

# SCHOOL REPORT

## COMMUNITY WEEK

In the past few years, Bridge of Allan Primary School has been taking part in a variety of activity weeks which have included Health Week and Education for Work Week. This year all the pupils took part in Community Week. The main point of this week was to get the children more involved with their local community.

Some of the activities the upper school got to take part in included Orienteering, Swimming, Rugby and Aerobics. The infants also took part in Mugga, going to the park and visiting the Health Centre. All of the pupils got to go to the school library to watch Joe Fletcher from P7F get his



very, very long hair cut to raise money for the war memorial in Bridge of Allan. Everyone also raised money for Childline by taking part in Line Dancing inside the school gym hall.

Primary 1 said that they really enjoyed walking up to the library and they liked going and bouncing on the trampolines because it was really fun and they got to bounce really high.

Primary 2 told us that they enjoyed going up to the Health Centre because they got to talk to the Doctor. They also really enjoyed Mugga as all the games were really fun. One of the children said, "Mugga was really fun and also it was really sporty."

When we interviewed the primary 3, they said that their favourite activity was Mugga because they got to play lots of sports and fun games. They also really enjoyed visiting the Health Centre because a few of the children were going to be having a baby brother or sister soon. One child said "It was really fun because we don't normally get to dot these types of

activities in school."

When we went to speak to the primary 4, nearly every pupil said that they had enjoyed working on the wildlife garden and making the path. They also really enjoyed walking up to the church and planting a tree in a garden. "Community week was really fun and everyone took part," one person said.

Primary 5 said that they really enjoyed playing rugby because some of them had never played the sport before. They also really enjoyed watching Joe from P7 getting his hair cut as it was fun and the money went to a good cause.

Primary 6 also enjoyed going to the swimming pool as they got to play lots of games and they had a really fun time. They also enjoyed going orienteering as they got to work and a team and run about a lot. One of the P6's said, "It helped everyone get active and encouraged people to try new things.

Primary 7 really enjoyed going to the Ice Rink and playing curling as it was really fun, kept us active and everyone got to take part. Everyone also enjoyed swimming as some people had never been to the University pool before. One of the P7s said, "Community week was huge success and we hope something like that happens again in High School."

Overall, nearly all of the pupils in the school thought that community week was a success and all of the teachers thought it was very beneficial to the pupils as they got to try new things and helped people learn more about their community.

## P7 PUPILS SAY GOODBYE

By the time this paper appears, Primary 7 pupils will have been on their residential trip to Dalguise which lies between Dunkeld and Pitlochry, spending four nights away from their families, and taking part in plenty of outdoor activities.

They will just have visited Wallace High for the "Transition Days" on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. To mark the end of their Primary School days, Megan surveyed their views:

Throughout our years in Bridge of Allan Primary we have had many ups and downs (luckily more ups than downs). In nursery, with our little blue jumpers, we never thought we'd make it this far. Finally we've reached the big black jumper and it feels so good. The only sad thing about it is thinking how much we are going to miss our little primary school. We asked some P7's what they are going to miss the most about Bridge of Allan Primary:

- "I'm going to miss all the teachers and

especially being a P7 because you get loads of responsibility like being monitors, but I will miss my buddy the most because she is so sweet and she looks up to me so much!!!!"

- "I'm probably going to miss all my friends who are going to different High Schools and of course all the teachers! I will probably miss being a House Captain the most though because it is really fun."

We are all really excited about high school but have really enjoyed our time at Bridge of Allan. These are some of the things we enjoyed most throughout our years:

- "I enjoyed meeting everyone in P1 and then getting to know them better all the way through to P7."
- "I really enjoyed P1 because we just played around and did really fun work."
- "We are going to Dalguise soon and I think that will be the best thing I've done at Bridge of Allan Primary!"
- "I've always been a big fan of Golden Time especially in summer because you get to go outside!"

In all we have really enjoyed our time at Bridge of Allan Primary and we will miss every bit of it!

Megan Gibbons

## NOTE

The Bridge of Allan Times would like to thank all of our P7 correspondents who sent us the school news this year this year, as well as their supportive teacher, Miss Beverley Aitken.

## TALENT SHOW

Each year Bridge of Allan Primary hosts a talent show which involves children showing off their talents to the pupils and teachers but first, if you want to enter the talent show, you need to win the class auditions. This year it was a bit different because the Stewart House captains were in charge of organising the talent show.

All the pupils loved the acts and the Stewart House Captains were very proud of the show. The use of stage lights also made it a lot more exciting and gave the hall a much better atmosphere and gave the acts more confidence. The list of people who took part were:

- P1P/H-The sugar plum fairies- Imogen, Laia, Abbie, Lauren, Zara, Emily, Ann-marie
- P1D-Torin
- P2R-Inzook on the harmonica
- P2S-Lachlan signing Loch Lomond
- P3C-Rachel and Nicola singing
- P4BR-Brittany, Kaliagh, Lauren dancing
- P4B-The Scissor Sisters - Kerri, Millie
- P5R/T-Finn Clasen playing the piano
- P5C-Ruri, Connell, Dougal acting a comedy
- P6F-Wild cats dancing

- P6P-Pablo playing the violin
- P7F-Lovettes dancing
- P7A-Emma playing the piano

We interviewed the Stewart House Captains:

**Did you think it was better arranged by children?**

"Yes, because it gave us experience for later life and we knew how to make it exiting for the pupils because we are children so we know what they like".

**Do you think the pupils enjoyed it?**

"Yes, it was different than all the other years and more exiting with lights".

**Do you think it was a success?**

"Yes, you could tell the pupils liked it and the acts were really good and talented".

**Did you enjoy arranging the talent show?**

"Yes, we did enjoy arranging the show and learnt a lot of skills that we could use again".

The winners of the talent show were - for the infants, Inzook on the harmonica, and for the upper school, Pablo on the violin.

## COMING UP

**Summer Fayre** - The summer fayre will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June. This is the time when you can sell, sell, sell. There are toys to be bought, cakes and biscuits to be eaten, and games such as the tombola to be won. There is also a five aside football tournament which anyone can take part in. If you win your team are rewarded with medals!

**Sports Day** - This is the day when all the teams (Bruce, Stuart, Wallace and Douglas) compete against each other for the school trophy. It will be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June. It is organised by Wallace. There will be many different sports to compete in, but only one house can win!

**P7 Leavers Assembly** - On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June there will be a P7 leaver's assembly. This is when the P7's get to show off all their talents, to the school and their parents. There are songs, scenes and much, much more!

**Discos** - There will be a fantastic disco arranged by the PTA on the 15<sup>th</sup> of June. This is the place if you want to show off all your dance moves!

**Go Yellow Day** - On Go Yellow Day we will be raising money for Strathcarron Hospice. All you have to do is wear any yellow clothing you have, and bring a donation. Go Yellow Day is held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of June.

**Class Trips** - At the end of the year, all the classes are rewarded a school trip. Every class goes somewhere fun and exiting. This is a reward for all their hard work during the year.

Charlotte Riley

## A Century Ago in Bridge of Allan

**Town Council: Motor Car Traffic - the dust nuisance (May 11)**

Baillie Turnbull said that the application of tar macadam had not been quite a success, but he really believed that this was due to the weather. The calcium chloride treatment of the roadway had been very successful so far, and he thought they [the Town Council] should give it a further trial. The latter was more easily applied than tar. He hoped between the two schemes that they would arrive at a satisfactory solution of the dust problem.

Mr Pullar said that in connection with this matter he thought it was rather an anomaly that they should put up warning notices for motor cars, and not have a speed limit. They were quite out of the running, for every village in Scotland had now a speed limit.

It was quite possible that large towns might do without a speed limit, because motorists were compelled to take very great care indeed when passing through these towns, not only for the safety of the people, but for the sake of themselves and

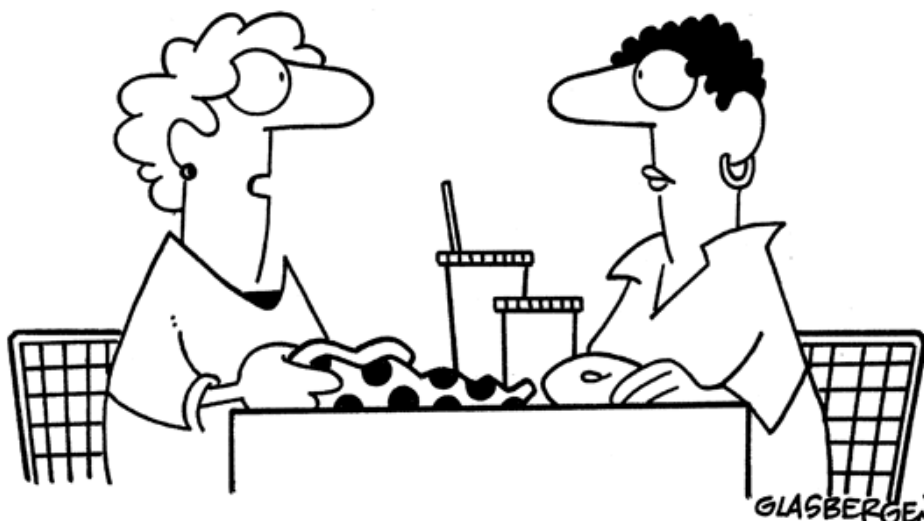
of their cars. In Bridge of Allan there was a straight run of over a mile, and chauffeurs could cover this at almost any rate they wished. Such a village as theirs was bound to have a speed limit, and they must have it.

They were going on spending enormous sums on this road that the inhabitants might have peace in their lives, and be able to open their windows, but he was bound to say that under present circumstances any motor would raise a great deal of dust, and this was most offensive.

A car travelling at 10 miles an hour would not do so much damage to the road as a car travelling beyond that speed. A car going at twenty miles an hour would do ten times as much damage to the road as the car that was travelling at 10 miles an hour.

Any one knew perfectly well that whenever a motor went beyond ten miles an hour nothing could resist the shock of it. Mr Watson (Convener of the Works Committee) agreed to bring the matter before the Works Committee and report to the next meeting of the Council.

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**"I refuse to go on a diet. If God had wanted people to see my bones, He would have put them on the outside!"**