

The Chirnside Chat

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Orchard Planting Uncovers Coins From the Past



On Wednesday March 23rd Connor, Myles and Israel were in the playing field beside the school. They were digging a hole to plant an apple tree. They saw something glinting in the soil. "Wouldn't it be funny if we found treasure," they laughed. Connor bent down to see what was glinting. He

was amazed to find an old penny dated 1936. The boys kept on digging and found two more coins-halfpenny pieces dated 1943 and 1945!!

When they went back to school the whole class thought up lots of ideas as to who had lost the money and how they had lost it.

We are all now calling the apple tree "The Treasure Tree!"

Celebrating Burns



Congratulations to the winners of our Burns Poetry Recitation Competition, held in February. Pictured are the class winners from Primary 1 to Primary 7.

Congratulations also to Wiktorina (overall P1-3 winner) and to Rebecca (overall P4-7 winner).

In March, Keira, India, Rebecca and Sam attended the Borders Burns Finals in Hawick. They performed extremely well and represented our school with pride and passion. Congratulations to Rebecca who was second overall at the P6-7 stage, and qualifies for the World Burns Finals held in Edinburgh on Saturday 7th May. Good luck Rebecca when the big day arrives!

Burns Lunch Celebration



Poetry winners recited their poems to the guests.

Our annual Burns Lunch took place in February this year, with many friends, P7 parents and partners enjoying a variety of traditional and contemporary entertainment and a most excellent lunch.

Thank you to the guests who sent their kind comments below!



Thank you so much for inviting me to share in your Burns lunch. I wouldn't have missed it for the world. What a wonderful occasion it's been. I was so impressed with the children, their self-possession and ability to perform beautifully in front of us all. Remembering the lines is a challenge enough let alone performing them with such energy and expression. The piper really brought the atmosphere alive and the entertainment at the end – the music, Tam O' Shanter and the magic, really completed the event with aplomb. As for the lunch itself - it was a tour de force – especially the dessert! Please thank and congratulate everyone involved.

Carol Jefferson Davies

Thank you for inviting me to the Burns Lunch yesterday. It was fantastic! I was so impressed with all your contributors – they were stars!

I was lucky enough to sit next to Jessica, who took part in the Immortal Memory speech, and she was great company. We have never met before, but chatted away all through the lovely lunch – she was very amusing!

The poetry recitals were great – hopefully more success will follow at a regional/national level. They deserve to win.

It is so good to see the Burns tradition being carried on, and I'm sure many of your P7's have a lifetime of Burns recitals ahead of them.

Thank you again for inviting me.

Susan Swan



We are now a Fair Aware School as a result of our ongoing commitment to Fairtrade products.

We're Fair Aware of Fairtrade!!

Primary 6 and Mrs Easton have been working very hard to promote the use of Fair Trade products and the principles behind the approach.

We were awarded recognition as a Fair Aware School for the work carried out last school year. We are hopeful that we will be recognised soon as a Fair Trade School for the different initiatives Primary 6 have promoted this school year.

Sport Relief is a Winner!

On Friday the 18th of March it was Sports Relief! All the people in each class wore something in their house colours to represent Tweed, Blackadder and Whiteadder.

All the classes took part in three activities.

The three activities were aerobics, a sports quiz and a Treasure hunt using maps.

First it was Tweed doing the aerobics, Whiteadder did the sports quiz and then Blackadder did the Treasure hunt and then we kept rotating round.

Everyone looked as if they enjoyed themselves.

At the assembly, Mr Trussler told us we had raised £168.75!!! Everyone was amazed at how much we raised. We also found the 2016 Sports Relief song so everyone came and sung at the end.

By Carys Runciman



The Dance Festival



On Wednesday the 23rd of March some people got changed at school. Then everyone got on the bus. When we got to Duns Volunteer Hall we found our seats. There was Duns, Ayton, Swinton and Eyemouth Primary Schools.

It started with Scottish dancing. After a couple of dances it was set 1 from Chirnside, they were doing a dance called the 'Jig to the music.' Then some more dances then set 2 from Chirnside they were also doing, 'Jig to the music.' There was a few more dances then there was an interval to have a snack.

After the interval, Chirnside creative dance called Hyper Highway was on. Luke from P5 introduced it.

Then we got a certificate and some more Scottish and creative dances were performed like set 3 and 4 from

Chirnside. All the Scottish dancers got certificates and we got our stuff and got on the bus and went back to school for lunch.

I felt proud, anxious and excited.

By Maisie P5



Bike-ability

On Thursday the 10th of March 2016, P5 did bike ability. The instructors were Keith, Andrea and Elisa. We were in the back playground, in the play ball and grassy field.

First we got our bright coat on and then we got our helmet, gloves and bike. I was in Andrea's group and we were on the grass first.

Then we had to check our bike. The three main checks are the saddle, the brakes and the tyres.

Next we got onto our bikes and did a lap of the grassy field. Then Andrea showed us how to do hand signalling.

I enjoyed it. If we pass we will get a certificate and a badge.

By Max P5



Tree Planting

On Wednesday the 23rd of March 2016 we were working in groups for tree planting. We were planting trees to make an orchard in the playground.

In my group was Freya, Ewan and me. The adults were Anna, Alistair and Mrs Reap. We were in the front and back playgrounds.

First we dug a square of mud in the grass and used the blocks to make a wall. Next we dug the middle of the square a bit deeper for the tree. Then we took the tree out of the pot. Finally we put the tree in the hole and covered it with mud.

I felt good because it was hard work.

By Sally-May P5



Cross Country Success at Borders Finals

On the 17th March hand picked cross county runners, Carys Runciman, Kiera McGregor, Daniel Ross, Rose Easton, Charlotte Craze, Shannon Luke, Rachel Muir, Oliver Stewart, Hamish Reynolds, Charlie Stewart and Sam Brady went to the Borders Cross Country in Netherdale, Galashiels.

We left in a mini bus in the morning heading to Gala with butterflies in our tummies and high adrenalin. When we got there we climbed over a fence then crossed the field to where the start was, and set up camp.

After a bit of warming up the P6 boy Daniel walked across to the starting line with fellow Chirnside Chaser Kyle Taylor. When the race began, Daniel had a bad start but then started making his ground back. It was a thrilling race and Daniel ended up 24th.

Next to the starting line were the P6 girls Carys Runciman and Kiera McGregor. They both ran fantastically well with Carys finishing 6th and Kiera finishing 26th.

In the P7 boys race most of us had a good start with Charlie, Hamish and Oliver sticking together until halfway through the second lap, where they spread out a bit more and finished Oliver in 6th, Hamish in 7th, Charlie in 10th, and Sam in 58th. The boys finished second over all in the P7 boys team event. In the P7 girls race the girls acquitted themselves well.

We would like to thank Mrs Millar for taking us and thank Leeann for her support.

By Charlie Stewart and Hamish Reynolds P7

Results

Race: P6 Girls 2K

Place	Name	Number	School
6	Carys Runciman	5	Chirnside
26	Kiera McGregor	5	Chirnside

Race: P6 Boys 2K

Place	Name	Number	School
24	Daniel Ross	5	Chirnside

Race: P7 Girls 2K

Place	Name	Number	School
19	Rose Easton	5	Chirnside
37	Charlotte Craze	5	Chirnside
55	Shannon Luke	5	Chirnside
57	Rachel Muir	5	chirnside

Race: P7 Boys 2K

Place	Name	Number	School
6	O Stewart	5	Chirnside
7	H Reynolds	5	Chirnside
10	C Stewart	5	Chirnside
58	S Brady	5	Chirnside
2nd	P7 Boys	5	Chirnside





Primary 7

Get Creative

We worked as a whole class group to come up with a bank of images that we felt were typical of the things one might see in Malawi. We used the images to design press print titles. We tried out our designs on paper and then transferred them on to material using acrylic paint. We used the material to make cushion covers which we could give to someone for mothers day, if we wanted to (or we could just keep them to ourselves!)

Leighton selected by Newcastle United Academy for Trial

My name is Leighton Robertson. On Saturday the 16th of January I went down to Newcastle to a football trial for Newcastle Academy and I tried my very hardest and on Monday the 18th of January I heard that I had been scouted for the academy. I am very happy!

I done lots of different things like skills, passing and matches. I scored 11 goals In 3 games. In the first game my team won 3-0. In the second game my team won 9-1. In the third and final game my team won 6-2.

In the first game I scored one goal. In the second game I scored six goals. In the third and final game I scored four goals.

My favourite thing was playing the games.

I had a great day!!



P3's Owl Assembly

On the 17th of March Primary 3 had an assembly all about owls and *The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark* by Jill Tomlinson.

We started with a song inviting everyone to our assembly to learn about owls. We introduced Plop the baby barn owl (Amy) who did not like the dark. Plop asked the Brownies about the dark. They told Plop that Dark is Fun.

We wrote our own chapters for the book and we read three of them. They told us about the different people Plop met and what they thought about the dark.

We told our audience different facts about owls, for example, owls can turn their heads as much as 270 degrees.

Plop goes "eek" but other owls make different sounds. One example is the long-eared owl which makes a long "hoo hoo hoo" that repeats.

Owl objects can be bought at the shops such as ornaments, bags, scarves, mugs, jewellery, toys, books, folders, lunch boxes, hats etc.



Owls are night birds which means they are nocturnal. Other nocturnal creatures are badgers, rabbits, foxes, bats and cats.

We ended our assembly with a song and a poem. After that we went to get refreshments in the dinner hall with our guests and asked them a few tricky questions about owls.

We all enjoyed our assembly and our guests said they did too!



Pupil of the Week Awards

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