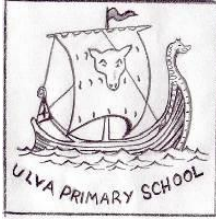


# Ulva Primary School Newsletter

## Spring Term 2022

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### DEAR PARENTS

I hope you all enjoyed your Christmas break. The weather was mixed but we did see some bright winter days.

We have another busy term planned in the run up to Easter and we really hope that we will soon be able to welcome families and members of the community into the school again.

Do not hesitate to contact the school if you want to chat over any areas of concern. Also be assured that no matter which school I am in, I can be contacted at any time.

For point of reference, the telephone number for Lochdonhead Primary School is - 01680 812473 and my mobile number is 079029 44626/07786685227.



Susie Carmichael,  
Head Teacher

### ABSENCE AND ILLNESS

**Individuals should not attend school if they feel unwell.**

The main symptoms of Coronavirus (Covid-19) are a high temperature, a new, continuous cough and a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.

If your child is absent from school it is important that the office is contacted on the morning of absence before 9:30am if possible. This procedure is in place for the safety and security of pupils. You will receive a telephone call or text message if no call is received. Please inform the school office as soon as possible if your mobile telephone number changes. Thank you.

### PICK UP / DROP OFF

Parents / carers should avoid coming into the school grounds unless it is essential. Can you please drop your child off at the school gate no earlier than 9.25am for a 9.30am start. We would ask that parents maintain the 2m distance between families while waiting at the school gate for your child at 3.30pm.

### WATER & SNACKS

We are a health promoting school. Children are encouraged to drink water at any time throughout the day. Please send in a water bottle to school where it can be refilled.

Parent Council have kindly agreed to continue to subsidise breakfast club, fruit and vegetables for the children at break-time and soup ingredients. Thank you.

### LAST TERM

### OUTDOOR LEARNING

We continue to enjoy a lot of outdoor learning at our shore school. Last term we were learning about science and covering photosynthesis, categorising, data handling, food chains and climate change. The blog of our shore school sessions can be found here

<https://ulvaschoolprimary.wordpress.com/>



Report by P6/7

What we did...

At Shore School we catalogued natural items from the shore, because we are learning about climate change and COP26, which includes biodiversity. Biodiversity is a living organism on Earth that is within the ecosystem.



Why we did this...

This week at shore school we were learning about biodiversity. We were split into pairs and were given a clipboard and a magnifying glass. On the list there was seaweed, crabs, shells and more. In my pair we found a crab and we named it Edward. Then we came together to share what we found. We did this because we are learning about COP26 and our environment.



**UN Convention on the rights of the child**

**Article 3: (best interests of the child)** The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all decisions and actions that affect the child.

**Article 17: (access to information from the media)** Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources, and governments should encourage the media to provide information that children can understand. Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.

**Article 28:(right to education)** Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free and different forms of secondary education must be available to every child. Discipline in schools must respect children's dignity and their rights. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

## CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 19th November we dressed up for Children in Need, we joined in with events online and had a mindfulness session with our teddies.



We managed to raise £94.16 for Children in Need - thank you so much for all your kind donations.



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**Article 29: (goals of education)** Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures and the environment.

## DIABETES UK AWARD

We are delighted to have been awarded the Good Diabetes Care in School Award by Diabetes UK.



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**Article 24: (health and health services)** Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

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## BLYTHSWOOD CARE SHOEBOX APPEAL

Christmas came early today with very generous donations from Ulva Primary pupils and staff for Blythswood Care Shoe Box Appeal. We managed to collect 14 boxes plus 2 bags of extra goodies to donate. Many thanks to all who contributed.



**The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child:**

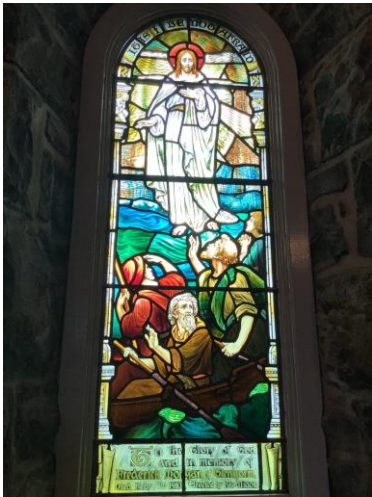
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## DERVAIG CHURCH VISIT

On Tuesday 23rd November as part of our R.M.E learning we went to visit the church in Dervaig.

Many thanks to Liz, Catherine and John for such an interesting, fun visit.



I liked the painted windows - Eilidh P4

I liked the little wooden mouse - Ross P4

I liked the part of the stone cross - Aoife P4

I liked getting to play on the big organ - Owen P3

I liked being in the part where the mouse was - Tommy P2

I liked the musical instrument - Corynn P1

I liked the wooden mouse too - Nolan P1

I liked the organ - Blue P2

I liked all of it! - Xander P1



**UN Convention on the rights of the child Article 12:** (respect for the views of the child) Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. This right applies at all times, for example during immigration proceedings, housing decisions or the child's day-to-day home life.

**UN Convention on the rights of the child Article 14:** (freedom of thought belief and religion) Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights. Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents to guide their child as they grow up.

## GAELIC WEEK

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November we were very lucky to have 2 pupils from Tobermory High School visit us as part of their Gaelic Week.

They taught us a session all about pets.



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## SAVE THE CHILDREN CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY 2021

All the pupils and staff loved wearing their Christmas jumpers to school on Friday and we raised £53.70 for Save the Children.



**UN Convention on the rights of the child**

**Article 15** (freedom of association) Every child has the right to meet with other children and to join groups and organisations as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights.

## THIS TERM

### DANCE & DRAMA WORKSHOP

Andi Stevens had to rearrange her session last term but will be visiting us this term for an exciting dance and drama workshop.

## HEARTSTART

The children will be learning basic first aid from a HeartStart trainer on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

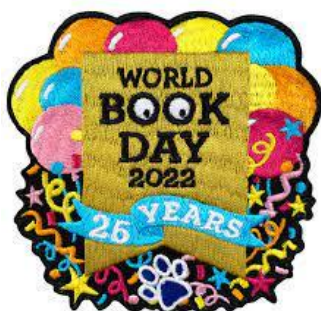
## SWIMMING

Our second block of swimming starts on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February and runs until 28<sup>th</sup> March.

## WORLD BOOK DAY

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. The children are welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite character, however there is no obligation for this.

Ideally we would like to invite parents into school. If that is not possible we would love if you could share a story to the children online. If this is something you might be able to do please let us know.



## UNICEF RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL UPDATE

On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March we will be virtually welcoming a team from Unicef RRSA. We will be discussing our journey so far and will learn whether we have achieved the Gold Award.



## WORKING WITH PARENTS

As you know we are very keen indeed to involve you in any way we can in the working life of the school. Unfortunately, at present, we have been advised against non-essential visitors to the school. We will therefore be getting in touch with you online for your thoughts and views.

For more information, and many more photos, please visit our blog on <https://ulvaschoolprimary.wordpress.com/>

## PARENT COUNCIL

The post holders for the Parent Council are:

Rebecca Munro - Chair

Sam Wright - Secretary

Lucie Howard - Treasurer

Thank you all for your continued support to the school.

## REPORTING

We will be continuing with 'Seesaw' as a reporting tool. If you need any assistance with this please let us know.

We will send out full report in May. Dates and times will be sent out for the Parental Consultations which will be held at the end of May.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- 6.1.22 - Schools open
- 2.2.22 - HeartStart Training
- 4.2.22 - Schools close
- 14.2.22 - In-service
- 15.2.22 - Schools open
- 21.2.22 - Swimming
- 28.2.22 - Swimming
- 3.3.22 - World Book Day
- 7.3.22 - Swimming
- 14.3.22 - Swimming
- 21.3.22 - Swimming
- 28.3.22 - Swimming
- 29.3.22 - UNICEF Rights Respecting School Award visit
- 1.4.22 - Schools close
- 19.4.22 - Schools open
- 5.5.22 - Poling Day
- 26.5.22 - Schools close
- 27.5.22 - In-service
- 30.5.22 - Schools open
- 1.6.22 - Schools close
- 6.6.22 - Schools open
- 1.7.22 - Schools close
- 11.8.22 & 12.8.22 - In-service
- 15.8.22 - Schools start