



Quarterly magazine curated by and for the Kyle of Sutherland children



Everyone in Gledfield Primary School, from Nursery to P7, on Day 1.

Back to school!



The summer passed so quickly... now all the pupils of our local schools are back and well into Term 1 for an exciting year of fun, games and learning.

In Rosehall, the new term started with a birthday celebration for our new P1, Quinn Gander who has just turned 5. It was a lovely start to term, with cakes, balloons and a round of Happy Birthday Dear Quinn!



'Our School Values' art competition

#OpenAfternoonforParents

On Friday parents could visit the school and see what we were learning this term. They could see that we were investigating 2d and 3d shapes. Our IDL this term is Our Local Area. We asked our families for their ideas for our research. There were lots of good suggestions. We asked them to help us identify ways to improve our local area too. We are looking forward to investigating further! It was lovely to share our learning with parents and some of them even played a card game with us.

(By Amber, Grace, Brooke)



#Nursery

Gledfield nursery have been enjoying the fresh produce from our polytunnel. We have been lucky to have tomatoes and cucumber in our daily snack! Its been very exciting watching the vegetables grow and become ready to pick. We have been having lots of fun at the arts and crafts table, messy play and some water tray activities.

Bonar Bridge Primary



"We were finding tatties, lettuce and beans."

"Washed the salad to clean the muck off."

"We made the potatoes dry".

"I helped to paint them with oil."

"They were crunchy and yummy."

#GrowingOurOwnFood

The Nursery children enjoyed tasting the potatoes and lettuce that they picked from the School garden. They learnt how crisps are made and had them for snack.

#NurseryNewStarts



Picking tatties in the school garden

Rosehall Primary



#Squirrels

The children have continued with their red squirrel project by finding out what they like to eat and their habitats. The cleared area outside the main classroom has been made more wildlife-friendly and using recycled wood, together with squirrel feeders, it is a safe area for squirrels to feed, as well as the occasional cheeky robin. The squirrels usually visit first thing in the morning, so keeping very still and quiet the children have a peaceful and mindful start to the school day as they watch our little visitors. With a supply of food to last the year, we will be able to keep the squirrels fed throughout the autumn and colder winter months. All sightings are reported on Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels which is a really helpful way of monitoring numbers. Mark Henderson of Red Squirrel Trust heard about our OVO award and squirrel project, so we were delighted when he visited the school whilst he was on holiday in the area to give a presentation to the children.



The children took part in the East Sutherland Active Schools annual football competition, which was held in Brora. It was a great opportunity to show off their football skills and to meet children from other primaries.

#Fishing

On several afternoons the children were given fishing lessons in the school playground taught by Joey O'Neill, ghillie at Oykel, who shared his knowledge about fishing, casting and how to be patient when waiting for a fish to bite. It must have been a funny sight to passer-by's who would see children using fishing rods and casting into playground hoops, being rewarded with a sweet treat if they hit the target. Their dedication was rewarded with a trip to Davochfin Farm Dornoch, where they were given rods, sweetcorn as bait and well-spaced-out spots to cast into the ponds. It was a very peaceful morning, with several catches to celebrate, some pond dipping and frog spotting.



The summer term finished with a celebration, which showcased the work the children have done throughout the term, a short film of their trip to Landmark and the Rosehall Rap, a farewell rap written by the children for our P7s, who were heading off to Golspie High School. The rappers made their own tie-dye t-shirts, donned sunglasses, baseball caps and jewellery. They gave a great performance which will be remembered by everyone.