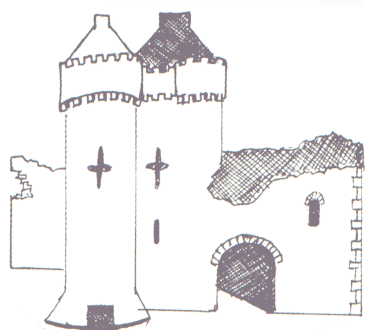


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Lego Mindstorms

Workshop

Parents and friends invited

Monday 28th September

1.30 pm

Hallowe'en Skeleton Drive

(Beetle Drive)

All invited

Friday 30th October

1.30pm

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Lego Mindstorms

Skipness pupils have started on a new technology topic using Lego Mindstorms. The Lego Mindstorms are robots made of Lego that you can build and program on the computer. Each pupil has chosen a different robot to make. Zac picked Track3R, Heleana took Gripp3R and Joe picked EV3Rstorm. Also, there are other robots to choose from like R3ptar and Spick3R. At first it seemed like a daunting task to complete but it turned out that it was quite fun once they started. The robots have all got a touch sensor, an infrared sensor, colour sensor and programmable brick that is the brain and voice of the robot. The kits cost about £300.



Heleana said she felt a sense of achievement when she had completed her gripping claw, Zac enjoyed building them and Joseph thought that the programming was the best bit.



Bat in Playground

On Wednesday 16th September Zac went outside at break time and he saw an animal, so he went over to see what it was exactly. He couldn't believe his eyes - it was a bat! He rushed to get Mrs Elkin to come and look. They thought it was sadly dead but it wasn't as suddenly the bat moved its head. Mrs Elkin put the bat into a box and put it in a high space. Mrs MacDonald phoned SNH (Scottish Natural Heritage) to ask their advice about what to do next. They said to put water in the box for the bat and hopefully the bat would be able to fly away at dusk if it was not injured.

Damper Bread

Skipness school made damper bread on the 9th September for the campfire they were going to have. Mrs Elkin, Heleana, Joseph and Zac all tried to make damper bread dough which was probably a first type of bread. All they had to make it with was water and flour and Mrs Elkin challenged them to get the right consistency with no scales to measure with, so they had to think about how best to do that. Zac and Joseph put too much water in and got really sticky hands but Heleana and Mrs Elkin got a good consistency and started to knead the dough. Half a bag of flour later, Zac and Joseph finally got what they believed to be the right consistency so they finally started to knead their dough!

When they finished they went to their Forest School to make a camp fire to cook their damper bread on. The matches that Mrs Elkin had did not work so they went to the shop to get new ones! These worked much better and soon the fire was going well. It was quite difficult to cook the bread evenly on the fire and it made the pupils realise how lucky they were to have ovens these days. At the end the pupils put the fire out with lots of water from the burn.



Beach Clean and Barbecue

This was organised by Hilary Bridge in July as a community event with a purpose. The GRAB (Group for Recycling in Argyll and Bute) Trust sponsors communities to clear their beach of rubbish and raise money. Lots of bags of rubbish were collected, the weather was good and the total amount raised for the village hall was £73 excluding GRAB money. Thanks to all who supported this event.

Village Hall Barbecue

In a generally poor summer, the weather was kind to another community event. There was a steady stream of customers for the delicious venison and beef burgers, served with relishes, barbecued courgettes and mange tout. Locals and visitors alike enjoyed the sunshine in the afternoon. The venison burgers were donated by the Steele family, the rolls by Sophie and drinks by John and Rosemary. Thanks to their generosity and the people who attended, the sum of £293 was raised for the village hall.

Harvest Festival Service

Sunday 25th October
St Brendan's Church
10am
John Morrison

Silaging

On Wednesday 2 September 2015 my Dad & I were Silaging. We get a man to mow the silage, and then we get a man to bale. When the bale is formed it gets spat out of the baler. My dad and I then pick up the bales and take them down to the bale wrapper. After the bales are wrapped, they get stacked. The total the amount of bales we made were 731!!

Zac Carter, P6

Sale of Work

The total raised from the annual sale of work and dance was

£1,933.78

This fantastic sum is a tribute to the hard work and commitment of so many people who are willing to give their time and effort to conserve the church in the village. Thanks to everyone for making this, once again, a fun event with a staggering result.



Hooray For Harvest!

Adorable Apricots, Apples and Avocados
Beautiful Barley, Bananas and Broccoli
Colourful Corn, Coconut and Cauliflower
Delicious Dragon fruit and Dates
Excellent Elderberry and Endive
Fantastic Fennell, Figs and French Beans
Gorgeous Grapes, Grapefruit and Gooseberries
Heroic Hazel Nuts, Herbs and Horseradish
Icy Iceburg Lettuce
Jazzy Jalapenos and Jerusalem Artichokes
Kind Kale and Kiwi
Lovely Lemon, Lime and Lettuce
Marvelous Melon, Marrow Mushroom and Mint
Nice Nectarine, Nettles and Nutmeg
Orange Oranges and Onions
Passionate Potatoes, Parsley and Peanuts
Quirky Quince
Ruby Red Rhubarb, Raspberries and Radish
Supersonic Strawberries, Seaweed and Spinach
Tasty Tomatoes, Tangerines and Turnip
Under-estimated Ugli Fruit
Very tasty Victoria Plums
Wicked Water Melon, Wheat and Watercress
EXtraordinary, eXciting
eXamples of edible plants
Yummy Yams, Yuca
Zingy Zucchini!!!

Heleana, Zac and Joseph

Cookery

Easy Peasy Pizza

Ingredients

Pizza Dough

300g Self Raising Flour

1 tsp Baking Powder

Pinch of Salt

300g Yoghurt (Natural)

Pizza Topping

1 tin of Tomatoes

2 cloves Garlic

Salt and Pepper to taste

1 tsp Mixed Herbs

Tomato paste (optional, to taste)

Method

IMPORTANT: Preheat oven to 200°C.

Put tinned tomatoes in a pan, add crushed garlic and mixed herbs, salt and pepper (to taste).

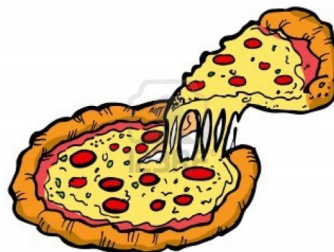
Add some tomato puree (optional) and cook gently. Reduce down until the sauce thickens.

Combine all the dough ingredients together, knead and divide into 4 pieces.

Roll out one of the pieces (approx. 1cm thick) and put onto a baking sheet and into the hot oven for about 2-3 mins. Take it out, turn the pizza base over and then put the pizza topping on top, add some mozzarella cheese (or your own choice of cheese), and a few more mixed herbs and pepper.

Place pizza back in the oven for about 5 mins (or until the pizza base is how you like it).

ENJOY!



Foreign News

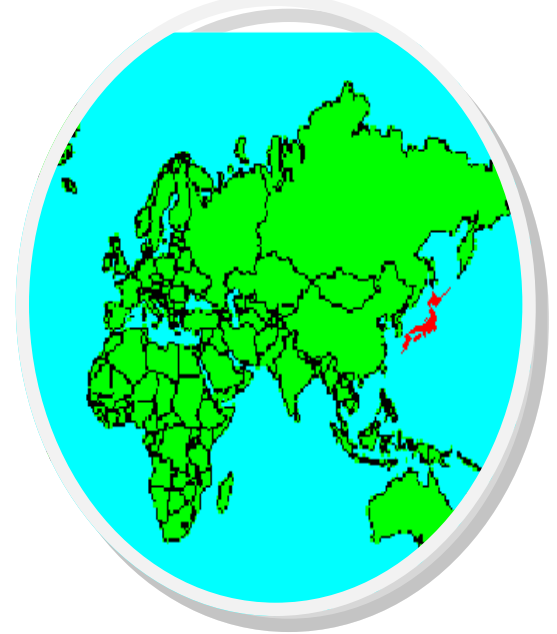
JAPAN'S TERRIFYING TYPHOON

The BBC reported that Typhoon Goni lashed western Japan on Tuesday 25th August.

The torrential rains were forecasted to fall up to 20cm per hour. The destructive winds took hold of Japan destroying their homes. The winds slammed into bridges and blew over lorries and buses.

Power lines were blown over by 159 mph winds and hundreds of planes were cancelled. The Japanese authorities urged 600,000 people to evacuate the cities and villages that were in the path of the typhoon.

Japan's Fire and Disaster Agency stated, "No deaths have been reported but at least 26 people were injured." However the BBC have reported that at least 75 people have been injured and one man has gone missing.

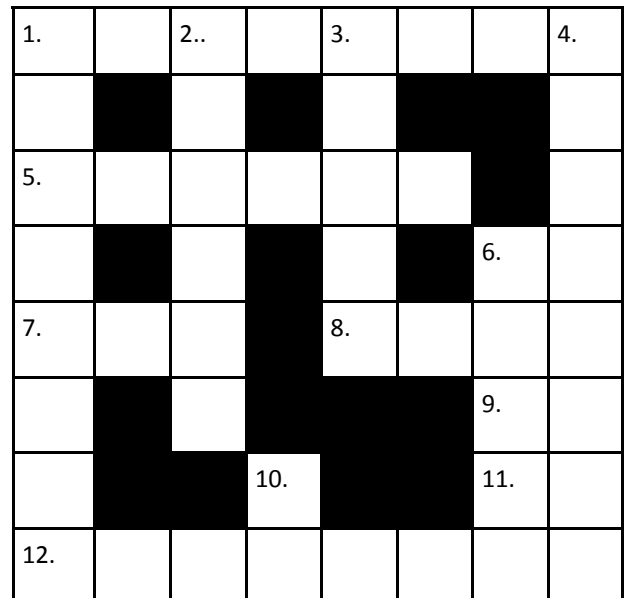


Japan is shown in red

Crossword

Across

1. Complete not restricted . (8)
5. A roll of paper.(6)
6. Department Meeting. (2)
7. A type of spoken song said in rhyme. (3)
8. Relating to long ago. (4)
9. The opposite of "off." (2)
11. Andrew and George are two of these. (2)
12. Not affected by time . (8)



Down.

1. Concerned with ideas. (8)
2. Method to remove wallpaper (6)
3. Ice pole on a stick. (5)
4. Earth wind fire and water. (8)
6. Small bits of coal. (5)
10. A common pronoun. (2)

Last Months Answers

Across

1. Zabaione
7. Heal
8. Obsess
10. Lot
11. Ox
12. Corn
14. Yoga
16. Non
18. Oz
19. Ant

Down

1. Zoology
2. Bust
3. Insect
4. Oes
5. Na
6. Elephant
9. Box
13. Ego
15. Az
16. Na
17. On

From Our Log Books

1913

The school opened on Tuesday 7th January after the Christmas vacation, but closed again on the Thursday for the funeral of the Chairman of the School Board.

The weather was poor for most of January and often the attendance was down to 50 % with many of the children in the infant class absent because the children had to walk to school. Mr Johnston said, "It was impossible for young children to face the long roads". Mr Hector Currie the Manager called the roll and said it was correct. Later in the year Mr Graham who owned the estate checked it. At the start of February the weather was still bad, but then in the second week there was 100 % attendance because it was the first dry week for months. There was an epidemic of colds with no singing taken. Then in the middle of March there was a fierce storm and there were only 10 pupils present. On the 11th of April half of the children were absent because of snow falling. In May there were suspected cases of mumps and there were still absences in June.

Mr Gardiner an HMI visited the school. One boy got a special exemption to leave school. When the school started again in August the school room, urinal and WCs were sprayed with disinfectant. In October there were 3 temporary enrolments of travelling children. In an old register addresses were sometimes given as "a tent on the shore". Pupils were absent with the "required at home nuisance and because of an outbreak of diarrhoea. Another inspector visited in December.



[More information about Village Hallowe'en Dance in October Edition of Skipness News.](#)