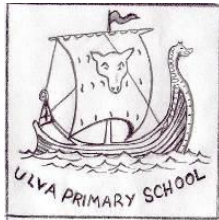


Ulva Primary School Newsletter

Summer Term 2022

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DEAR PARENTS

I hope you all enjoyed your Easter break. We have another busy term planned and we are now very much looking forward to welcoming families and members of the community into the school again.

This term sees lots of visitors to the school. We are also really looking forward to our joint whole school residential to Camas in May.

This newsletter gives just a taste of some of what our school has been up to, for much more information please visit our blog on

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

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.

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.

COVID-19

Symptoms of COVID-19 can include:
a high temperature or shivering (chills)

a new, continuous cough
a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste
shortness of breath
feeling tired or exhausted
an aching body
a headache
a sore throat
a blocked or runny nose
loss of appetite
diarrhoea
feeling sick or being sick

The symptoms are very similar to symptoms of other illnesses, such as colds and flu.

What to do if your child has symptoms

Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have symptoms of COVID-19 and they either:

have a high temperature

do not feel well enough to go to school, college or childcare, or do their normal activities

They can go back to school or childcare when they feel better or do not have a high temperature.

If your child has mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat or mild cough, and they feel well enough, they can go to school, college or childcare.

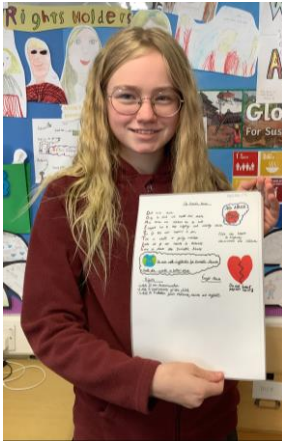
WATER & SNACKS

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

COMPETITION WINNERS

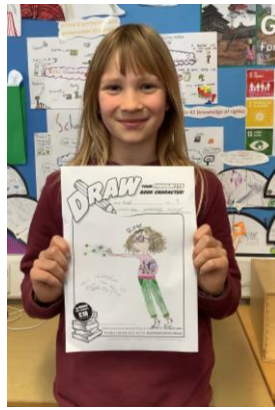
We have AMAZING competition winners at Ulva Primary School!



Matilda Munro won the Domestic Abuse Awareness Calendar Competition for her wonderful design. Matilda won a £50 Amazon Voucher and the school also won a £150 voucher too!



CMal held a competition to design a poster for the new boat, Loch Frisa, and Hazel won this competition for the P3-P5 entry. Look out for Hazel's beautiful picture when you are travelling on the boat.



Hazel also won the competition that was organised for World Book Day by Waterstones in Oban. The children were asked to draw their favourite book character and Hazel's super drawing won her a £10 voucher from Waterstones.

Well done Matilda and Hazel!

SWIMMING

We enjoyed our second block of swimming last term and again the children made huge improvements in confidence and ability in the water. Thank you so much to the parent council for agreeing to financially support us with these lessons.



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

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.



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.

NEW BACK PACKS FOR SHORE SCHOOL

We were delighted to receive a very generous donation from Michelle Erskine from The Aarskog Foundation of backpacks for each pupil to use for Shore School. The Aarskog Foundation a Scottish based charity working across 34 countries and counting.

The Aarskog Foundation brings together National and International Aarskog Syndrome patients from around the world to create a global alliance of patients and families faced with common challenges derived from the uniqueness of this RARE Genetic condition.

If you would like to learn more about The Aarskog Foundation and the important work they do please visit their website:

<https://www.aarskogsyndromefoundation.co.uk/>

A huge Thank You to Michelle from all the pupils and staff at Ulva School.



RSPB BIG SCHOOL'S BIRDWATCH

On Friday 14th January we took part in the RSPB Big Schools Birdwatch, we received a great pack from the RSPB which helped us to understand why we were doing the bird count and how important the birds are to the environment. We also used the RSPB website to learn more about

the birds we might see and we even listened to their calls.



We made lardy pine cones with seeds to hang outside to encourage the birds, we topped up our school feeders with seeds and peanuts and threaded popcorn onto wire hoops for the birds to perch on and eat.

HEARTSTART

On 2nd February Angela from The British Heart Foundation came to give us some emergency life support Heartstart training.



I learned you can phone 999 or 112 if someone needs help - Xander

I didn't know about the recovery position, I practised with my friend and now I can stop someone's tongue blocking their throat. - Ross

This training means I could help someone who had actually had an accident - Eilidh

I was able to put my friend in the recovery position - Owen

I learned how to check if someone is breathing by looking at their tummy and their chest - Tommy
I learned what to do if someone has had an accident. The first thing I would do is check for danger. -Blue

ACTION TO HELP THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

We wanted to take action as a school to help the people of Ukraine.

We donated items and used our school as a collection point for our community donations to go to Oban Helps Ukraine.

Thank you very much to our kind and caring community for all the contributions.



UN Convention on the rights of the child

Article 38 (war and armed conflicts)

Governments must not allow children under the age of 15 to take part in war or join the armed forces. Governments must do everything they can to protect and care for children affected by war and armed conflicts.

Article 26: (social security)

Every child has the right to benefit from social security. Governments must provide social security including financial support and other benefits, to families in need of assistance.

THIS TERM

TREÒIR PROJECT

We are very excited to welcome Alasdair Satchel and Hannah Fisher to the school this term to deliver the Treòir project over 4 days. This schools heritage project from Fèisean nan Gàidheal (FnG) is based

around sound work. Alasdair and Hannah will work with our pupils to build up a series of audio elements and the children will assemble and edit these to create short podcasts.

MARINE CONSERVATION SOCIETY 'PROTECTING SCOTLAND'S SEAS' ROADSHOW

Kerrie Flockhart, from the Marine Conservation Society will be visiting the school on Friday 22nd April. Kerrie's workshop will cover topics such as: climate science and pollution, blue carbon and Scottish marine wildlife. There will be a presentation as well as interactive and practical activities.

Here is a link to more information on the MCS website:

<https://www.mcsuk.org/news/scotland-education-roadshow/>



DONATION TO THE SCHOOL

I am delighted to let you know that we have been awarded £100 grant from the Co-op to support us with our Breakfast Club.

We are very grateful for this kind and generous donation.



FREE POTATOES

As part of our Eco-School we will be offering free potatoes and compost to our families and community

members - look out for more details coming soon.



PETER AND THE WOLF

I have organised a visit to Aros Hall, Tobermory on Friday 6th May to see the Children's Classic Concert performance of Peter and the Wolf. This will be done within the school day.

These live concerts are so much fun. The children learn about the story of Peter and the Wolf as well as the five main Character instruments - the flute (bird), the oboe (duck), the clarinet (cat), the bassoon (grandfather) and the French horn (wolf).



COMMUNITY CAFE

Community Cafes are back! We are so delighted to be able to start planning our first Community Café in 2 years. We will be having a 'Jubilee themed' café on Wednesday 1st June from 1.30pm - 3.00pm. We may even have a very special visitor! We would be really grateful if you could donate a prize to our giant raffle. We hope to see you there.



UNICEF RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL UPDATE

Thank you so much to Moray Finch and Rebecca Munro who met with Jenny Price from Unicef to discuss our journey towards Gold. On Monday 27th June we will be meeting Jenny again.



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. For more information about our learning, 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 reports 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

19.4.22 - Schools open

19.4.22 - Music sessions

21.4.22 - Treòir project
22.4.22 - Marine Conservation
roadshow
26.4.22 - Music sessions
26.4.22 - Pebble Project
presentations
29.4.22 - Forest School day to
Ardura
30.4.22 - Flower Show in
Tobermory
3.5.22 - Music sessions
4.5.22 - Treòir project
5.5.22 - Poling Day - blended
learning day
5.5.22 - P7 PE/Active school day at
THS
6.5.22 - Peter and the Wolf at the
Aros Hall, Tobermory
10.5.22 and 11.5.22 - Joint school
Camas residential
12.5.22 - Conservation Workshop
17.5.22 - Music sessions
17.5.22 - P7 transition morning at
THS
18.5.22 - Treòir project
18.5.22 - P7 Maths morning at
Garmony
23.5.22 - 26.5.22 - P7 residential
to Lochgoilhead
24.5.22 - Music sessions
25.5.22 - Treòir project
26.5.22 - Schools close
27.5.22 - In-service
30.5.22 - Schools open
31.5.22 - Music sessions
1.6.22 - Community Café
1.6.22 - Schools close
5.6.22 - Cycle Sportif
6.6.22 - Schools open
7.6.22 - Music sessions
13.6.22 - P7 transition week to
THS
27.6.22 - UNICEF RRSA Gold visit
1.7.22 - Schools close
11.8.22 & 12.8.22 - In-service
15.8.22 - Schools start