

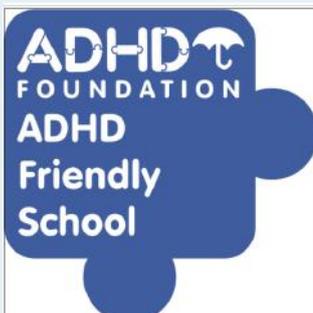
School Newsletter

Date: October 2025

Birthday Wishes

Many happy returns to those who celebrated their birthdays in October: Naythan, Kent, Luke, Aidenn, Kerry, Lauren, Lynsey, Debbie

Happy Birthday to all of you!



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HALLOWEEN

Staff and pupils went all out this Halloween! From spooky classroom doors and windows to creative costumes, the whole school was glowing with pumpkin magic.

Everyone did an amazing job — a huge well done to all who took part!

Prize Winners

Best Dressed Gym Hall: Class 6

Best Dressed Door: Class 4



Best Window:

1st – Class 3

2nd – Class 2

3rd – Class 1



Best Pumpkin:

Andrew B

Kenneth

Cameron



Best Dressed:

Kert

Dan

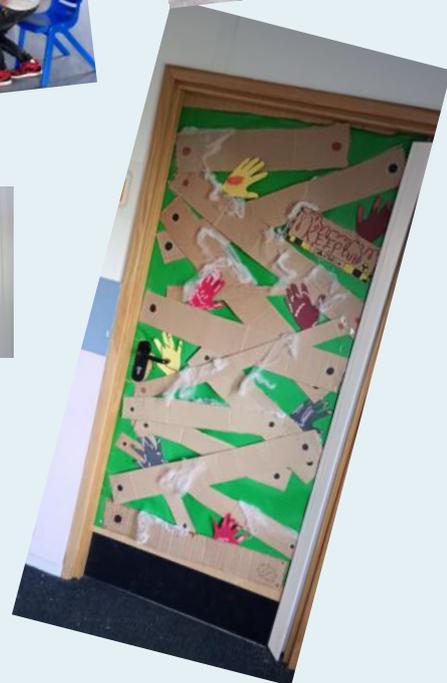
Team 6



Well done to everyone for making this year's Halloween so spooktacular!



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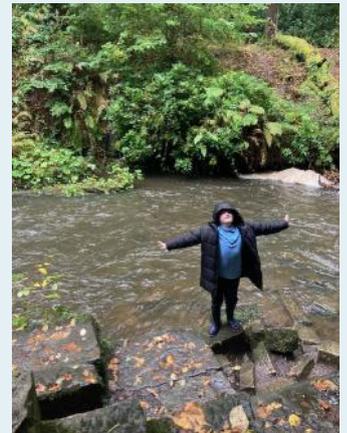
OUTDOOR SPORTS



Outdoor sports were out cycling this month. Look how much fun getting back on your bike is. Exercise, fun and learning new skills whilst out with Marc, Jenny and classmates.



OUTDOOR SPORTS



More geocaching for classes 1-4 in Term 1. Class 1 and 2 even started making their own trackable to see where it travels around the country. Class 1's 'PURPLE DUCK' is on the move!

PET CARE



Pet care - Thursday afternoon activity in October

Lynsey's Ragdoll cats, Beau the cat (Phil's cat) and Leo the dog

- Pupils were learning: How to say hello to a dog safely ,
- How dogs have changed over time (science/PSHE/Citizenship)
- Training Leo to go through a tunnel on command
- Quizzes—"name that animal"

PET CARE QUIZ

PUPIL WORKSHEET

How have dogs changed over time?

English Bull Terrier



PAST



PRESENT

face more triangular shaped, dog smaller in size, ears point up instead of different face cone shape

Pug



PAST



PRESENT

flatter nose, shorter curled tail, shorter flatter smaller, more curly tail, squished nose, face more wrinkles

- Many of these negative changes have happened due to humans breeding dogs in a rapid and sometimes irresponsible way.
- Dogs with a "cute" appearance are very appealing, but it is irresponsible to breed them without considering how their health and happiness might be affected.

HOW HAVE DOGS CHANGED OVER TIME? www.learnwithdogtrust.org.uk



PUPIL WORKSHEET 1

How have dogs changed over time?

Selective breeding is when you choose the parents (mother and father) to breed together in the hope that they will produce offspring (puppies) with the features that you want.

Over thousands of years, we have created dogs to suit our human needs and preferences, by selectively choosing the parents.

Dogs continue to evolve all the time. We are likely to see more changes in the appearance, size and health of dogs for as long as humans keep breeding them selectively.

TASK: Look at the pictures below of each dog. The first picture is the breed of dog in the past, and the second is how that breed looks today. List the differences you see in each of the dogs' appearance.

Sharpei



PAST



PRESENT

fatter, more wrinkles, more folds in skin, ears smaller, fatter, smaller paws, smaller tail

Basset Hound



PAST



PRESENT

legs are more droopy, more fat on body + neck, nose shorter chunkier tail, bigger nose area, chubbier and wrinkly

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Name that Animal!

Look closely at the pictures and see if you can tell what animals they are.

- cow*
- sheep*
- hedgehog*
- rabbit*
- dog*
- seahorse*
- rabbit*
- cat*
- squirrel*
- chimp*
- zebra*
- cheetah*

GEOCACHING COMPETITION WIMMERS

Geocaching Competition Winners!

The winners of the Geocaching quiz in last month's newsletter are:

Naythan, Melanie & and Kert. Well done!!



AJ & CRAIG

Craig & AJ have had another successful month fishing—
Well done AJ!



KINDNESS

Bobbie took part in the yearly Kindness challenge raising money for NSPCC. He raised £20 and enjoyed reading the lovely feedback from staff. This is to help with Bobbie's emotions and how it feels to be kind and also when someone is kind to you.

Zoe is going to love the mug you made her, so thoughtful of you! – Samantha Mcintosh

You came in to offer me a tea and chilled with staff for a while. – Michael Forde

You want to show me something and I was given a lovely mug you had made for me thank you so much it is lovely. – Zoe Leishman

Hi Bobbie, you were out when I arrived helping Carol with the shopping – Steven Mcmillan

You made Bridget and I some Cajun chicken pasta for our lunch it was delicious. – Carol Mcmillan

You made Lealand a cup of tea tonight and were helping prepare din dins even though you were not having any, so starting off strong with your challenge – Samantha Mcintosh

You helped clean out the sleepover room and done a great job. – Francesca Miller

You then helped me with dinner and mashed the potatoes, and delicious they were!! – Julie Conway

Helped me and Scott bring some of the stuff in from the garage for the sleep in room so thank you – Donna Green

Hi Bobbie, you were on a cleaning mission when I arrived, cleaning the sleepover toilet – Steven Mcmillan

You were up and dressed (in a very smart tracksuit) and came into the office to give Fran her flowers as she was getting her farewell gifts. Well done – Bobby Mcnamara

Hi Bobbie, you returned from school and shock horror you asked me if I wanted a cup of tea. I nearly fell over in surprise – Steven Mcmillan

You gave Tracy her flowers, I think you will miss her – Julie Conway

The house was cold and you got a blanket for me, thank you – Julie Conway

Libby had a good time out with, her first trip with out with you and you were great company and passed on all your knowledge of Irvine mall. –Bobby Mcnamara

EMPLOYABILITY

**** JOB SUCCESS****

Liv is a Junior ASN Support Worker and is now independently self-travelling to work! A huge well done to Liv! 😊 A great achievement

Ross is working well at the farm, and due to his positive and friendly attitude, has made friends with other volunteers his age. Well done Ross!

Nathan continues to impress at The Café, he has been learning new skills cooking and cleaning up the grill after use.

Aiden has moved on to working with Invest in Renfrewshire, and is hoping to volunteer with Active Schools after returning from his holiday!



CELEBRATE SUCCESS

James Walker
Catering Manager
Erskine Waterfront Campus



Well done to James for winning Employee of the Year 2025. Also a huge congratulations to Dumbrock staff for being one of the finalists for Team of the Year.



AND Finally...

FALL SCAVENGER HUNT

Grab a bag or basket and take a fall nature walk and try to collect or take a picture of as many items as you can at home, at the farm or outside! Check them off as you go. How many can you find?

				
Acorn	Yellow Leaf	Red Leaf	Orange Leaf	Berries
				
Pumpkin	Mushrooms	Apple Cider	Squirrel	Corn
				
Apples	Sweater	Pinecone	Scarf	Boots
				
Scarecrow	Squash	Birds V Formation	Hay	Tractor

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

St Andrew's Day—Monday 1st December

School finishes for Christmas holidays on Friday 19th December

Pupils return on Tuesday 6th January