

So that was January

Dear Parents and Lovely Carers,

A few announcements. Mrs Bryce one of our teachers has just given birth to a bouncing baby boy and is now off on her maternity leave.

Ms Loughran is joining us to take over, so welcome to her. As well as being a wonderful teacher, she's also a jet setting Calms trainer for Scotland.

We also say goodbye to Miss Kelly our lovely speech therapist who is going home to Ireland. We will miss her and wish her well.

We will also be welcoming some new fellows to the team. The first is our Sean.

Next week we also welcome 300 trout fish eggs in our Clyde in the Classroom project. We will be releasing our trout into the Clyde in March. Our boys visited The Science Centre and learned lots in preparation for this. They were outstanding.

It all links into our environmental work and our Global aim.

OUR GLOBAL AIM

I am a fair person. I am compassionate and caring. I have a responsibility to look after the world so we can keep it wonderful for everyone. I can help make a difference.

I am fair because I care.

This month, the pupils have been learning about different environmental topics which will help improve the school grounds for wildlife.

Mrs Cowan's class are investigating bees and their decline. They will be making bee hotels and planting nectar rich flowers.

Ms. Lawrence is unwell and Mr Thompson and his team are designing and developing a bird garden for her. Ms. Lawrence has been encouraging birds for many years now but the lads will be sectioning off an area and putting in plants with berries and seeds. They have been building nesting boxes and plan on building a hide.

Miss Cassidy's crew are on a litter campaign. They have been looking at litter in the area and are planning litter picks on Tay Street. They've been looking at the devastating effects of litter on our wild life and on one of their scouts, noticed there is a dreadful dog fouling problem in the area. They have written to the Councillor to ask for more bins.

Mrs McIntosh and Ms.Loughran's lads are learning about water. They have designed rain gauges and are learning about the water cycle. They plan to put in a tyre pond in our recycled garden. They are also regulating and recording the water in our hatchery.

Miss Fraser's fellows are learning about our local wildlife and are planning a hedgehog highway in the car park.

Our lads have all been formally assessed and benchmarked again in their reading and maths and this ensures the teaching and learning is targeted accurately at our weans.

Pupil Council have been on a spending spree to improve the playground visiting B & Q to buy plants and ordering sterilized soil for our mud kitchen.

Again donations of kitchen equipment like bowls, whisks and colanders would be gratefully accepted.

Again, any comments or questions you know where we all are.

Carla

