

The Chirnside Chat



P5 are Sew Clever!

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Primary 5, with help from Mrs Watt & Mr Brodie have led an exciting project in school this term. "The Commonwealth Tapestry" is to commemorate this year's Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

The project is happening across all the commonwealth countries of the world and Chirnside are the only school in the Scottish Borders who have been chosen to take part. Each school has produced a piece of tapestry 1m² which shows things like landmarks and events in their community during a chosen month of the year.

All of the pupils in the school drew pictures of things in Chirnside which happen in June. We all voted on which pictures we liked best and those ones were put in to a design.

Mr Barratt made a wooden frame and drew the design on the canvas. We had an Assembly in school where the oldest person in Chirnside and the youngest person both did the first stitches.

We took the tapestry around all of the classes in the school and we visited community groups in the village so everyone could put in stitches and say they did a little bit of our tapestry. We also took it to visit Ahlström, who gave us money to buy the tapestry starter kit. The people who work there also put stitches in the tapestry. Financial support from 'Celebrate!' made this possible.



When the tapestry was finished we held a 'Final Stitch' event, where Michael Moore, MP, unveiled the finished tapestry for all to see.

Our panel will be incorporated into the final tapestry and will be displayed in St Margaret's Cathedral in Glasgow during the Commonwealth Games and in the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh before it eventually comes back 'home' to Chirnside in a couple of years.

EXPLORE...CHIRNSIDE! A GUIDE FOR CHILDREN!!

For the *first time ever*, pupils in P4 at Chirnside, have produced a guide to the village for young people!

We hope it will lead to an enjoyable experience for visiting children.

First of all, we looked at leaflets from other places, that were written for children, and thought of what could go into ours. This was done in groups, then we all came together to make our choices. We selected a title, mascot, photos, information, a Chirnside trail, famous people and places, a map, song, word search, colouring in challenge.



Next, we worked in groups, in a carousel, to answer various questions, such as, "What is there for visiting children to do in Chirnside?" "Who could help us?" Again, we looked at what we'd found and chose from the answers.

Everyone had the chance to design a mascot to introduce the leaflet and tell them about "The Trail." Natalia won with Jenny, a girl dressed in Chirnside colours. This was voted for by the class.

We planned our front cover from our ideas and some people worked with Miss Strachan to produce this. The title was in, photos of the village, a photo of the class, Civic Week and a photo of the Commonwealth tapestry panel.

Having decided where to get information, we did some research, then called in the experts to help us. Linda Gray and Helen Purvis, took us on a guided walk round the village and gave us lots of ideas. Anne Robertson showed us round the Parish Church and Stephen Proctor, Southview Church. Linda Renton talked about life as a pupil and life as a nursery teacher, both in Chirnside Primary School!

In pairs, word searches were made and one was put into the leaflet, with the help of Miss Strachan. Our computing skills were certainly improving! A colouring challenge featured designing bunting for Civic Week.

Nathan Black, Ben and Lewis, made up a song for young children to sing while on their trail.

"The Trail" took the most time. We chose ten questions from our list and made it so that children could look for things and fill in answers, whilst having a fun time searching.



A "Did You Know?" part was added, so children could look for other things in the village.

We had to make changes when we evaluated our work, until we were happy with the end result.

Now, we have launched our leaflet and are proud of it. We'd like to thank everyone for their help and hope it is well used by our young visitors.

We had lots of fun and put a lot of work into what we did but it was well worth it!

By: the P4 Class of 2013-2014.

“Weave” been to Heriot Watt

Primary 5 missed out the rest of primary school, all of secondary school and went straight on to university.

We visited the School of Textile & Design at Heriot Watt University in Galashiels as part of the work we are doing for the Commonwealth Tapestry. We are going to weave our own designs of tweed.

Before we went, we drew pictures of the view from our classroom looking at the Cheviot Hills in oil pastels.



For our trip, Mr Brodie, Mrs Wood and Mr Barratt came on the bus. At the university, we got off the bus and met Mrs Watt and Andrew who is a weaving technician at Heriot Watt. We went to a room and split in to two groups. We went to see the ‘Loom Room’ which had lots of weaving looms in it. We took our oil pastel drawings with us and chose colours of yarn to match the colours in our pictures.

After that we went down lots of stairs to a room where all the first and second year students were displaying their work. It was really good and we

saw that we would be doing the same sort of stuff as them. Mr Brodie wasn’t allowed to take photographs in case other people might see the work.

After lunch, we got all the yarn that we had chosen and we made yarn cards, like the university students do before they weave something. We wrapped the yarn around the card in different colour bands and in different widths. Andrew is going to take our designs and weave them in to our very own tweed designs.

It was a really interesting visit and some of us want to leave school and do textile design because there are no written exams.



P3 Assembly

On Friday 16th May, P3 performed a special assembly about woodlands. First we sang teddy bears picnic, but with our own words, then Erin welcomed the guests. We had drawings of Spring, Summer, Autumn and winter trees and we had a quiz about what was different between them.

Next we showed our seasons posters and spoke about what we can see and find in the seasons.

After that we all sang a song, "The Leaves On The Trees".

We had a seeds quiz and then we told everyone about the baby cygnets we had seen at the Hirsell. Then we showed our colour charts we had seen in the woods. Maisie and Erin showed how to make perfume using sticks, flowers and water. Some of the mums smelled the perfume and said it was lovely.

Ethan, Sally May and Latif demonstrated "wild art" made from sticks where insects could live.

Lastly some pupils played music using sticks, feathers, leaves and nuts. Then we sang the woodlands song and everyone went for tea and scones in the dinner hall. We took the guests out to our woods and showed them how to do bark rubbing, make perfume and wild art.

Everyone had a lovely time.

Chirnside Host First Football Festival

On Friday 16th May Primary 4 took part in a football festival along with children from the Berwickshire High School catchment area. Children came from Duns, Greenlaw and Swinton. First we were put into teams. We then worked at different skill stations. There were shooting, passing, dribbling and mini games. I liked the tackling and shooting the best. The coaches were really good and they made the morning fun. After a break, we got to play bigger games. These were fun and we had to work really hard. The goals were small so we had to be careful when we were shooting. Keira got a certificate for being the best at shooting. The class got a certificate for taking part. Primary 4 would like to thank the coaches for all their hard work in making the morning so good.



By Diezel Hume and Nathan Munnerly

Primary 4

Asymmetric Week Update:

We will organise our learning as an asymmetric week as of 19th August 2014 in primary classes. These arrangements are as follows:

| Day | Start | Break | Lunch | Finish |
|-------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|--------|
| Monday – Thursday | 8.50 | 10.30-10.45 | 12.20 | 15.20 |
| Friday | 8.50 | Brunch 10.20-10.50 | | 12.20 |

Nursery Classes:

| DAY | AM Session | PM Session |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Monday to Friday | 8.40am – 11.50am | 12.30pm – 3.40pm |

Generation Science: “Body Builders”

Primary 5 & 6 were treated to an excellent afternoon of science when the Generation Science road-show rolled in to Chirnside.

For Primary 5, it was an excellent follow-up to their “BodyWorks” topic, which was covered in January/February this year.

We learned about circulation, digestion, muscles, respiration and the skeleton. Two people from Generation Science were acting scenes from a doctor’s surgery and one of them changed in to different characters with different illnesses – one for each thing we learned about. They were very funny, especially the French chef with ‘wind trouble’.

For the bit on digestion, some of us had to stand at the front and hold a model of the digestive tract – from the mouth to the ‘bottom’ – and we had to move pieces of food from the mouth, along the oesophagus to the stomach, through the small intestine, through the large intestine and out the other end.



The Hirsell

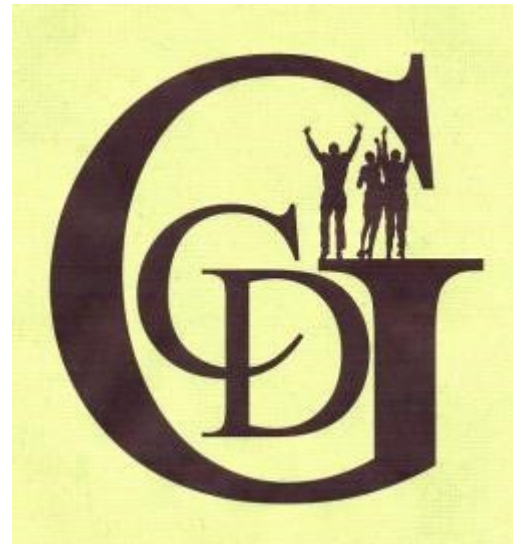
On Thursday 1st May, primary 3 went to the Hirsell with Mrs Armstrong, Mr Anderson and Mrs Bennie. We were going to look at the differences in the woods from the last time we went there in the Autumn. We were split into two groups. One group went with Gail and the other with Sally. First one group made music using sticks, feathers, stones and anything else we found in the woods. Next we then made wild art which used bark, moss, twigs and leaves. After that we made perfume using wild garlic, blossom and flowers which we found on the ground.

The other group went for a walk around the lake to look for differences in the woods. Buds, leaves and blossom were now on the trees. The roots were bigger and thicker. Flowers were growing all around. Worms were wriggling on the ground.

We all had a great time. We now know what the woods look like in different seasons.

Primary 3

We need your
Support
to
Raise funds for our
community hall



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Have you joined the
“Supporters card”
to help to get our hall re-furbished?

Donate £1 for the card.

Attend CDG events and get points.

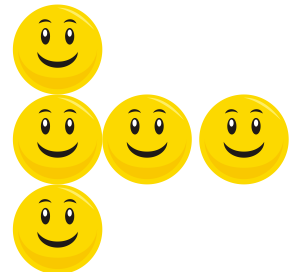
Coffee mornings _____ 1 point

Jazz evening / concert evening 3 points

Afternoon teas _____ 1 point.

Collect 5 points = Entry into Prize Draw

On Opening night.



Commonwealth Tapestry

in the

Chirnside Community



Members of the Chirnside Common Good Association added a stitch or two.



Nursery children, under the careful guidance of our Primary 5 pupils, get to grips with the sewing machines to stitch their panel.



The tapestry made an appearance at this year's Horticultural Society Coffee Morning in the Chirnside Community Centre. All stitches supervised by Mrs. Ann Robertson!



Michael Moore MP praised the school and community for their fantastic work in creating a piece of history linked to the Commonwealth Games.



Michael Moore makes the final stitch...



Mrs Watt with the finished tapestry, without whom none of this would have been possible!

P5 do “Strictly Come Dancing”

Primary 5, and some of P4, went to Duns Volunteer Hall a few weeks ago to take part in the Borders Dance Festival.

P5 did their creative dance called, “Tunnels & Bridges” (named by Thomas) and some individuals joined the P4 Scottish Country Dance teams.

Our creative dance was the first one on and we were very nervous. Rose introduced the dance and we managed to finish it with hardly any mistakes.

For the rest of the morning we had to watch all the other schools and they were all very good.

At the end we all sat in the middle of the hall and someone gave us feedback on our dancing and we got a certificate to say we had done really well.



Henry Gray Mile

The annual Henry Gray Mile was run on Friday 20th June, with many of our P5-6-7 pupils competing.

A close run race was won by Rory Williams, with Jamie Kinghorn second and Ben Reynolds third.

Ellie Lough and Caitlin Black ran a close race, with Ellie pipping Caitlin at the finish line to take first girl honours.



Senior Sporting Achievements



Blackadder House Captains received the trophy for Track and Field Champions.



Whiteadder House Captains received the trophy for Potted Sports Champions.



Ellie Lough, Girls Runner-up Senior Sports Champion



Caitlin Black, Girls' Senior Sports Champion.



A heat of the P7 Girls' 200m



P7 Boys 200m being contested. Rory Williams was Boys' Senior Sports Champion and Jamie Kinghorn was Boys' Runner-up.

P.6 Buddies!

Last month, Primary Six got the lovely surprise when we found out who our buddies were going to be when we went into primary seven.

Since we are such a big class, it was decided that we were going to have one primary 1 between two primary sevens next school year. (I was with Liam and our buddy is called Bethany.)

Firstly, we got to go down to the nursery and meet our buddies and then we got our photo taken with them to go on our buddy books.

Our buddy books are books that we have made to give to our buddies and their parents with a letter to our buddy telling them things about us and with a photo of us all together on the front.

A couple of days later, we got to go down to the nursery again and read a story to them. After that, Liam(my P7 buddy)and I played with Bethany(our P1 buddy) and got to know her as bit better.

We were all really happy and had lots of fun playing with our buddies and we are looking forward to getting to know them next session.

By Jessica, P6



Primary 7 Advanced Party

On Monday 20th may Tina and Mrs McGregor started an advanced party group. The group was set up to help children get ready for the move to high school. It helped us to be less nervous. Chantelle, Toni, Cheyanne, Oliver and Robert took part.

For our first visit we went to visit the town of Duns. We went to the youth club, shops and park. We took photographs of all the different places.

The next day, we went for a tour of the high school. It was scary because the school is so big. We nearly got lost.

We then went to English department to do some work. We had to write about a sweet invention. At the end of the lesson, we got to eat some sweets. After that we made chocolate crispies in Home – Ec. Then we went to a maths class to do some sums. In art we had to draw our partners. We met Sam, a nice boy from Duns. Sam will be in my class.

The group had a great time. It really helped us to get ready for the high school after the summer. We are not scared anymore. Thank you Tina and Mrs McGregor for giving us the opportunity.

By Chantelle McLennan P7



Primary 7's Trip to Ford Castle

On the 27th of May the whole class went to Ford Castle. To meet all the people which are moving up to Berwickshire High School with us. All the primary sevens that are moving up to Berwickshire High School went. It was so much fun.

First we got into groups of around thirteen people. We introduced ourselves to new friends. Then we met our first group leader she took us to low ropes. It was really fun we were not allowed to touch the ground.

After that we did another activity called the zip wire. It was fun but really scary. I thought I was going to fall off. I was really happy after that because it was lunch time. After lunch I had two more activities then we got to meet new friends.

Near the end of the day we got to muck about and meet new friends. We rolled down the hills and play tag it was a fun day.

I thought it was really good and exciting this is what Ellie L thought "My favourite activity was zip wire and it was really fun because I made new friends."

By Finna Hardy P7



Primary 7 Residential to Kindrogan

On June the 2nd, P7 set off for their annual residential to Kindrogan Field Centre. The journey was 3 hours long but it seems longer than it actually was because we were all so excited. We stopped off at Kinross Services for the loo and our snack.

When we got there we had our lunch, then we harnessed up for our first active with was Crate Climb. Our highest climbers we Finna and Oliver with a total of 14-15 Crates high. While people were doing the Crate Climb people had to belay.

We did the Leap Of Faith. The Leap Of Faith is a long 8m, thin pole. For the first 4m it is a ladder. The when you get half way the ladder ends and then there is big staples to climb on. When you get to the top there is a pizza shaped box. You have to stand on it, turn around and then jump off it. Everyone tried their best and got really high. Most people finished it completely.

One of our night activitys was The Night Hike. We got put into groups of 5 or 6 and went around by ourselves without any adults. It wasn't dark but it was still fun. In my group we saw some Slow Worms. We had to follow our map and find our own way around the area. My group didn't get lost. We past another group that started off where we ended so we knew that we were going in the right direction.

My favourite activity was The High "v". you had to climb up the ladders on the tree until you get to the 2 ropes at the top. With your partner, you had to walk along the ropes and see how far you get. If you want to fall, you count down to your partner and then fall in to the middle together.

Our last activity was the Zip Line. It wasn't very high but it was really fast. You had to let go of a rope. Then grab another one. Then pull a handle to lower yourself down. Kacey took an hour because she was really scared.

We all really enjoyed Kindrogan and didn't want to leave. "it was amazing!!! My favourite activity was either night hike or low ropes." Kacey said. "it was very fun and tiring." Said Rory

By Kacey and Caitlin J



My Day at Paxton House

On the 3rd of June my class went to Paxton house for orienteering.

In the morning we got our hi-viz jackets on and got on the bus. The bus ride wasn't for long. When we got off the bus we met our instructor Neil. He showed us how to read a map. He also showed us how to use the marker system .

After that we went in groups. Me, Nel, Sophie and Charlie were in a group and we had to go and find the post and tell Neil the numbers on it. We did most of them.

Soon after we had lunch at the park then we played for a while. My favourite thing was the zip wire.

After the park, we did a real orienteering course. Nel and I worked together and we got all of them right but in the wrong order! WE ARE STILL LEARNING!

After we got on the bus, I sat next to Hannah who fell asleep on the way to school. When we got back it was three o'clock so we went home.

It had been a really good experience and I would like to do it again so that I will get my map reading skills even better!

Erin Douglas P6



P7 Visit Manderston for Cricket

On Thursday 29th of May, P7 went to Manderston to play cricket. We went to play cricket because we were learning how to play it in P.E, and pros came to teach us how to play cricket. Then there was a festival at Manderston so we went to it.

We got a bus up to Manderston. When we got there we were the first ones there. We then started to warm up. After the warm up, we all played a fast game of cricket. Then we saw the Duns P6s coming up.

They started to warm up, then after 5-10 minutes we played cricket. There were three teams from each school, so we played each team from Duns Primary School. Chirnside Primary School won all three games but 1 game.

After all the games some people got certificates. Then we headed back to the school. We got back about Lunch time.

Ellie Lough says "I thought it was really fun, because I really enjoy cricket.

By Caitlin Black P7



P6's Trip to Ford Moss Colliery

On the 18th of June 2014 P6 took a trip to Ford Moss Colliery for The Big Dig which is a project organised by Flodden 1513.

First, when we got there, we got spilt into two groups. In group one, were the blue and green table with Mrs Armstrong. they were called the blue group. In the second group was the yellow and the red table with Mrs Easton they were called the green group. I was in the green group.

The first activity that we did was Archives with Jane and Heather. We were looking at the census information. This happens every ten years. The government send out a letter to every house in the country to ask who is living in your house. We found out the Ford Moss community's jobs, names, ages and how many people lived in the homes. We looked at records from 1841 – 1901.

Our next activity was metal detecting with Jenny or kite flying with Kate. I went kite flying first. When we got there she told us that she can attach a camera to a kite. It was to take photos of the land to see if there is any left overs of houses under grass. Then we went metal detecting with Jenny. We had a tub of dirt and in the tub of dirt were coins and things like that. We were in groups of three I was with Abbie and Erin we took turns with the metal detector. Then it was lunch.

After lunch we had a site tour with Chris. He told us about the homes they lived in and what jobs they would have. Also he talked about the mine workers and that an 11 year old boy would start working in the mines. Then we went to the dig.

The dig was with Liz we didn't get much time but we found a lot of coal and china. Sadly we had to go home next but we had all really enjoyed our day in the warm sunshine and had left a lot more knowledgeable than when we had arrived.

Tammie- Louise Hunter P6



Primary 7 Make Black Houses

In May, P7 made Black Houses. We made them because we are learning about the Highland Clearances from the 1800's. We made them in the classroom.

We used clay to build a house structure. After, we used hay and straw to make the roof.

The reason why we made them is because we were acting out what happen in the 1800's. The factor (the man who collected the rent) burned down houses to make sure people could not return to the land. The land owners wanted sheep on the land rather than crofters. This was because they could earn more money farming sheep.

While the houses were burning, we pretended to be the people, who lived in the houses and were being thrown off the land.

This is what Kieran Logan thought: "It was good fun but it was annoying when the walls kept falling down. We had a great time making the houses but burning them was the fun part.

By Ellie Lough P7



Caitlin Continues Judo Success!

On Saturday 7th of June, Caitlin competed in the Judo Scotland BUPA Children 1st Grand Prix event which was held at the Ravenscraig Sports Complex. She won her two contests which gave her the gold medal.



Achievements

ERIN'S SPONSORED WALK

Erin Hutton took part in the Stuart Renton Memorial Sponsored Walk to raise funds for Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research charity recently.

She walked all the way from Holy Island of Lindesfarne to Berwick.

Well done Erin!



Session 2013-14 Prize Winners

The Eric Hunter Trophy for Endeavour in PE :

Ibrahim Buddin P6 and Nel Moore P6

The Frances Edgar Trophy for Essay Writing:

Hannah Turner P6

The Brown Trophy for Endeavour in Music:

Nel Moore P6

The Rena Lambert 'Spirit of Chirnside' Award for P1-P4 Citizenship:

Kai Chadbourne P2

The Anderson Quaich for Endeavour in Outdoor Learning:

Ibrahim Buddin P6

Congratulations to all our winners!!

Chirnside Pupils Qualify for World Burns Finals

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 'Wullie 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. Both pupils performed very well and enjoyed the experience.

Rebecca and Liam are the first pupils from Chirnside to perform on a 'world' stage. We are very proud of both of them!



Rory's Under 13s BUPA Great Edinburgh Run Success!

Rory Williams, pictured left with his U-13 Trophy, who came first in the U-13 2.5 km run at Holyrood, Edinburgh.

Well done Rory!

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