



Sandbank News



Spring Term 2025

Welcome



We are excited to present the very first issue of our school newspaper created by the members of the Communications Community Group. This newspaper is a place for us to share exciting news, celebrate achievements, and highlight all the wonderful things happening at Sandbank Primary.

Our goal is to give every student, teacher, and staff member a voice. Whether it's showcasing student talents, providing school updates, or sharing fun stories, we hope this newspaper helps us all stay connected and informed.

Scottish Spirit Comes Alive at Sandbank Primary

Last week, our school was filled with excitement as we took part in our own Scottish Celebration Day! It was a day packed with fun, creativity, and plenty of Scottish pride.

In the morning, all the children split into their four house groups and took part in some amazing Scottish activities. There was something for everyone to enjoy!

Throughout the day, pupils rotated around four different activity stations, experiencing the best of Scottish culture. They explored Scottish tartan, learning about its history and even creating their own colourful designs. In the Scottish baking session, they got hands-on designing a Scottish biscuit. The traditional music station gave everyone a chance to listen to and learn about famous Scottish instruments, while the pom-pom Highland cow making activity let pupils get creative.



I thought the day was the best entertainment we've ever had. I really really enjoyed the way the adults and children got together and did the barn dance. It was an absolutely fantastic day all round.

Mr Macdonald

After a fun-filled morning, the whole school came together for a special performance in front of parents and guardians. Each class took to the stage to showcase Scottish songs and poems, celebrating Scotland's rich culture.

It all started with the ELC - EME class, who wowed us with their adorable performance of "3 Crows," a classic Scottish song that had everyone smiling. From there the singing and poetry filled the room with energy and excitement. A big thank you to P6/7 who gave us a 'whistle-stop' tour of Robert Burns' poems. They made us all think about the power of poetry! To wrap up the class performances, GME 6/7 played a beautiful rendition of 'Auld Lang Syne' displaying incredible teamwork in their class band.

But that wasn't all! The afternoon also featured Highland dancing and the sounds of chanters and bagpipes. To wrap things up, the whole school came together for an awesome Scottish country dance. And the best part? Parents joined in the fun too for the final dance, making it a huge community celebration!

What an amazing afternoon full of talent, teamwork, and Scottish pride. A big thank you to all the students, teachers, and parents who helped make this celebration unforgettable - everyone could feel the spirit of Scotland in the air!

I liked all of it like making cookies and weaving. The band in P6/7 class was fun.

*Bha an latha air leth math.
Chluich sinn ionnsramaidean air beulailch a h-uile duine agus chòrd sin rium gu mòr.*

We liked singing the songs and doing the dance. Making cookies as well.



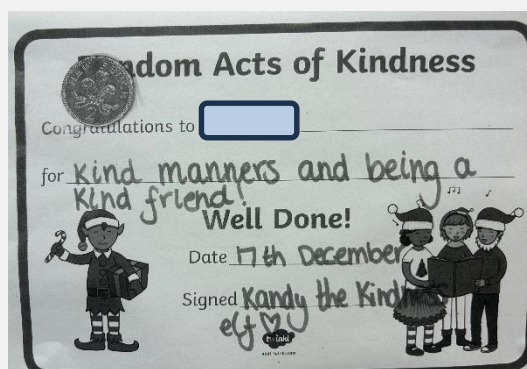
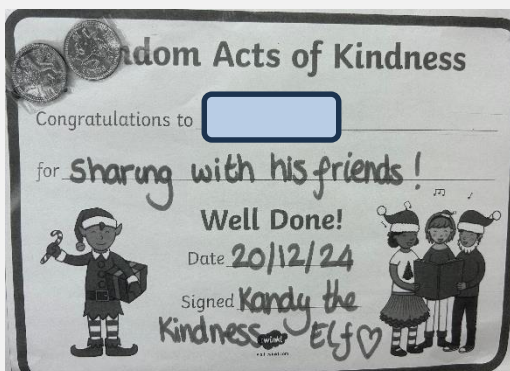
Every voice counts: How Sandbanks community groups are shaping our school

At Sandbank Primary, every child plays an important role in shaping the future of our school by being part of one of our five community groups: Communications, Positive Relationships, Languages, STEAM and Outdoor Learning.

Each community group focuses on a unique area of school improvement.

Together, these groups encourage student voice and put pupils at the heart of decision-making, giving everyone a chance to contribute their ideas and talents. It's all part of our mission to make Sandbank Primary a place where learning is collaborative, creative, and led by the students themselves.

Through their efforts, every child is making a difference—and we're excited to see how their hard work will continue to shape our school for the better.



Great Kindness Challenge



This term saw the Great Kindness Challenge take place at the end of January encouraging students and staff to think about ways to promote kindness and positive interactions with others. In line with our school values, encouraging random acts of kindness creates a school community we are proud to be a part of. Thank you to P1-3 who have shared some of their kindness certificates delivered by Kandy the Kindness elf in the run up to Christmas!

Kindness Bingo

Why don't you see how many random acts of kindness you can achieve at home!



Storm Eowyn Forgotten Birdbox

While Storm Eowyn brought strong winds that led to the school being closed for a day, it also revealed a forgotten bird box that had been dislodged from the side of the building. When students and staff found the box on the ground, they were surprised to discover bird eggs inside!

Even though the box had been unnoticed for years, a bird had still made it a cosy home. It was an exciting find, and many were curious about what kind of bird had been living there. The school is now thinking about putting the bird box back up in a safer place, so birds can continue to nest there in the future.

As we move into spring, we hope to see more birds around the school, building their nests and maybe even hatching chicks! This little discovery reminds us to keep an eye out for nature all around us—sometimes, even in the most unexpected places.





Classroom Catch-Up

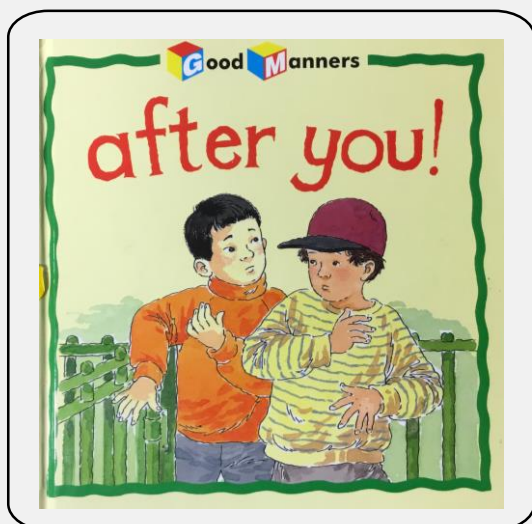
ELC - GME

Busy in the ELC GME our young learners have been exploring the story 'Catriona air Chuairt'. Introducing lots of new vocabulary this book also covers mini topics such as, where we live, homes, food and drink, healthy eating, family, occupations and people who help us.



ELC - EME

Just across the hall the children have been learning about nice manners and compliments using a book called 'After you'. Brought together by the right to be respected the children have been practicing using kind words to make their friends smile. When asked about a way to make someone feel good pupils commented on kind hands and saying please and thank you. Well done – keep spreading kindness!



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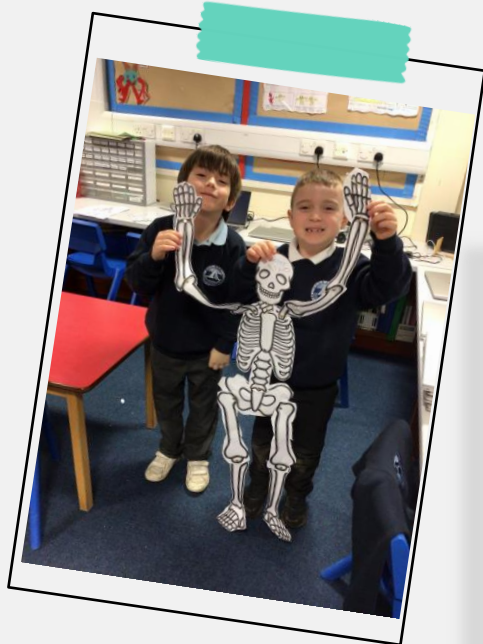
GME 2-5

This term GME 2-5 have been learning about the Highland clearances and their impact on Scottish history. As part of their project, they designed their own Blackhouses, using their creative designs to gain a deeper understanding of how people lived during this time.



P1-3

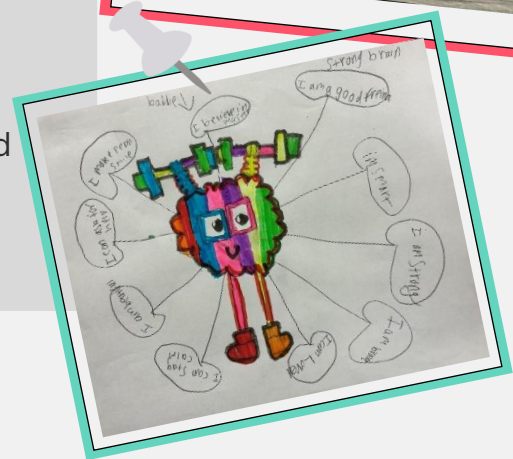
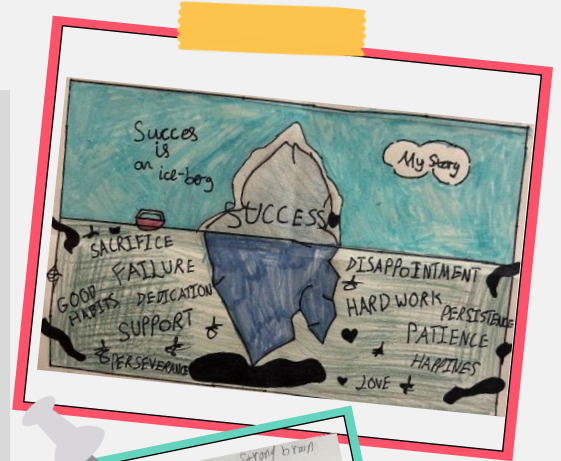
P1-3 have been getting hands on with their learning through creative play! They've been working together to build skeleton models, helping them to identify the skull, spine, ribcage and some of the other bones in the arms and legs. With plenty teamwork and creativity, they've had loads of fun while learning about the human body!



Classroom Catch-Up

Growth mindset and Ar n-Inntinn fallain in P4/5 and GME 6/7

GME 6/7 and EME 4/5 have been thinking about positive mindset! They have explored what makes our brains strong and special, learned about resilience, and discovered how failure can make us grow. They've also been using positive affirmations to build confidence and remind themselves that they can achieve with effort and perseverance.



P6/7

P6/7 have been having great fun with poetry this term! They've been getting creative with metaphors, similes and personification, bringing their writing to life with themes of wild weather and Scots poetry. When the storm shut the school, they didn't waste a second – instead taking inspiration from Robert Burns and whipping up their own Scottish themed poems. Talk about turning stormy weather into a poetic adventure!



New Extracurricular

Our Pupil Council is hard at work bringing fresh ideas to life! They're currently working together to establish two exciting new lunchtime clubs: a Drawing Club and a Chess Club.

These clubs aim to provide fun, inclusive spaces where everyone can learn new skills, make friends, and enjoy their lunchtime activities. Stay tuned for more updates as the Pupil Council finalises the details—we can't wait to see these clubs in action!



**Enjoy your February
half term break. We
can't wait to see you
all back in school on
Tuesday 18th
February!**