

Teaching and Learning 3 - 12



Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay Primary Schools 2014/15

# Primary School Profiles: Mid Argyll

Primary School Roll (as at census) *						
Cluster Primary Schools	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	% change in Roll over 5 years <sup>1</sup>
Achahoish Primary School	15	12	12	8	10	-33.3
Ardrishaig Primary School	122	118	112	104	106	-13.1
Ashfield Primary School	8	11	13	10	6	-25.0
Craignish Primary School	26	26	26	35	31	19.2
Furnace Primary School	21	21	18	12	10	-52.4
Glassary Primary School	18	26	27	29	33	83.3
Inveraray Primary School	65	68	63	65	69	6.2
Kilmartin Primary School	39	31	25	20	18	-53.8
Lochgilphead Primary School	212	213	221	231	230	8.5
Lochgilphead Learning Centre (primary)	7	2	6	3	9	28.6
Minard Primary School	12	10	9	6	8	-33.3
Tayvallich Primary School	28	25	26	21	21	-25.0
<b>Total Roll for cluster</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>-0.2</b>

## Notes

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## Footwear and Clothing Grant and Free School Meal Information for Cluster

	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15
Clothing and Footwear Grant (CFG) (number of pupils) <sup>2</sup>	36	52	44	44	72
Clothing and Footwear Grant (CFG) (% of cluster school roll)	8.3%	12.0%	10.1%	10.2%	16.6%
<b>Total CFG for Primary Schools in Argyll and Bute</b>	1119	1118	947	1096	1113
<b>Total CFG for Primary Schools as a % of total school roll in Argyll and Bute</b>	19.2%	19.3%	16.6%	19.2%	19.2%
	10/11	11/12 <sup>3</sup>	12/13	13/14	14/15
Free School Meals (number of pupils)	55	0	57	57	63
Free School Meals (% of cluster school roll)	12.6%	0	13.1%	13.2%	14.5%
<b>Total Free School Meals for Primary Schools in Argyll and Bute</b>	870	0	871	898	856
<b>Total Free School Meals for Primary Schools as a % of total school roll in Argyll and Bute</b>	14.9%	0	15.2%	15.8%	14.8%
<b>National Average for Free School Meals for Primary Schools (%)</b>	19.8%	22.6%	22.1%	22.0%	Not yet collated

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### Exclusion and Attendance Information for Cluster

	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15 <sup>6</sup>
Attendance (% of cluster school roll) <sup>4</sup>	94.99%	95.71%	95.17%	96.18%	95.27%
Unauthorised Absence (% of cluster school roll)	0.97%	0.94%	1.07%	1.02%	1.11%
<b>Authority Average – (%) Primary Schools in Argyll and Bute</b>	95.25%	95.74%	95.40%	95.87%	95.42%
<b>National Average for both Secondary and Primary Pupils (%)<sup>5</sup></b>	0.75%	0.79%	0.87%	0.89%	0.89%
	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15 <sup>7</sup>
Exclusion Openings	50	33	21	8	17
Exclusion Incidents	12	9	6	2	4
<b>As a % of Total Argyll and Bute Primary School Exclusion Openings</b>	11.8%	8.9%	7.0%	4.0%	11.6%
<b>As a % of Total Argyll and Bute Primary School Exclusion Incidents</b>	12%	9.8%	8.6%	3.2%	11.8%

## Notes

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# Primary School Profiles: North Kintyre

Primary School Roll (as at census) *						
Cluster Primary Schools	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	% change in Roll over 5 years <sup>1</sup>
Clachan Primary School	10	8	6	8	9	-10.0
Skipness Primary School	1	3	3	4	3	200.0
Tarbert Primary School	92	88	83	79	81	-12.0
<b>Total Roll for cluster</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>-9.7</b>

## Notes

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## Footwear and Clothing Grant and Free School Meal Information for North Kintyre Cluster

	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15
Clothing and Footwear Grant (CFG) (number of pupils) <sup>2</sup>	7	7	4	3	3
Clothing and Footwear Grant (CFG) (% of cluster school roll)	6.8%	7.1%	4.3%	3.3%	3.2%
<b>Total CFG for Primary Schools in Argyll and Bute</b>	1119	1118	947	1096	1113
<b>Total CFG for Primary Schools as a % of total school roll in Argyll and Bute</b>	19.2%	19.3%	16.6%	19.2%	19.2%
	10/11	11/12 <sup>3</sup>	12/13	13/14	14/15
Free School Meals (number of pupils)	10	0	9	12	11
Free School Meals (% of cluster school roll)	9.7%	0	9.8%	13.2%	11.8%
<b>Total Free School Meals for Primary Schools in Argyll and Bute</b>	870	0	871	898	856
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<b>National Average for Free School Meals for Primary Schools (%)</b>	19.8%	22.6%	22.1%	22.0%	Not yet collated

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## Exclusion and Attendance Information for North Kintyre Cluster

	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15 <sup>6</sup>
Attendance (% of cluster school roll) <sup>4</sup>	95.42%	96.79%	96.39%	97.10%	94.83%
Unauthorised Absence (% of cluster school roll)	0.37%	0.42%	0.38%	0.35%	0.35%
<b>Authority Average – (%) Primary Schools in Argyll and Bute</b>	95.25%	95.74%	95.40%	95.87%	95.42%
<b>National Average for both Secondary and Primary Pupils (%)<sup>5</sup></b>	0.75%	0.79%	0.87%	0.89%	0.89%
	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15 <sup>7</sup>
Exclusion Openings	2	5	0	0	0
Exclusion Incidents	1	1	0	0	0
<b>As a % of Total Argyll and Bute Primary School Exclusion Openings</b>	0.5%	1.3%	0	0	0
<b>As a % of Total Argyll and Bute Primary School Exclusion Incidents</b>	1%	1.1%	0	0	0

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# Primary School Profiles: South Kintyre

Primary School Roll (as at census) *						
Cluster Primary Schools	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	% change in Roll over 5 years <sup>1</sup>
Carradale Primary School	28	13	10	11	13	-53.6
Castlehill Primary School	195	189	178	180	184	-5.6
Dalintober Primary School	174	179	173	185	197	13.2
Drumlemble Primary School	33	23	28	32	31	-6.1
Gigha Primary School	20	17	15	12	8	-60.0
Glenbarr Primary School	11	11	12	16	18	63.6
Rhunahaorine Primary School	13	12	165	179	9	-30.8
Southend Primary School	27	22	22	18	17	-37.0
<b>Total Roll for cluster</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>-4.8</b>

## Notes

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## Footwear and Clothing Grant and Free School Meal Information for South Kintyre Cluster

	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15
Clothing and Footwear Grant (CFG) (number of pupils) <sup>2</sup>	110	119	100	117	137
Clothing and Footwear Grant (CFG) (% of cluster school roll)	22.0%	25.5%	16.6%	18.5%	28.7%
<b>Total CFG for Primary Schools in Argyll and Bute</b>	1119	1118	947	1096	1113
<b>Total CFG for Primary Schools as a % of total school roll in Argyll and Bute</b>	19.2%	19.3%	16.6%	19.2%	19.2%
	10/11	11/12 <sup>3</sup>	12/13	13/14	14/15
Free School Meals (number of pupils)	76	0	84	82	103
Free School Meals (% of cluster school roll)	15.2%	0	13.9%	13.0%	21.6%
<b>Total Free School Meals for Primary Schools in Argyll and Bute</b>	870	0	871	898	856
<b>Total Free School Meals for Primary Schools as a % of total school roll in Argyll and Bute</b>	14.9%	0	15.2%	15.8%	14.8%
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### **Exclusion and Attendance Information for South Kintyre Cluster**

	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15 <sup>6</sup>
Attendance (% of cluster school roll) <sup>4</sup>	95.46%	95.89%	95.92%	95.45%	95.91%
Unauthorised Absence (% of cluster school roll)	0.61%	0.30%	0.33%	0.30%	0.51%
<b>Authority Average – (%) Primary Schools in Argyll and Bute</b>	95.25%	95.74%	95.40%	95.87%	95.42%
<b>National Average for both Secondary and Primary Pupils (%)<sup>5</sup></b>	0.75%	0.79%	0.87%	0.89%	0.89%
	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15 <sup>7</sup>
Exclusion Openings	14	36	32	18	19
Exclusion Incidents	4	11	6	8	5
<b>As a % of Total Argyll and Bute Primary School Exclusion Openings</b>	3.3%	9.7%	10.7%	8.9%	13.0%
<b>As a % of Total Argyll and Bute Primary School Exclusion Incidents</b>	4.0%	10.9%	8.6%	12.9%	14.7%

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# Primary School Profiles: Islay and Jura

Primary School Roll (as at census) *						
Cluster Primary Schools	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	% change in Roll over 5 years <sup>1</sup>
Bowmore Primary School	90	84	86	80	71	-21.1
Bowmore Gaelic Primary School	15	16	18	21	23	53.3
Keills Primary School	24	25	22	21	23	-4.2
Port Charlotte Primary School	51	54	46	54	51	0.0
Port Ellen Primary School	69	62	70	71	72	4.3
Small Isles Primary School	11	9	10	11	11	0.0
<b>Total Roll for cluster</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>-3.5</b>

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## Footwear and Clothing Grant and Free School Meal Information for Islay and Jura Cluster

	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15
Clothing and Footwear Grant (CFG) (number of pupils) <sup>2</sup>	34	19	24	32	36
Clothing and Footwear Grant (CFG) (% of cluster school roll)	13.1%	7.6%	9.5%	12.4%	14.3%
<b>Total CFG for Primary Schools in Argyll and Bute</b>	1119	1118	947	1096	1113
<b>Total CFG for Primary Schools as a % of total school roll in Argyll and Bute</b>	19.2%	19.3%	16.6%	19.2%	19.2%
	10/11	11/12 <sup>3</sup>	12/13	13/14	14/15
Free School Meals (number of pupils)	14	0	17	20	19
Free School Meals (% of cluster school roll)	5.4%	0	6.7%	7.8%	7.6%
<b>Total Free School Meals for Primary Schools in Argyll and Bute</b>	870	0	871	898	856
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### **Exclusion and Attendance Information for Islay and Jura Cluster**

	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15 <sup>6</sup>
Attendance (% of cluster school roll) <sup>4</sup>	94.18%	95.05%	95.52%	95.24%	93.89%
Unauthorised Absence (% of cluster school roll)	1.13%	1.07%	0.82%	1.40%	1.71%
<b>Authority Average – (%) Primary Schools in Argyll and Bute</b>	95.25%	95.74%	95.40%	95.87%	95.42%
<b>National Average for both Secondary and Primary Pupils (%)<sup>5</sup></b>	0.75%	0.79%	0.87%	0.89%	0.89%
	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15 <sup>7</sup>
Exclusion Openings	0	0	0	2	0
Exclusion Incidents	0	0	0	1	0
<b>As a % of Total Argyll and Bute Primary School Exclusion Openings</b>	0	0	0	1%	0
<b>As a % of Total Argyll and Bute Primary School Exclusion Incidents</b>	0	0	0	1.6%	0

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# Introduction

Within the Mid Argyll Kintyre and Islay area there are 26 primary schools—four on Islay, one on Jura, one on Gigha and twenty on the mainland of Kintyre and Mid Argyll. Nursery provision is provided in sixteen of these schools. Gaelic Medium education, nursery and primary are provided at Bowmore Primary. This year there have been several staff changes in

headship across the area. Kilmartin and Achahoish are now jointly led by Kilmartin Head Teacher Fiona Johnson. Kilninver and Craignish are now jointly led by Berni McMillan, Head Teacher of Kilninver. The children from Ashfield are attending Tayvallich Primary. We have newly appointed head teachers in the following schools Clachan/ Skipness

– Laurene McIntosh; Port Charlotte - Danielle Vessey; Southend – Margaret Bannatyne; Tarbert Academy Primary – Louise Patterson; Keills/Small Isles - Janice Macrae (acting); Gigha – Deborah Legge (acting) and Ardrishaig – Simone McAdam (acting); Head of Teaching and Learning Lochgilphead Primary - Helen Dickie.

## Teaching and Learning

## Health and Wellbeing

Learning in health and wellbeing ensures that children and young people develop the knowledge and understanding, skills, capabilities and attributes which they need for mental, emotional, social and physical wellbeing now and in the future. Learning through health and wellbeing enables children and young people to:

- make informed decisions in order to improve their mental, emotional, social and physical wellbeing
- experience challenge and enjoyment
- experience positive aspects of healthy living and activity for themselves
- apply their mental, emotional, social and physical skills to pursue a healthy lifestyle
- make a successful move to the next stage of education or work
- establish a pattern of health and wellbeing which will be sustained into adult life, and which will help to promote the health and wellbeing of the next generation of Scottish children.

### Castlehill Primary Five Garden Project.

To kick start their garden project, Castlehill P5 pupils wrote letters to the local Garden Shop and Distillery. Very quickly barrels to use as



planters, and plants and flowers arrived from these very supportive local businesses. The young people will now improve the school environment by making the area more attractive and they have enjoyed watching the plants grow.



# Carradale, Drumlemble Schools and Southend Primaries Take on The Kintyre way



Primary 4 - 7 pupils from Drumlemble were invited to participate in a ceremony to mark the extension of the Kintyre Way. The pupils retold the story of Wee Mull - a character created by Dr Phil Fletcher who, whilst walking the Kintyre Way, found a stone formed in the shape of a face. Dr Fletcher named the model Wee Mull and very kindly sent Wee Mull back to South Kintyre. Wee Mull has been welcomed into many of the primary schools in the area and pupils have used his character and adventures as a stimulus for their own poems, stories and paintings. During the ceremony the pupils also

sang their own song about Wee Mull, ending with the words "Get up, get out and get round about Kintyre"

Pupils and staff from schools also spent a day walking part of the Kintyre Way. Staff from the Kintyre Way accompanied the group. Pupils used their map reading skills and the way markers to plot their route and took photographs of interesting features of the landscape. The schools would like to thank the Kintyre Way for supporting and engaging with their learning.



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## Glassary Primary Health Week

In February Glassary Primary held a whole school Health Week to give the children the opportunity to develop new skills and to inspire them to see that being healthy is a way of life. Daily physical activities were planned which included: shinty; rugby; yoga; football and distance walking.

In class, children in P1-3 learned how to phone the emergency services and report an accident. The P4-5 pupils learned how to put someone in the recovery position and what to do when a person has chest pains or is choking. Whilst the P6-7 pupils were trained and certified in heart start and life support procedures.

They had a range of visitors to talk to the children about their jobs in the health profession and how to keep themselves safe and healthy. The children also investigated food groups and designed and made their own healthy snacks. Pupil evaluation of this week was very positive and they would all like to have another Health week in the future.



# Rhunahaorine Primary Food Exploration

All pupils in Rhunahaorine have been investigating how our favourite foods are made. This is to explore what is in our food and how it is cooked. Pupils became Pizza chefs – with the recipes being created by the children and the design of the Pizzas – to consider how they look.



## Healthy Eating at Ardrishaig Primary

Did you know broccoli comes from Italy? Or that carrots came from Afghanistan? Primary 1-4 pupils in the Ardrishaig Primary learned these and many other interesting facts about

fruit and vegetables thanks to The Barrow Band. The Barrow Band's goal is to 'inspire a new generation of people (especially children) to love, understand and demand fruit and vegetables as part of their diet and lives.

The parent council at Ardrishaig Primary School secured funding to bring The Barrow Band to do 2 days of workshops involving pupils Ardrishaig and neighbouring schools.. The children learned songs and actions for an evening event where the children and the band performed together.

This was a fantastic event that brought many children together to promote healthy eating in a unique and fun way!



# Teaching and Learning

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## Numeracy

Being numerate helps us to function responsibly in everyday life and contribute effectively to society. It increases our opportunities within the world of work and establishes foundations which can be built upon through lifelong learning. Numeracy is not only a subset of mathematics; it is also a life skill which permeates and

supports all areas of learning, allowing young people access to the wider curriculum.

We are numerate if we have:

developed the confidence and competence in using number which will allow individuals to solve problems, analyse information and make informed decisions based on calculations.

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## Achahoish Primary Bank Visit

Pupils had a wonderful visit to the Bank of Scotland in Lochgilphead. They were given a well-planned and very informative tour round the Bank by staff. Both the adults and the children enjoyed the visit and all learned about the role a Bank plays in keeping money safe. The most popular area of the Bank was the safe. The bank staff was very patient and answered all the children's questions. Thank you letters and pictures drawn by the younger pupils were delivered to the Bank. The school acknowledges and thanks the local Bank of Scotland and it's manager for their support. Achahoish School has formed a bank of their own. It is now being effectively managed by pupils who are putting their learning into practice and having great fun 'earning' money for their accounts!



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# Teaching and Learning

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## Literacy

Language and literacy are of personal, social and economic importance. Our ability to use language lies at the centre of the development and expression of our emotions, our thinking, our learning and our sense of personal identity. Language is itself a key aspect of our culture. Literacy is fundamental to all areas of learning, as it unlocks access to the wider curriculum. Being literate increases opportunities for

the individual in all aspects of life, lays the foundations for lifelong learning and work.

The literacy experiences and outcomes promote the development of critical and creative thinking as well as competence in listening and talking, reading, writing and the personal, interpersonal and team-working skills which are so important in life and in the world of work.

## Clachan and Skipness rewrite a classic

Clachan and Skipness pupils entertained audiences in both schools with their wonderful performance of Snow White. The children had written an alternative Christmas ending and Santa Claus even made an appearance. The show also featured instrumental pieces and Christmas carols. Thank you to everyone who came along!



## Dalintober Primary Scottish Literacy Task

Pupils and staff of Dalintober PS worked together to plan and evaluate a whole-school Interdisciplinary Learning Task built on the Significant Aspects of Learning relating to Scottish Literacy. Pupils were engaged in a range of activities focusing on the four organisers of Reading, Writing, Talking & Listening, whilst making links to other curricular areas such as Social Studies, Expressive Arts and Technologies.



## Furnace Primary create and present



Furnace village hall was visited by some glittering film stars in the evening of Friday the 27th of March.

The stars arrived in style, by Limousine!! This was a huge surprise to the children as the local youth club had arranged it and thankfully the parents had kept it a secret.

The children of Furnace Primary had written, acted and filmed a piece called "A Jar Full of Butterflies", set in Medieval Scotland and filmed locally at Carnasserie Castle with a lot of help and support from Kilmartin House Museum. To celebrate the making of the film it was decided to hold an Oscars styled evening and everyone arrived dressed to the nines and joined their many

fans in the village hall for the film's premier. Afterwards everyone voted for the Oscar winners and then the presentations were made.

## Glenbarr Primary Myths and Legends

Senior pupils have been reading and listening to myths and legends from around the world. They investigated the key features of both and then went on to create their own legend. They then took Sea Myths as the stimulus for collage work using the skills and pedagogy which is part of Argyll and Bute's new art guidelines.



## Port Ellen Primary Mod Success

Port Ellen Primary School have again been very successful at the National Mod, which this year was held in Inverness. The schools gaelic Choir, Coisir Bun-Sgoil Port Ilein, won the choral unison rural primary, choral Puirt-a-beul and choral 2 part harmony learners. There was much success for individuals also- Including winners in solo singing – boys and girls. Poetry reading gained medals for the children. Well done to all Islay competitors, who took part and thanks to those who helped take the children to Inverness, and especially their gaelic and singing tutors, and the parents/families.



## Tarbert Academy Primary tell a Christmas Story

The Christmas Performance 2014 told the story of Christmas 1914. The children told the story of two ordinary people whose lives were changed by the outbreak of World War One. The performance involved the writing and reading of letters; songs of the times and a silhouette mime. The learning focussed on life during WW1, both at home and on the front, learning new songs, and planning and creating an effective mime. The children developed confidence in expressing ideas and listening to others. The audience loved it all.

## Teaching and Learning

### Wider Achievement: Outdoor Learning

## Minard Primary Trim Trail

The children at Minard Primary School have been using their grounds to enhance their learning. Recently they have been hard at work designing a trim trail round the playground using natural resources. The children do laps at least three times a week and then convert the metres into kms then into miles. Next, they mark their progress by plotting the joint distance travelled on a map of Scotland. They hope to reach John O'Groats by the summer holidays.







# Teaching and Learning

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## Wider Achievement: Community Partnership

### Bowmore Primary Family Shipbuilding

As part of their Viking project the pupils of P2/3 were joined by parents, grandparents (and younger brothers) for the afternoon to build their own version of a traditional long ship. The fleet of longships has been sailing in the foyer of the school! The children have been learning about the Viking way of life and their influence on the local heritage of Islay.



### Small Isles Primary Award Nomination

Small Isles Primary was nominated (as part of the Jura Lives project) for the Community Archive and Heritage Group Inspiration Award. As part of the Community Archives and Heritage Award Small Isles Primary's Community Cafes received the 'inspiration' award. 'Jura Lives', a 2-year Oral History project run by the Jura Development Trust, aimed to collect and preserve the



remote island's heritage and enable easy access to it. Along the way, focus was on strengthening community confidence and providing learning opportunities based on a shared heritage. The island's tiny community now has a searchable, digital catalogue of audio and metadata. A souvenir CD called 'A Landscape of Lives' of 30 selected stories from the catalogue has been produced. Small Isles primary participated in this wider community project and in particular through their community cafés. The school played a part in this.

### Inveraray Primary School Judge Classic Cars

The primary 6/7 class was invited to judge the Scottish Concours D'Elegance friendly competition, hosted at Inveraray Castle by the Argyll Veteran Car Rally Club. The classic cars were pre 1916 models, some from as far afield as Somerset.



## Tayvallich Primary Geocache

Using a grant from the John Muir Trust, and working in collaboration with Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) and a local artist, Tayvallich senior pupils made and placed three Geocaches within the Tainish Nature Reserve.

They explored the environment with SNH personnel, to gain ideas for the shapes, colours and sites of their Geocache containers. Using Hypertufa, the pupils made three different caches. Next, using plaster casts and silica gel, they made and coloured tokens for putting in each container. Finally, they sited the three Geocaches and have put the co-ordinates on to [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com).



## Lochgilphead Joint Campus: Primary - BBC Takeover Day

A fantastic day was experienced by pupils and staff when members of the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra and a BBC film crew took over Lochgilphead Primary School for the day. Pupils from Kilmartin Primary and Ardrishaig Primary also joined. A huge variety of activities took place with children participating in a whole school assembly, singing workshops, as well as musical and non-musical response workshops. Groups of pupils had hands on experience with cameras and sound equipment and were able to produce film clips from the day. The day culminated in a showcase of the day's activities, part of which was a musical response to Beethoven's 5th which included bagpipes!



## Craignish Primary School POP UP Museum

The children of Kilniver and Craignish primary schools investigated how the outbreak of World War One impacted on the families in their local communities and the effect that it had on the day-to-day lives around them. In role as curators of a mobile pop up museum they used the artifacts that their families had kept from WW1 and the information they could remember from tales that had been handed down through the generations to tell their family's unique story in various village locations in the local area.

The children submitted their work to the Legion Scotland competition, they are delighted that it has been selected for the final and are hopeful that their submission will win the overall prize.



## Skipness School Harvest Boxes

The children of Skipness Primary School prepared Harvest Boxes which were distributed at a special Harvest Thanksgiving Celebration. The children along with members of the community and their class teacher prepared the special boxes and wrote cards for the recipients.



## Teaching and Learning

### Wider Achievement: Contributions to charities



### Port Charlotte Primary Bake Sale

Port Charlotte Primary School pupils spent a week preparing for their Breakthrough Breast Cancer Bake Sale. All the children, pre 5 and primary spent a week baking a variety of delicious goodies, organising, and inviting. On the Friday the community were invited in for the tea and cake sale. Over forty visitors came, they enjoyed refreshments and had time to look at a display of the individual project work of the children. The children were delighted with raising the fantastic amount of £349 for Breakthrough Charity.

## Teaching and Learning

### Creative Arts in Schools (CAST)

### Keills and Small Isles Primary Schools

A clear blue sky, sunshine warming the air and a gentle breeze – the perfect conditions for an outdoor Samba Drumming Performance for the family and friends of Keills and Small Isles P.5-7 pupils. The rhythmic sound of surdo drums, agogo bells, tamborims and ganza shakers playing together was heard throughout the school grounds, probably most of Keills village and quite possibly Port Askaig! The Youth Music Initiative music practitioner led two days of lessons prior to the performance, focussing on teaching Samba rhythms using a range of Brazilian instruments. The children had the opportunity to increase their listening and playing skills, and work collaboratively to create interesting and fun compositions. The audience appreciated the amount of effort and focus involved, after having ‘a go’ on the different instruments themselves! Keills and Small Isles would like to thank CAST and YMI for giving them the opportunity to learn samba drumming and the audience for supporting us. Altogether it was a great afternoon – lively, fun and enjoyable.



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