whose 304th birthday (old calendar) was marked that weekend.

Hume as a child in Chirnside asked searching questions stemming from what he observed and experienced. From this he developed his philosophy (which rocked the boat at the time) and through which Hume became a leading light of the Scottish Enlightenment. His philosophy still enlightens us today.

The lively and renowned Angie Hobbs, Professor for the Public Understanding of Philosophy at Sheffield University and regular guest on BBC Radio 4, came to judge the photos, present the prizes and speak to the children at 10.30 am at the exhibition.

Congratulations to the winner and runners up:

- P5: Rebecca Richards for her photo of the church yard
- P6: Omar Gibson for his photo of the clock
- P7: Joana Gasper For her photo of the church.

Winners will receive a framed print of their print, courtesy of Chirnside Gallery, in recognition of their achievement.

Highly commended photos were:

- P5: Liam Snowball
- P6: Shannon Luke
- P7: Nicholas Warnock

All photos are currently on display in the school hall. Please call in to view at the end of the school day (3.20pm) before the end of term.

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P7 Trip to Torness Nuclear Power Station

On Monday the 23rd of February primary seven went on a trip to Torness Nuclear Power Station.

We got on the bus at around 9:15 and arrived at around 10:30. We went into a room just outside the power station and had our break.

At about 10:45 after splitting into three groups we went through security and went into the power station. Then we went into a room at the front and learned about how the water cycle worked. Then we went right around the power station looked at all different rooms and learned about how the power station operated. It was really interesting.

By Jessica Scott P7



Science Workshops Hit Classrooms

This term, we have been working with Generation Science to provide hands on science experiences for pupils, linked to class topics. Primary 1 took part in a “Get Fizzy” workshop. Primary 6 enjoyed a workshop called “Fizz, Boom, Bang” and Primary 4 investigated electricity in their “Power to the People” workshop.

Pupil Council Take Steps To Improve Playground Experiences

Our Pupil Learning Council have been working on their Playground Improvements project this term. They had identified that there was a need for more variety in playground activities to promote better friendships and social experiences in the playgrounds.

Primary 4 had been working on a maths challenge with Mr Trussler, where they had a budget of £500 to spend on playground resources that would:

- Encourage pupils to play together and cooperate in playground activities.
- Were sustainable and would not break easily or get lost.

Using the EdAdventure website, Primary 4 had created wish lists of playground equipment for the Pupil Learning Council to consider, before selecting the best equipment to be ordered.

The order is almost complete, and we are looking forward to the new equipment arriving and starting to put it to good use.



Pupil Learning Council consider Primary 4 wish lists before putting the final order together.



Red Nose Day

P6 planned the assembly on Friday 13th March for Red Nose Day . All the classes in the school went to the hall and there was a lot of excited children.

We did a catwalk to music and the funniest person in each class won a prize.

Every class looked happy and all the teachers joined in the catwalk. Mr Trussler did the catwalk as well

Then we all sang the Funny Face song. Before we finished, the pupils and teachers danced.

It was very enjoyable and even better - we raised £386.40 for Comic Relief



P7 Visit Granary Art Gallery

On the 31st of March, p7 set out to go to the Granary Art Gallery in Berwick. We had been learning about William Burrell in class so we went to have a look at some of his collection. When we got there a lady called Karen told us more about William Burrell’s life. Then she took us round to see some of the art

and antiques he had collected.

After that she gave us all a sheet of paper. On the sheet of paper there were 6 different descriptions, of which we had to choose one and find a piece of art that matched it. We then had to draw it in the space at the bottom.

By Tammie-Louise Hunter P7



AT THE DANCE FESTIVAL

On Thursday 26th of March, P5 pupils and some pupils from P4 attended the Berwickshire Dance Festival at Duns Volunteer Hall. We performed the dance called 'Simons Square Dance'.

There were other schools like Duns, Greenlaw, Swinton and Westruther there as well. We were presented with a certificate for taking part. Everyone gave us a big cheer. It was great fun!

P4 Dancers Get Creative with Board Games

Chess, draughts, tiddly winks, snap, snakes and ladders, mouse trap and scrabble; Primary Four make a spectacular dance with Mrs Millar about our favourite board games. This was with a super piece of music called, "Mars", by Gustav Holst.

We made a lovely dance, but it did take weeks of practise until we finally put it all together and made our excellent dance.

Mrs Millar arranged for somebody to come and film our creative dance for the BBC Television. He was called Martin. He thought the dance was super.

My favourite dance was snakes and ladders. I worked with Lila, Sally-May, Luke, Harris, Maisie, Millie, Niamh, Ewan and Charlie. I think everybody danced very well and we all enjoyed it. We have Mrs Millar to thank for her great ideas.

By Annabelle Maudsley and Class P4



Pupils of the Week



Dates for this term

- 18.05.15 P7 Science Day at BHS
- 18.05.15 Summer Sports Club P1-P4 15.20-16.20
- 19.05.15 P5 at Countryside Day, Kelso
- 20.05.15 P6 representatives attending Champions in Schools presentation, Volunteer Halls, Galashiels 18.00-20.00
- 21.05.15 P1 visiting Alnwick Castle
- 21.05.15 P6 Bikeability Training 13.00-15.00
- 21.05.15 Parent Council meeting, 7.30pm in the school
- 25.05.15 Berwickshire Holiday—school closed
- 26.05.15 P5 visit to Ford Castle
- 27.05.15—28.05.15 P6 Residential to Ford Castle
- 26.05.15 P6 Bikeability Training 13.00-15.00
- 27.05.15 Firesharp Talks for P5
- 28.05.15 P1 Banquet
- 28.05.15 P7 PE Day at BHS
- 01.06.15-05.06.15 P7 Residential to Kindrogan
- 02.06.15 P6 Bikeability Training 13.00-15.00
- 03.06.15 P5 visit to Botanical Gardens, Edinburgh
- 08.06.15 and 09.06.15 P7 Sailing Group 1
- 10.06.15 and 11.06.15 P7 Transition Days at BHS

- 10.06.15 Ante-pre Nursery session am only
- 10.06.15 Move-up Afternoon: Classes for 2015-16
- 10.06.15 Lunch invitation to new P1 pupils and parents 12.30
- 10.06.15 Ante-pre Pupils: Nursery session am only
- 11.06.15 Shorts and Shades disco 18.00—19.00 PS-P3 / 19.15—20.30 P4-P7 pupils
- 12.06.15 P2 Class Assembly 09.20
- 15.06.15 P6 visit The Big Dig
- 15.06.15 P7 Sailing Grp 1
- 16.06.15 P7 Sailing Grp 2
- 16.06.15 Anna Craigen (Outdoor learning) visiting P5
- 16.06.15 P6 Bikeability Training 13.00-15.00
- 17.06.15 P6 Orienteering at Paxton House
- 22.06.15 P5 and P6 Big Drum Performance—parents invited
- 22.06.15—24.06.15 P4 Parent Evenings 17.00-19.00
- 23.06.15 Ante-pre Nursery am only
- 23.06.15 Sports Day:
 - 9-12.00 P4-P7
 - 12.30—15.20 4 Pre-School Nursery to P3
- 23.06.15 P6 Bikeability Training 13.00-15.00
- 29.06.15 Henry Gray Mile P5-P7 11.00
- 01.07.15 Summer Service, Parish Church 10.30

Mr Trussler gets on his bike!

On Saturday 25th April, Mr Trussler completed the 89 miles of the 'Classic' route of the Tour de Lauder to raise over £350 for Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland.



The forecast did not look promising with heavy rain expected for the duration of the day.

Starting at 9am, the route went from Lauder to Stow before heading west to Innerleithen and Traquair. A loop south over 'Witchie Knowe' was next before heading north back towards Innerleithen. The route then continued to Heriot, Fountainhall and back to Stow before returning to Lauder.

Thank you to everyone who made a kind donation to the cause. Mr Trussler has raised over £350 for Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland so far. If you would like to make a donation, it's not too late. You can text your donation: **NATL61 £donation to 70070** or via Mr Trussler's JustGiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/NATrussler>



The weather forecast was not good...



...for the 89 miles of 'The Classic' route for the Tour de Lauder

Primary 3 go on owl patrol!

On a sunny Tuesday in March, we set off on a bus to Haggerston Castle to see Andy's owls. When we arrived we met Andy and Juanita, who showed us the owls.

We looked for our favourite owl and found information about them, then we had a competition to find the owl whose feather we had been given.

We held a barn owl called Dolcie, then we lay down in a line while Dolcie flew over us. We were silent, but could not hear the owl flying over us, it was so quiet. Juanita took apart an owl pellet to show us bones inside it. We also touched the soft feathers of a beautiful large eagle owl called Rollo.

In the afternoon we held soft, fluffy, newborn chicks. We saw stick insects (some people held them), felt the spikes on baby hedgehogs and fed them, and touched a bearded dragon's spikes. We met a scorpion called Cookie (look, but don't touch!!) We touched a slithery snake and some people even had it around their necks. As well as that, we could have the tarantula on our heads!! How brave P3 were!!!

We returned to school after having an interesting and fun day!



Primary 1 Visit Ahlstrom

Primary 1 pupils visited Ahlstrom Paper Mill, Chirside to investigate how paper was made as part of their topic on 'Materials'.

They were given a tour of the mill by Martin Tennant.

Thank you to Ahlstrom for their support in providing this world of work experience for our P1 pupils.

BURNS LUNCH 2015

The annual Burns lunch for p7 was held on the 10th of February in the canteen. We were joined by a number of guests from our community and further afield.

Everyone entered and waited for the pipers to pipe in the haggis carried by Kieran.

Heather and Tammie performed "Address To The Haggis" which was followed by the first course.

Jordan and Liam toasted the lassies, which was replied to by Poppy and Hannah.

Everyone was entertained between courses by the poetry winners from P1-P7 who recited their poems very professionally.

Mr Buick and Mr Cockburn recited their poems before the third course. Lastly, everyone was entertained by Joana, Abbie and Kirsty who sang, and by Erin who played piano.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to come along and share the afternoon with us.

By Nicholas and Erin.



Burns Winners go to Hawick

On the 18th of March Sam (P6), Rebecca (P5), India (P4) and I went with Mrs Black to the Burns semi-finals in Hawick.

It took about 1 hour in the car.

When we got there India and Rebecca went to the P4/5 performances. Ar- ea and Sam and I went to the P6/7 performance area.

I was first to perform "To a Mouse" and afterwards, Sam performed. Everybody did really well. When the results were announced, I was awarded 2nd place so on the 30th of May I will go to Glasgow to compete in the Burns World Finals.

By Tammie-Louise Hunter P7

Primary 6 make Fairtrade brownies

Our class, P6, were lucky enough to get to be the first class ever to be invited to do some cooking in the school canteen.

Mrs Paterson, Marianne, Joanne and Michelle all gave up their time to make Fairtrade chocolate

brownies with us to sell in aid of Fairtrade after our class assembly on 6th March.

We weighed out the ingredients, made the brownies and packaged them ready for sale. We learned a lot about health and safety in a professional kitchen environment. We would like to thank the kitchen staff for helping us.

Charlie Stewart

