



April - June Newsletter

Children's Woods

We continue to work with our Partners in the Children's Woods to take forward Outdoor Learning. A group of P1s and P2s are currently taking part in Forest Schools on a Thursday afternoon, from 19th April until 24th May with Andrea, our lovely Forest Schools Partner and Mrs Hinds/Ms Woods from Dunard.

Forest Schools has become widely recognised by educators as a good tool for learning which has an amazingly positive effect on children increasing their self-esteem and confidence.

What is a Forest School? *"an inspirational process that offers children, young people and adults regular opportunities to achieve and develop confidence through hands-on learning in a woodland environment"*

What will we do?

Some examples of Forest School activities



- Shelter and den building
- Environmental art
- Tool use
- Fire lighting
- Nature based learning



Our nursery children shall be going to the Children's Woods on Wednesdays to take part in learning outdoors between 28th April February and 13th June. Please speak to Wilma if you are able to come with us as helpers. Children will be outdoors every day. Please ensure that your child dresses suitably for the weather conditions.

Learning for Sustainability

Nursery – P7 undertook a series of environmental and scientific tasks in The Children's Woods, working in partnership with Opal, to celebrate John Muir day. 24/04/18. Staff and pupils thoroughly enjoyed lunch in the woods. Thank you Ms McEachran for organising this great event.

All of these projects encourage our children to engage with nature and develop a sense of pride in their local environment.

John Muir Day Activities

- Nursery: Nature I Spy
- Primary 1s used Journey Sticks, collecting items to sort
- Primary 2s made bird feeders and went on a sense hunt
- Primary 3 biodiversity and bug hunting
- Primary 4/3 OPAL Bug count survey & Crest nest build
- Primary 4 Tree identification & Root Protection
- Primary 5 Pollination and wildflower garden planting
- Primary 5/4 Flower dissection and grids
- Primary 6 OPAL—worms and ph soil testing
- Primary 7 OPAL - Air pollution –Lichen and Moss

John Muir Award for Primary 6 Pupils

Primary 6 parents/Carers are warmly welcomed into our P6 Assembly on 11/5/18, to see the great learning our Primary 6 children have undertaken to gain their John Muir Award. The children also made their own film

about Clyde in the Classroom including the fish release into the River Kelvin. A huge thank you to our Parents/Carers as the Clyde in the classroom project was fully supported through Parent/Carer fundraising.



Science Centre Visits

All classes within Dunard have the opportunity to go on a focused educational visit to the Science Centre. The buses are heavily subsidised through school fund and fundraising at our Christmas Fair. Thank you!

Future Fuels P4 & P4/3 25/4/18

Born to be Wild (Conservation) P5/4 & P5 1/5/18

Minibeasts P1a & P1b 4/5/18

Water, Water, Everywhere P6 9/5/18

Minibeasts P2a & P2b 15/5/18

Bug Count (OPAL Science) P3 23/5/18