

## LOIRSTON SCHOOL



We're now into our last term of this session at Loirston and we have been embracing the nicer weather and getting ourselves involved in lots of outdoor activities and learning.

Our primary Seven pupils are just back from a week long residential trip to Dunolly in Perthshire which involved abseiling, kayaking, river rafting and many other outdoor pursuits. All had a great time and Dunolly staff commended our children on showing a great team effort during the week.

Back here at school our children have also been embracing Outdoor learning.

Our Nursery pupils have started a mini Enterprise and are growing some plant to have at a Garden Party on the 21st of June.

Our Eco Committee are working hard on their litter project and have been very lucky in receiving special hard wearing gloves and litter containers from Asda to help them with their work. Many thanks to Asda for their support.

Our Early stages pupils have been embracing the locality of Cove and we must say a big thank you for all the information given and the support we have had in accommodating us on our visits to the Police Station, the Doctors, the Dentist and Doonies Farm. The pupils in Primary One have thoroughly enjoyed the experiences and have learned lots!

Our Primary Fives have taken the season of growing things very seriously and have started their own Enterprise selling Sunflower seeds. They have made up instructions to care for the seeds to help them to grow and are running a competition throughout the school with a prize for the person who can grow the biggest Sunflower.

Our Primary Six and Seven pupils have been involved in an outdoor learning project highlighting safety around the Gramps,

with a view to preventing any possible fire risks in this area. This has been held in conjunction with the Fire Services and the City wardens have also helped out. Also this term (thanks to the willing volunteers that are Mr Gilmore, Mr Stephen, Mrs Chapla and Mrs Leach) we are able to run cycling proficiency again. Our Primary Seven pupils are currently being trained and this will enable them to learn to be safe when using their bikes both on and off the main road.

Finally our Primary Seven pupils have also been involved in an exciting new learning opportunity outdoors organized by Mrs Turner a member of our staff. Pupils in Primary 6/7 are involved in a Forest Schools Initiative.

This learning programme has been developed from the Scandinavian Education system and involves children building self esteem and independence through exploring and experiencing the natural world. Pupils will be involved in mini beast hunts, natural crafts in making their own items from wood etc, shelter building, using tools for a purpose such as peeling bark from sticks to make toasting forks and also cooking on a camp fire. Again the pupils are gaining a lot out of these activities and we must thank all the adults who have given up their time to support this opportunity.

It continues to be a busy term with preparations well underway for the Cove Gala. Our Gala Princess was voted by Primary Seven pupils and Molly Fowler will be the representative from Loirston. On 31st May she will be crowned at the Family Bingo Night. We look forward to seeing the community at this event.

Preparations are also underway for Nursery and Primary transition. Planning for Sports Day is also well underway. On behalf of all at Loirston we would like to thank all in the community who have provided so much support to us as without you I am sure we would not be able to run some of these exciting activities.