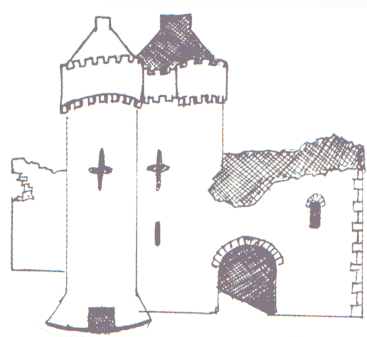


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Skipness News



Hallowe'en Party & Family Dance!
Skipness Village Hall



cakes
sandwiches
teas

Live music by
Sileas Sinclair

Friday 30th October

Children's Fancy Dress Party - 7.30pm
Family Dance - 8.30pm
Adults - £8, Under 18s £3, Under 12s - FREE!

 **All proceeds in aid of RNLI** 
Home Baking, raffle and RNLI stall

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Special points of interest

- New feature: Farming News (p3)
- Hallowe'en Cookery (p4)

Christmas cake



On the 21st October, Mrs. Henderson and the pupils made their Christmas cake for the 'Guess the Weight' at the Christmas Fayre! This has become a tradition at Skipness Primary School thanks to Mrs Henderson's expertise.

There were lots of ingredients to put in such as eggs, flour, sugar, cherries, currants, sultanas, raisins, butter, condensed milk and a little bit of sherry to give it a special flavour!

Once all the ingredients were in, the pupils had to do their special mixing. The mixture was quite stiff and was hard to mix with a wooden spoon so we used an electric whisk to help. At the end, everyone made a secret wish which is another tradition.

If you want a chance to win the cake, please come to our School Christmas Fayre!

Another festive cake is Dundee Cake which is traditionally made without icing, cherries and marzipan.

Personal Projects

This term the pupils are each doing a personal project. That means they had to choose something that particularly interested them to research.

Heleana's personal project is Irish history 100 years ago, Joe's project is about how to build different types of structures and Zac's is about machines.

School Painted

Just before the October holidays, Donnie Gillies painters and decorators from Campbeltown came to paint the outside of the school. First they had to scrape all the old paint off. The next day they were back again to paint. They painted the undercoat which was bright pink! Then they painted the school a colour called 'Berry Blast' which is a red colour.

Unfortunately, they could not paint the office because the wood needs replacing before it can be painted.



Local News

Farming news

In the winter farmers are still busy people because of feeding. There is no grass for the cows so we feed them bales of silage that we made in September. When we're feeding the cows the ground can be muddy and boggy and the farmers can get stuck in the muddy bog. The bales go into a ring feeder. We unwrap the bales then we tip them in the ring. Next, we go to a different hill where there are more cattle. The cows are fed silage all through the winter until the grass starts to grow again in the Spring.

Last week some of the bull calves went away to the Dalmally sale.

Zac Carter,
P6



What is Silage?

Grass or other green fodder compacted and stored in airtight conditions, typically in a silo, without first being dried, and used as animal feed in the winter.

List of Preachers

1st November—John Morrison
8th November—Rev Chris Fulcher
(Communion)
15th November—Tom McKay
22nd November—James McLellan
29th November—John Morrison
6th December - John Morrison
13th December—John Morrison
20th December - John Morrison

A harvest lunch was held in the church after the Harvest Thanksgiving Service. This was instead of the usual coffees after the service. About 25 people stayed for the lunch and with a bit of reorganisation all were seated at tables. The produce gifted for the service was taken to the Campbeltown Food Bank. Thanks to Mr McHugh for its delivery.

On Hallowe'en

I saw a witch in a ditch

I saw a ghost eating toast (up a lamppost!)

I saw a skeleton in my wellington

I heard a wolf howl and prowl

I heard some wizards eating gizzards

I heard a cat that hissed and spat

I smelt a Mummy with a tummy

I smelt a Zombie in Abercrombie

I smelt rotting eggs and sweaty legs

I tasted soup that was made of gloop

I tasted a potion and it gave me a notion

I tasted blood and it was soooooo good!

I felt a bone that was made of stone

I felt something hairy in the dairy

I felt a frog stuck in a bog.

Written by The Grim Reaper,

Hallowe'en Cookery

Witches fingers

Cut the crusts off some white bread and spread with cream cheese.

Roll up tightly to finger width.

Make marks with a knife to look like knuckles.

Press an almond at one end to look like a nail.

Enjoy!

Eye ball pasta

8 oz pasta twists, boiled and drained

1 tin chopped tomatoes

1 tin condensed tomato soup

1 tsp garlic paste

4 oz grated cheese

Some peas and sweetcorn cooked and drained.

Mix altogether with pasta, put into ovenproof dish and cook for 20-25 minutes.

For eye balls:

Mozzarella cheese balls.

Cherry tomatoes halved.

Few basil leaves.

Scoop out tomatoes, add cheese balls,

make a small indent and add a little sliver of basil .

Add to pasta before serving.



Dracula's Blood

1litre of sugar-free lemonade

350g frozen rasp

Ice cubes

jelly teeth sweets

Combine the rasp and lemonade in a bowl. Set aside for 20 mins or until liquid turns red. Stir every now and then. Strain the lemonade into a large jug .

Divide the ice & teeth between 8 glasses and top up with lemonade.

Why is ivory so sought after?



Astonishingly, every year around 30,000 African elephants are killed for their tusks that are made of ivory. China buys and sells more ivory than anywhere else in the world. Thousands of elephants die as a consequence of hunters taking their tusks because removing them almost always kills the animals. And it's not just elephants - it's walrus and hippos too. Rhinos can be killed for their horn but these are actually made out of hair and not ivory. In captivity, they cut off the rhinos horns so they don't get killed. The government has said they want to totally ban ivory sales soon but it is still legal to sell old carvings and ornaments. Various people don't want ivory to be banned in China because they say that carving it is an old Chinese custom that should carry on. However, a new survey showed that 95 per cent of people in China wanted ivory to be banned to defend the elephants.

In the early 1970s most piano companies stopped using ivory for piano keys.

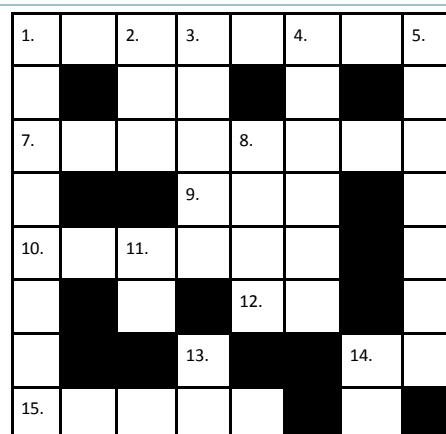
Crossword

Across

1. BBQ (8)
6. On your foot minus t (2)
7. King of the Isles (8)
9. Blue ... (3)
10. You can get a chocolate one of these (6)
12. George Clooney was in this (2)
14. 2 letter word
15. Spanish snacks (5)

Down

1. Area below ground (8)
2. Read-only memory (3)
3. Healthy plants (5)
4. Peter and Mary are part of this near Aberdeen (6)
5. Another names for headrighs (7)
8. Go up (4)
11. We (2)
13. He's in the A-team (2)
14. Id est (2)



Last Months Answers

Across

1. Absolute
5. Scroll
6. DM
7. Rap
8. Yore
9. On
11. St.
12. Timeless

Down

1. Abstract
2. Scrape
3. Lolly
4. Elements
6. Dross
10. We

Report of H M Inspector 1913

“The efficiency of the school is maintained at a very satisfactory level. Reading and writing are unusually good, and the intelligence of the pupils is well developed. More time might, with advantage, be given to several in Arithmetic.

The teacher is to be complimented on the neat and tidy appearance of the schoolroom.

Ordinance survey maps of the district should be supplied for use in the Supplementary class”.

From Our Log Books

The year 1914 started with dry weather, which was good for the children coming a distance, but attendance was poor. There were various sorts of minor illnesses, such as colds, swelled glands and vomiting. On January 30th Mr Johnston said that “a very stormy morning kept most of the children from coming”, but then he said only 16 were present. This tells us that there were more than 30 children in the class. We are not sure how they would all fit into the classroom, which is the one we are in today. Of course there would only be benches, tables, teacher’s desk and chair.

Progress was better in February but they still had colds. The Nature Knowledge (like our Forest Schools) and singing were not taken. In March Mr Johnston was ill and school did not open on 3 consecutive days. The Easter holiday was from 9th – 15th April. Mr Graham who owned the estate checked the register. In August work was “out of joint” after the holiday. On August 14th it was too hot for drill (like our PE but with no PE equipment. The 12th – 16th October was a holiday to allow children to gather potatoes, which were fortunately ready in that week. There was very stormy weather in December, which meant there were only empty benches in the younger classes for most of the week. The school closed on 23rd December for the Christmas vacation.



Gathering Potatoes