



North West Community Campus



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## Dear Parent/Carer

It is my pleasure to share with you our Easter Newsletter. Once again, we are delighted to be able to highlight the many achievements and opportunities for participation our learners have enjoyed in school this term.

As we approach the last few weeks before the start of the SQA examinations, it is a crucial time for our senior learners. I would like to echo the words of our teachers to those S4-S6 learners who are sitting exams in May; keep working hard and studying for these last few weeks, it is a relatively short period of time, but the outcomes will stand you in good stead for years to come.

We are looking forward to a busy summer term with lots happening in the school, as we continue to improve our work in support of your children and young people.

As always can I strongly encourage you to participate when we ask for your views, or invite you into school for events such as parents' evenings or activities. We are very keen to have as many parents as possible taking part in making our school the best it can be, and the greater your participation and support of our work, the more likely it is your child will be successful in school.

Our most recent S3 parents' evening saw only one third of our pupils represented. Ideally, we would like to be as close as possible to 100% of our learners having a parent attend, because we know this makes a big difference to how our youngsters learn, if parents and carers are fully involved in the life of the school.

Therefore, if you have any suggestions about how we might make our parents' evenings more welcoming or suitable for all parents to attend I would be very keen to hear from you. Please feel to get in touch by phone or through our school office email [gw18officenorthwest@ea.dumgal.sch.uk](mailto:gw18officenorthwest@ea.dumgal.sch.uk)

Best wishes

Mr B Smith  
Head Teacher



From all the students, staff, parent council, and everyone involved with

**North West Community Campus**

We wish you all a very





## THE ECO GROUP



The Eco group have some exciting news to share.

We have been working really hard this year to develop our Eco projects within the school and recently we have been awarded a Green Eco Flag by Eco Schools Scotland. They were very impressed with all the things we have been doing and hopefully our Green flag will be displayed for everyone to see soon.

Some of our projects have included:

Rag Bag collection for recycling old clothes and textiles;

Paper and cardboard recycling every week;

Compost bins;

Playground improvement-

sandpit, outdoor library, mud kitchen planning and tree planting;

Litter picking;

Health and Wellbeing -

Emotion Works projects, after school clubs, active schools.



## Primary 3 Music Festival

Our Primary 3 class and our singing group attended the Dumfries and District Music Festival on Friday 17th March.

Everyone has been practising so hard on their performances and got awarded a Commended Mark from the judges.

Fantastic work everyone!

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## Library News

### LGBTQ+ History Month

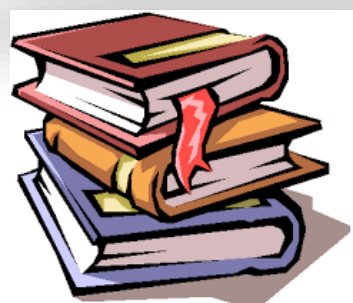
The school library celebrated LGBTQ+ History month in February, with a display that celebrated this year's theme of prominent and inspirational LGBTQ+ people from the world of film. Pupils have also had the opportunity to explore a selection of brand new books, fiction and non-fiction, in this genre too.



### Celebrating International Women's Day 2023

International Women's Day was on 8 March and this year's theme was #EmbraceEquity: 'Equity recognises that each person has different circumstances and allocates the exact resources and opportunities needed to reach an equal outcome.'

In the school library we celebrated this empowering day for pupils with free inspirational quote bookmarks, IWD themed colouring sheets, and books to borrow featuring strong female characters by acclaimed female authors.



## HOME ECONIMICS

The s2 classes have been involved in a design and make a breakfast unit within Home Economics. The pupils were tasked to design and then make the breakfast product for their target group. I have attached some pictures.







## SOUTH WEST SCOTLAND PIPING AND DRUMMING ACADEMY

Learners across Primary and Secondary who are part of the South West Scotland Piping and Drumming Academy programme in school are working hard at their practise sessions at The Bridge. We are aiming to get a pipe band for North West Community Campus.'



## Library News Continued



### World Book Day 2023

Mrs Boyd and Mrs Gilfillan put on a variety of activities in the school to celebrate World Book Day this year.

Nursery 5 and P1 pupils were read Billy's Bravery by Tom Percival in their weekly Story time sessions - a book FREE to pick up with your World Book Day token!

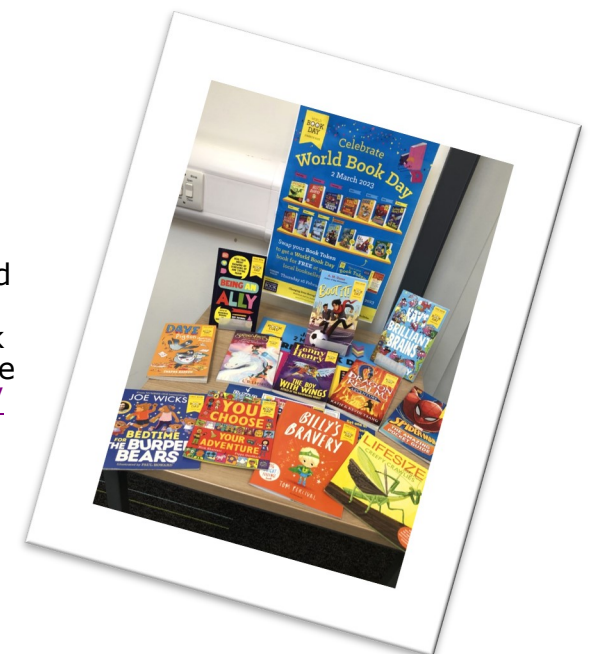
S1 and S2 pupils were showed during their library lesson which books they could get with their downloadable World Book Day token, and then took part in a book personality or an emoji book quiz. At lunchtime, secondary pupils created mindful themed bookmarks in the library, and were busy with book themed quizzes and word searches.

On World Book Day itself (2nd March), we had a fantastic turnout of primary pupils and their families when they visited the school library for a tour, to read books and take part in quizzes, games and bookmark making. Thank you to everyone who paid us a visit after your book and a biscuit event. We hope you had as much fun as we did.

Don't forget to cash in your World Book Day token for a FREE book (or £1 off a book priced £2.99 or more) while stocks last.



Tokens for secondary pupils can be downloaded from the World Book Day website at: <https://www.worldbookday.co.uk/>







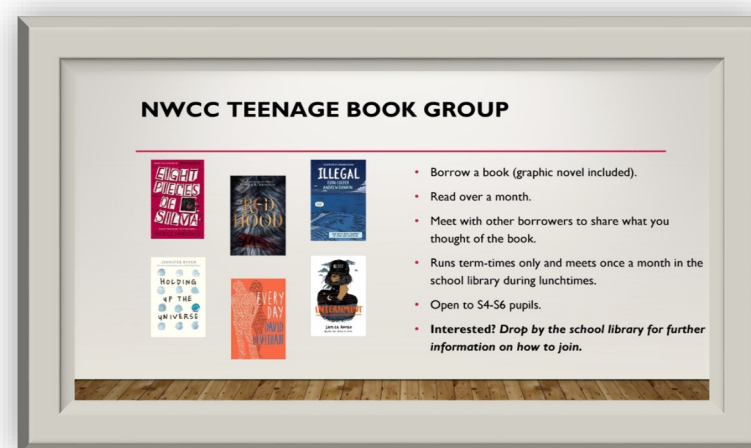
## NWCC Teenage Book Group's



The NWCC Teenage Book Group for S4-S6 pupils meet at lunchtimes on the last Tuesday of the month in the school library where we have a lively chat about what we thought of the book, the themes within them and then score the book out of 10.

This year so far, the group have read three stories of teenagers caught in very challenging situations, including one that had elements of a graphic novel. Read *Between the Lies* by Malcolm Duffy and *Punching the Air* by Ibi Zoboi and Yusef Salaam were given scores of 5/10 and 7/10, respectively. Their favourite was *Eight Pieces of Silva* by Patrice Lawrence with a whopping 8/10. Silva disappears, and with the parents away on holiday, it's up to younger sister Becks to find her through clues littered in Silva's bedroom. This book was full of conflict, plot twists and betrayals - members felt that Lawrence really captured the teenage voice of today.

The book group have finished their meetings for this academic year due to forthcoming exams, but plan to meet again in September 2023.



## GIRLS RUGBY TEAM REGIONAL SCHOOLS RUGBY COMPETITION



Girls had a brilliant time and out of the 5 games won 1 and drew 1. Their best results yet. Very proud.





## MACMILLAN VISIT

As part of their YPI award, Evan, Honey and Katie went to visit Macmillan cancer support, based in Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary, in order to gain more information about the impact the charity has in our local community. They were able to ask high level questions to inform their presentation on the charity. They then invited the P7 class along to come and watch their presentation, baking cupcakes and giving pupils statistics about cancer to read aloud as part of their audience engagement element.



## Primary One Family Bag— Picture Book Winner Announced!

During Book Week Scotland in November 2022, P1 classes visited the school library for an exciting and very special Story time session. The pupils were read the three books from their Scottish Book Trust P1 Family Bags: Scaredy Bat by Johnny Meres, My First Book Of Sea Creatures by Zoe Ingram and Stuck Inside by Sally Anne Garland. They had a great time creating imaginary boats and slides, listening to the peaceful calls of Whales, and even rooting for a bat that was scared of daylight. They then voted for their favourite picture book which was Scaredy Bat.

Their votes, along with votes from other Scottish schools, were submitted and counted and the overall winner in Scotland was My First Book Of Sea Creatures by Zoe Ingram. During the week of 6 March, we re-read the winning picture book to P1 pupils where we learnt about a different set of sea creatures this time: Sea Otters, Starfish and Giant Rays! We hope you've enjoyed reading this book to your wee ones as much as we have in the school library.





## Library

### The School Library is Open After School!

Just a wee reminder that the School Library is open for S1—S6 pupils until 4.30pm Monday to Friday for quiet study, use of school computers and book loans.

#### THE SCHOOL LIBRARY IS OPEN AFTER SCHOOL!

**Who for?** S1 to S6 pupils.

**When?** Monday to Friday.  
3.15pm until 4.30pm.

**What for?**

Quiet study.

Use of school computers.

Borrowing books (*you'll need your public library card*).

Borrowing books from our school library stock (*no library card needed*).

**Any Qs?** Please see Mrs Gilfillan or Mrs Boyd, School Library Assistants.



## BEFRIEDNG PROJECT



### Befriending project

Libby Swanson, Kelcie Smith and Tarley Mossop recently visited D&G Befriending Project to hand in the money they raised for the charity, as part of their Religion, Belief and Values award. The girls managed to lead and organise an activity which involved creating hot chocolate kits and selling these at a stand during the Primary Christmas concerts. The pupils decided to raise money for this charity as they are passionate about mental health and this charity contributes significantly towards supporting young people with mental health issues in Dumfries and Galloway. The charity also works closely with many secondary's in the area.

Well done girls!





## FOODBANK



### Foodbank

Lauren Hay and Faith Hunter have made exceptional efforts to collect food donations in order to help their local community. They identified that food poverty was a very important social issue, especially in today's cost of living crisis, therefore, they wanted to do everything they could to make a positive impact in Dumfries.

The girls came up with the idea to do a foodbank collection as they have been taking part in the Religion, Belief and Value award and part of this award involves putting their values into action! The girls have managed to collect over 600 food items by organising activities where pupils and staff could participate if they donated an item of food. It is great to see the schools local community rallying around to support one another during these crucial times.



## Primary Gymnastics Regional School Gymnastics



'A group of children from Primary represented the school at the Dumfries Regional School Gymnastics competition at DG1 on Sunday 12th February. The children worked really hard and were an asset to the school. We are all proud of you. A special thanks to Katie Nolan and Ashley Howat for coaching the teams and also to all the staff and parents that helped







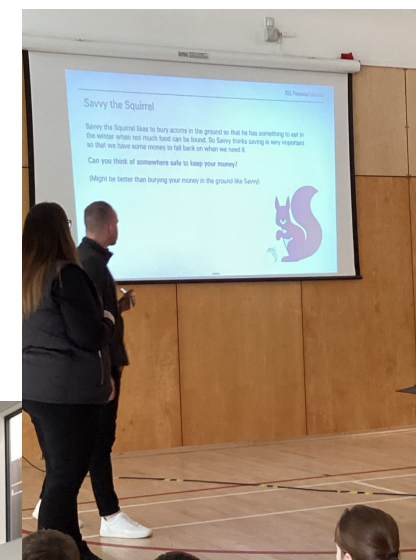
Primary Gymnastics  
Regional School  
Gymnastics  
Competition



## PRIMARY 2 & PRIMARY 3



Primary 2 and Primary 3 learners had the opportunity to learn about money with 2 members of the HSBC Dumfries branch. They were asked money questions, learnt about what money is used for and the different forms it can take as well as how money can be used- not just to buy sweets! All learners were challenged with the task of designing a new coin with King Charles of it.





## S3 BIKE SECTION

### Girls Cycle Group

Kloe and Tarley (S5) are going to attend the next Cycle Leader course on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Their enthusiasm towards getting the girls out cycling again in a group, to break down barriers, will be a huge asset to the group going forward. The group will be open to all girls currently in S3/4/5. Kloe and Tarley will help to risk assess a new route from school to Mabie forest.



**S3 boys after tuning up their bikes.**



## ENGLISH - ADVENTURES



Four NWCC pupils represented the school at the Robert Burns Memorial Service at St Michael's Kirk on Wednesday 25 January. Poppy and Emily of P7 introduced the service with their reading of "My Luve's like a Red, Red Rose" which Fiona Evans, President of the Dumfries and Galloway Burns Association, said, "was just fantastic". The girls were supported by Lewis in S1 and Shane from S2. The boys were also interviewed for Border News and spoke well about their favourite Burns poems. This was a great experience for the pupils who were a credit to the school on the day.

Great Chieftain o' the Pudín-race!

Congratulations to Lewis Rae of S1 who represented NWCC brilliantly at the recent Dumfries and Galloway Burns Association. Lewis's performance of "Address to a Haggis" was judged as excellent, achieving 90/100 marks, and was awarded the Bronze Medal. We done for taking on this challenge!





## WORLD BOOK DAY



'At the weekend, Alexis, Charli and Evie-may from Primary 7 and Dylan from Primary 6 represented North West Community Campus at the Dumfries and District Speech Festival. They had to read and perform a piece from the novel 'The Boy at the Back of the class'. They all embraced the challenge of this and performed with confidence. We are very proud of you for doing this.

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#confidentindividuals #effectivecontributors'



## S3 BIKE SECTION



Group 3 after a Led Ride, as you can see they heeded the advice to wrap up well.

All the young people who have engaged in the cycling elective will be invited to go on a group cycle before the summer.

### Dr Bike Events

The secondary sector held 3 Dr Bike events this academic year where the young people (and staff) could bring their bikes in for repair or a service. Over 25 bikes were brought back to a serviceable condition. This event is organised through our partnership with Sustrans iBike Officer Briony, and we would like to thank all the Sustrans team. We also give the opportunity for the S3 Bike Class to get involved to work with the experts. We are hoping the next event when the weather is more favourable and that we can get as many youngsters bikes back on the road for the summer.



Christopher, CJ along with Riley (not pictured) were valuable support to the Sustrans Team during Dr Bike.



## S3 BIKE SECTION



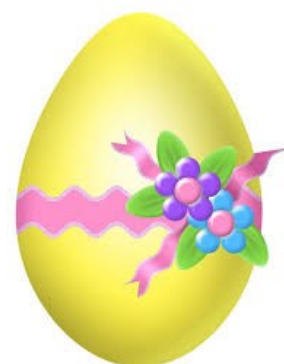
Heathhall Forest



Removing wheels and inner tubes



Fixing Punctures



## P2 & P3 GRUB CLUB



### P2/3 Trip to the Grub Club at Lochside Community Centre

As part of our IDL topic on the human body, P2/3 attended a trip to the Grub Club to learn about food preparation, food hygiene and healthy eating. We learned all about the Grub Club and what they offer within the community. The Grub Club is a fantastic place which offers hot meals, a warm space and a friendly chat. We made healthy salad boxes and even got to sneak a packet of crisps in our bag too.

We had lots of fun. Thank you.





## SQA EXAMS



### SQA Exams

Our SQA exams for senior learners run from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April though to Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May. Exam timetables have been issued in school, and we encourage all students who have exams to highlight or mark off the days, subjects and times they have exams.

Exams Skills classes will be running - timetables for these mandatory classes have also been issued and mean that students can be supported with essential information, hints and tips before their final exam. During study leave, subject teachers will have shared their availability to support learners with their revision and any other help they may need.

We have issued an NWCC Revision Guide detailing supported study session, online revision tools and subject specific help through Scholar, WEST-OS and e-sgoil. e-sgoil offers East Study Support webinars and learners can sign up for these using the following link: <https://www.e-sgoil.com/easter-study-support-2023/>

Good luck to all of our seniors over the next few months; results day is **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August**. All students can also download the MyExams App, the MyStudyPlan App as well as signing up for MySQA ([https://www.mysqa.org.uk/cs8/content/secure/my\\_homepage.jsp](https://www.mysqa.org.uk/cs8/content/secure/my_homepage.jsp)) - this means that results are also sent through text and email on results day.

## S3 BIKE SECTION



### S3 Bike Class

The introduction of the S3 Bike Elective has been a great success this year, with 28 young people fully engaging in the bike maintenance and safety, and led rides where we have been learning to cycle safely on the local roads and cycle paths as a group.

They showed real enthusiasm in all aspects of the 10 week course, especially the 3 led rides, finishing with a longer extended ride to Heathhall Forest.

The class would like to thank Sam (S6) and Mrs Houston (Maths) for being reliable assistants on the led rides around town.



Group 1 Having a break during a led ride



Gordon on the Pump Track





PE Adventures



## P7 ROTARY QUIZ



On Thursday 23rd March, 4 Primary 7 pupils attended the local heats of the Rotary Quiz held at Troqueer Primary. The quiz was made up of 9 rounds of questions based on different subjects. Well done to all Involved.

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## SCOTTISH APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2023



### Scottish Apprenticeship Week 2023

We are always keen to engage more with local employers. If you would like to support the school with the likes of work experience, careers talks/workshops or site visits, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact Mrs Spence, PT DYW, at [gw16spencekimberley@ea.dumgal.sch.uk](mailto:gw16spencekimberley@ea.dumgal.sch.uk)

Scottish Apprenticeship Week 2023 at NWCC kicked off with a childcare careers talk from Megan Whalen, Nursery Manager at Malory House Nursery, and Rosslyn Corrie from Step-Up . A group of S3-S6 pupils learned about the roles and responsibilities of early years practitioners and different pathways into the profession. Pupils enjoyed hearing about Megan's journey to

Later in the week, apprentices from Oakbank delivered a fab careers talk to a class of National Administration pupils. Jade and Brodie (a former NWCC pupil) discussed their current roles in the office and the benefits of completing a Modern Apprenticeship.

Other events during Scottish Apprenticeship Week included a visit to the Skills Development Scotland office on Dumfries High Street. A small group of S4/5 pupils (Tom, Adam, Aaron, Rohan, Lewis & Dylan) met with Jason Boyle from the CITB (Construction Industry Training Body) to find out about apprenticeships in construction in the local area.

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## PE DEPARTMENT

Here are some of the activities the PE Department have been taking part in.







## PRIMARY CROSS COUNTY

Aston, Corey and Keevi after completing the final super 4 cross country at the Crichton. Earning Gold certificates for completing all 4 events.



## PRIMARY 3



'This has been a very busy term for Primary 3. We started off performing a successfully assembly about Robert Burns and showing off our learning to the school. Our next IDL was learning about the Human Body. The class



In March P3 enjoyed World Book Day taking part in a number of activities and making masks of their favourite book characters.



In February P3, P4 and P4/5 visited the Ice Bowl to watch the sport of Curling and even got the chance to have a taster session and learn more about the sport.







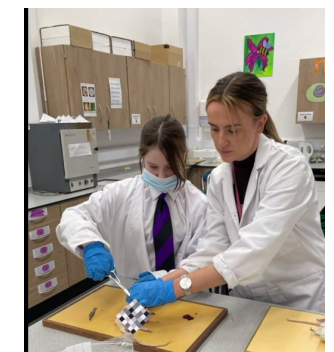
## Roots of Empathy

Susan, our Roots of Empathy teacher is continuing to deliver the Roots of Empathy programme. This term the themes of emotions and sleep have been covered. The class love when they have the family visits and get to see how baby Jonah has grown.'



## STEM CLUB

It's been another busy term for S1 STEM club. The pupils have been busy making bath bombs, crystal hearts, dib-dabs, test-tube rainbows, growing microbe colonies, dissecting rats and planting sunflowers. The pupils have enjoyed creations which they have been able to take home each week. They are looking forward to eyeball dissections next. Sadly for them, but lucky for those at home, there will be no eyeballs going home in their

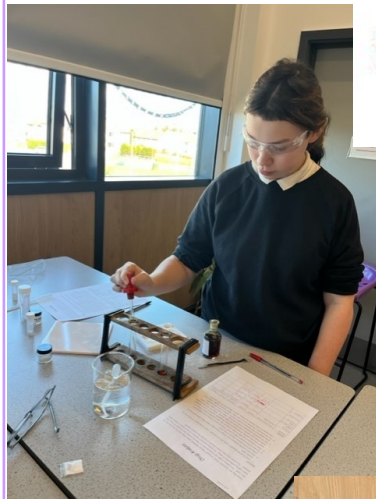
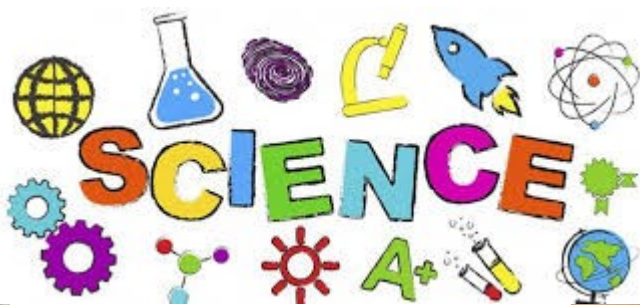




## S3 SCIENCE



S3 Science have been completing a unit on Forensic Science. They have been carrying out investigations using techniques such as fibre analysis, handwriting analysis, traffic speed calculations, chromatography and drug analysis. Pupils have been able to develop their relationship skills by working in groups and have managed to embrace difficult challenges to catch the criminals involved in each scenario.



## Nursery Newsletter



What a busy term!

It started off with Burns celebrations in January, where we enjoyed traditional Scottish oatcakes and tattie scones for snack. We made Saltire's, tartan weave and listened to Scottish rhymes and stories.

Pancake Day was celebrated in February, with "pancake tossing" and choosing our favourite toppings.

We have enjoyed being hairdressers and barbers in the home corner. This provided opportunities to work on our customer service and numeracy skills.

As part of our rights to be listened to, each key worker group, has the opportunity to choose a snack (from our healthy choice list). We then take a walk to our local shop to purchase the snack. This again gives us an opportunity to practice our numeracy skills, experience environmental print and allow for interactions with our wider world.

We invited parents and carers in to our nursery on a wet Wednesday afternoon, to help us celebrate World Book Day. We had book stations with our favourite books, such as The Hungry Caterpillar, Oliver's Fruit Salad and Handa's Surprise. We made delicious fresh fruit salads, planted cress heads and made teddy bear finger puppets with the help from our families. Child Smile visited to explain the importance of regular tooth brushing and making healthy food choices.

We have been learning about electricity and how to make a circuit. We were lucky enough to be able to borrow some big school equipment from the secondary science labs and worked on our experiments.



28 children are going into primary one in August and our transition plan is already underway, with visits to the gym hall, library, playground, MUGA and story sacks in the primary one breakout area. We have photos displayed of the dining room and other areas around the school. It's all very exciting!

Our visits to the big house continue to be successful. Cementing the Intergenerational link that we have. It's been lovely to walk to the big house and notice the change in the seasons. We're beginning to notice the new buds on the trees and new life all around us.





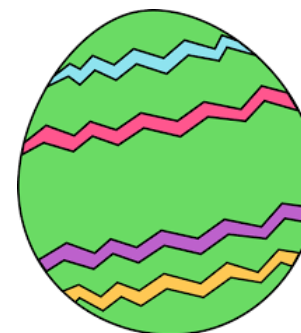
Burns Activities



Circuit Boards



Hairdressing



## SECONDARY LEARNING CENTRE

Regional Disability Sports event: We took part in the Regional Disability Sports event held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February at the D&G College. Maizie in S1: "I had lots of fun and really enjoyed meeting my friends that I went to primary school with." Zarah S1: "I had to see how many times I could jump over a mat – I jumped over 10 times. I also threw different coloured bean bags into targets to get points. We did so many fun things." Mimi S2: "There were a lot of different people there from different schools. I really enjoyed the obstacle course because it was fun."



**Cricket lessons:** We are taking part in a block of cricket lessons to learn new skills and try a new sport. Samara S2: "We have learned how to throw the ball and to hit the stumps. We had to hit the ball and then run to a cone and back so we can score runs for our team." Christopher S2: "I have learned how to bowl over my shoulder and how to bat. The best part was when I hit the middle stump when I was bowling. I hope to learn how to control my power more when I bowl the ball."





## SECONDARY LEARNING CENTRE



We have been learning about life in the Army and first aid. Samuel, S4: "I have learned about safety and first aid and how to put on bandages and military gear. The gear was very heavy and I liked wearing it. We got to see what is inside a ration pack."



Crisp Packet Project: Sophie, S3: "We are collecting crisp packets with silver foil linings to turn in a blanket. These blankets will be given to homeless people to keep them warm and dry. We will be sending the packets in to the Crisp Packet Project to be ironed together." Christopher in S2 asks: "Please don't bin your crisp packets – we need them!" Send them in to the Secondary Learning Centre. <https://crisppacketproject.com/>



## Hall Activities



## Intergeneration







Library Visit



Local Shop Visit



Parents Evening



Playground Play



P1 Transition



Pancake Day



World Book Day

