

New Pupils

It was a very Happy New Year indeed for both schools as we welcomed a total of 4 new pupils between us!. Minard extended a warm welcome to Zak Gilbank who is now in P3 in Minard and twins Isaac and Daniel Buckley joined Furnace PS in P6 and their sister Flo who is in P5.



Zak



Flo, Daniel and Isaac

Puzzle time

THE VIKINGS
 DIRECTIONS: Find and circle all of the Viking vocabulary words.
 The words may be horizontally, vertically, or diagonally placed.

AX
 BERSERKER
 COMBAT
 ERIKSON
 EXPEDITION
 FJORD
 HELMET
 LONGSHIP
 NAVIGATE
 NORSE
 ODIN
 PLUNDER
 RAID
 RAVEN
 SCANDINAVIA
 SEAFARERS
 SHIELD
 THOR
 TRADE
 WARRIORS

M P Z C R E K R E S R E B A E T P
 D A M Y L H M C M A S H I E L D K
 R R Z L S N O J W D E G D R Y Q W
 Y H O U H M E Y M D H R Z J L G E
 L Q X H B H F X A A O H X H R S S
 E B Q A T G A R P J I H Z O R Q R
 R N T L N Z T H F E S B C O S U E
 I T E M L E H W K N D B N G F M R
 K L C M D O S C A N D I N A V I A
 S V T T N C N V B R V T J S O F
 O R P V S E I G H I E A A I R Y A
 N A R Q B G N H S U W C W M O D E
 S I D R A I R E H H L B Q R I N S
 Y D R T D Z U A N J I G J W R M T
 R X E O S U J K V Y I P P I R P X
 U T A E O M F I A E N B W P A E Z
 F G U P L U N D I R N Y I I W T P



Dates for your diary

Saturday 3rd March :Soup and crusty bread Fundraiser. Minard village Hall 11.30am –2pm

Thursday 1st March: World Book Day. PJs and books

Monday 5th March: Story Club Furnace PS. 4pm-5pm

Monday 12th March: Story Club Furnace PS. 4pm-5pm

Tuesday 13th March: Rugby session Achahoish PS

Monday 19th March: Library Visit

Monday 26th March: Story Club Furnace PS. 4pm-5pm

Friday 30th March: Easter Service 11am Furnace PS

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WELCOME!

Hello everyone and welcome to the first newsletter of 2018! The holidays are a distant memory and boy have we been super busy. Hope you enjoy this latest version of our schools' newsletter and, as always, if you have any questions or concerns please contact either Mrs Baird in Furnace PS or Mrs Goodwin in Minard PS.

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Blooming Marvellous!



The Latin name for snowdrop, *Galanthus nivalis*, literally translates as 'milk flower of the snow'.



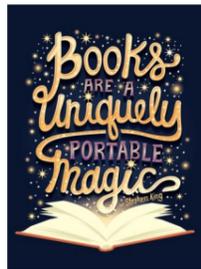
The crocus derived its name from the Latin word *crocatus*, which means saffron yellow.

We have some colour in the school grounds and around both villages as delicate snowdrops and crocuses peep through the frosty ground. We are keeping a close eye out for daffodils as they are almost bursting open to inject more colour to our days.

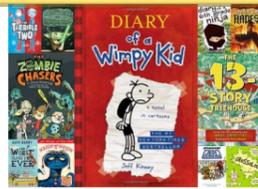


These boots were made for walking!

As part of our awareness of health and mindfulness both schools have been making an effort to walk a mile a day when possible. Minard PS have extended the invitation to the wider community to join them at 9.10am at the shop if they can manage. So far we have had the pleasure of Mr Melbourne and his son Zander.



Time to Read



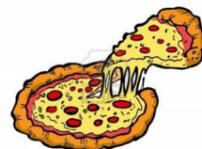
Reading GIVES US A Place to Go WHEN WE HAVE TO STAY WHERE WE ARE.

We have reinstated our monthly visits to Lochgilphead Community Library and the children have the responsibility to use their library cards to check out books and remember to bring them back to return and obtain new ones. During this visit they took part in a Scavenger hunt to become familiar with the categories displayed.



STORY CLUB!

Furnace PS have a new exciting club and it's happening on Mondays from 4pm till 5pm. It's 'Story Club!' Members of the community have very kindly given up some valuable time to come in and help read with the children and discuss books. Pizza and juice were also on offer to sustain the avid readers.



The Vikings!

Both primaries have been studying The Vikings as their main Interdisciplinary Learning topic this term. Our art lessons have been exciting!

On Friday 23rd Feb we drove to Dunollie Castle Museum in Oban and enjoyed an activity filled day in the company of a very knowledgeable Viking lady. We have been learning lots about their long ships and longhouses, runes, dress, jewellery and trading.



Raising Awareness of Deafness

We all gained a lot of information and insight into the world of deaf people from Mrs Alison Attwood who visited last month. She allowed us to experience what a busy classroom sounded like to someone with impaired hearing and we also learned a little sign language.

