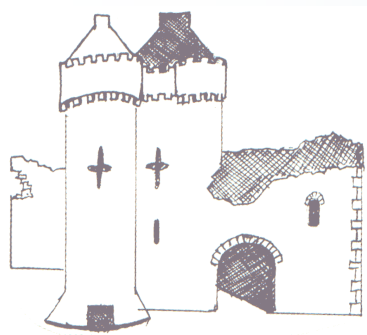


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Skipness News



CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE

Thursday 24th December 7pm

Favourite carols

Children taking part

All welcome

FESTIVE FAMILY DANCE

Skipness village hall

Gunna Sound Ceilidh Band

Wednesday 30th December

8:30pm

Adults £8, under 18 £3 under 12 FREE!

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School News



For the last 4 weeks Skipness pupils, on Wednesdays and Thursdays have been doing Christmas crafts for their Christmas Extravaganza. They have made candle holders, photo frames, gift bags, foliage candle table top decorations, cork deer and tree decorations (deer and toadstools) If the crafts are not all sold at the Extravaganza, you may be able to buy things on Monday 20th December at the school. People say they are really well made.

FLUTE LESSON

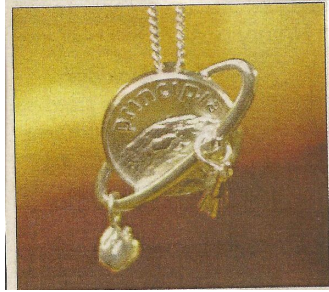


On the 10th November Heleana McAllister had her first proper flute lesson. Heleana's friend Eilidh is having lessons with her. Their flute teacher is called Miss Ewan. So far Heleana has started to read music and she has learned the notes B, A, G and F. When you blow into a flute you don't put your bottom lip over the hole you put your bottom lip at the side of the hole.

Local News

Space Mission

Recently Timothy Peake went into space with a silver pendant that was designed in a Blue Peter competition and made by Mike Hurst at Jewellery Casting Scotland in Carradale. Sandy McKinnon, one of the pupils who attended to Skipness school is a key person in the team at Carradale and Mike with Trish his wife come to Skipness ceilidhs.



Messy Church

On the 2nd of December Mrs Abernethy kindly took Zac to Messy church in Tayinloan hall. The children there had a meal of fajitas, salad and for dessert they had meringue with angel delight and fruit. They did Christmas activities and sang a Christmassy song. There were over 35 children and helpers there. Zac met some of his friends from Clachan primary school .

Beach Clean

The Grab Trust gave £155 towards the beach clean organised by Mrs Hilary Bridge in July, which made the total from the beach clean of £228

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Mrs and Mr Bridge also ran a Macmillan coffee morning in memory of Peter Bridge, David's son, who died after a battle with cancer earlier this year. The total raised was £480.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Jenny and Sean.

Jenny Richmond was a pupil in Skipness school and has had a baby.

Millie Louise Taylor was born on Monday 7th December at the RAI hospital in Paisley. She weighed 3.88Kg or 8lbs 9ozs.





Calf playing in the
snow

Holly bush swaying in
the wind

Reindeer working on
the sleigh

Icicles hanging from
the rooftop

Santa's eating mince
pies

Tree waiting for
presents to be under

Mistletoe dropping
from the ceiling

A family roast dinner

Snowmen made by
kids on Christmas Day.

by Zac



Butternut Orzotto

Ingredients

1kg butternut squash

4 x 15ml olive oil

1 tsp. ground mace

1 onion

500g pearl barley

125ml white wine

1.2 liters veg stock

250g mascarpone

75g pine nuts

1 tsp. fresh sage

Salt and pepper

Method

Preheat the oven to 220C.

Slice the butternut, remove the seeds and cut into approx. 1-inch cubes.

Tip the butternut cubes out onto roasting tray with 2 tablespoons of the oil and half a teaspoon of the ground mace, and shake the butternut around to coat them in the oil. Roast for about 40-50 minutes, or until tender. Meanwhile, gently cook the chopped onion for about 10 minutes in the remaining oil. Turn up the heat to medium, add the barley to the onion, and stir for about 2 minutes, turning the barley in the

mixture, then turn the heat up to high, add the wine and let it bubble down a bit.

Add the hot vegetable broth, put a lid on the pan and let the orzotto cook gently for about 30 minutes, or until done but still nubby.

When the squash is tender, take it out of the oven and put half of it (judging by eye only) in a blender with half the mascarpone, and liquidize. Stir this into the cooked barley and season to taste.

Add the remaining mascarpone plus, if needed, some vegetable stock along with the remaining squash cubes and mace.

Stir gently for about 15 minutes.

While the orzotto is cooking, toast the pine nuts by tossing them in a hot, dry frying pan until they turn a deep gold.

Stir half the pine nuts into the orzotto and scatter the remaining half, along with the chopped sage, on top.

Garnish with a few sage leaves.

Mrs Bell

Climate Change

Leaders from all over the world like China, the UK and America met in Paris to discuss climate change and also they decided to reduce gas emissions. The countries have a target of keeping temperature rise to 1.5C. They're also going to monitor the climate every 5 years.



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200 leaders came to discuss this

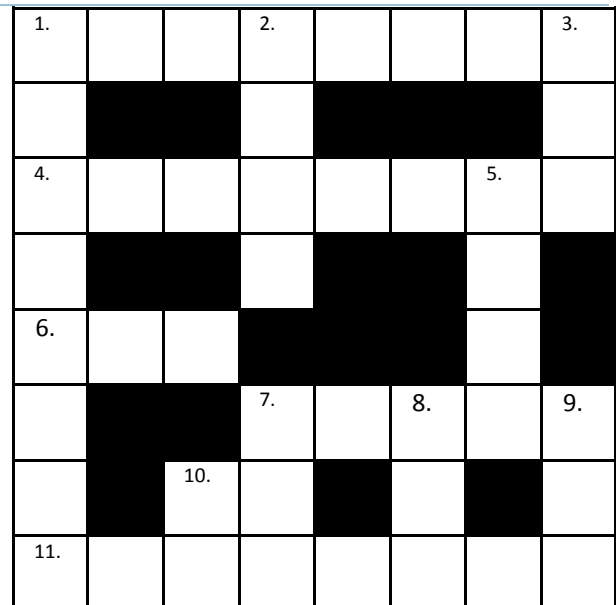
Crossword

Across

1. Children like these (8)
4. Make attractive (8)
6. A form of water (3)
7. A source of mutton (5)
10. No. 7 does this (2)
11. Looks after no. 7 (8)

Down

1. For dessert (8)
2. A form of precipitation (4)
3. Abbreviation for power company (3)
5. Woody plant (4)
7. A solution that circulates in a plant (3)
8. Santa starts his journey on Christmas ... (3)
9. Can grow on 5 (3)
10. A verb (2)



Last Months Answers

Across

1. Catholic
7. Hero
8. At
9. Radar
10. Radio
13. Mn
14. Bible
16. An
17. Nameless

Down

1. Chairman
2. Aet
3. Tr
4. Horrible
5. Lode
6. Careless
- 12.Oi
15. Bee

From our Log Books

At the start of 1916 the attendance was poor, but not because of the weather for a change. Mr Johnston said, “the shooting tenant at Claonaig is employing the scholars to help at the shooting”. Mr Johnston was very pleased with good progress during the second week of January, but this did not last into the next week.

The roll was marked by Mr Hector Currie and found to be correct. Mr Johnston was pleased that the grammar lessons (speech or writing that obeys rules) “bore fruit”. On the 8th of February an HMI visited the school. Bad weather and an epidemic of colds meant that the attendance was poor and Mr Johnston was exasperated because he could not get on with the work especially in the younger classes. Those children had to walk a long distance to school. In March the Reverend William Eadie the minister of the church in Skipness checked the roll. In April there was a short Easter break which started on Thursday 20th and lasted until Wednesday the 26th. There was a geography “revisal” test of Africa for the seniors and England in the junior class which gave good results. In June there was the “required at home nuisance”, and this was keeping girls in the house to help. On the day the school closed for the summer vacation the children had a bible exam, when they had to learn long passages from the bible which were written in very difficult words. Nowadays children bring in games to play on the last day of the summer term.

In the new term, the boys were employed at harvest in September and in October there were 2 weeks of holiday for potato lifting. The weather was so bad that the crop could not be lifted. The boys were then absent from school and Mr Johnston was annoyed. He said, “The Board refuses to take measures to compel attendance.” School Boards were made up of local people elected to run schools from 1872. School Boards with elected parent members started in 1988, but in 2006 Parent Councils with all parents included were introduced.

