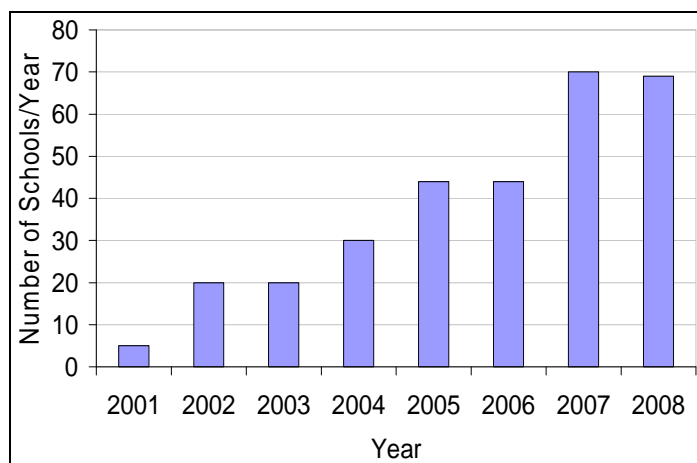


Clyde in the Classroom® 2008

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Welcome to our 4th Clyde in the Classroom newsletter. This year, 1764 pupils from 70 classes in 69 schools from 9 local authority areas participated (St Patricks in West Dunbartonshire had two classes involved). The histogram below illustrates how many schools have taken part since the project started in 2000! It has increased from 5 to 69 per year, a massive increase of 1300%.



In total, since 2001 Clyde in the Classroom has involved 8019 pupils from 247 schools, that's an amazing 41% coverage of all the schools located within the River Clyde catchment.

As you can see from the first table, one class from every school in East Renfrewshire has taken part, 100% participation; well done! We are determined to pursue increased uptake across all of our partner Council areas. Next year, for example, 20 school places have been confirmed in North Lanarkshire.

Council Area	Total number of Primary Schools	Schools that have taken part in CITC	% of council area
East Renfrewshire	24	24	100
Glasgow	172	105	61
Renfrewshire	52	31	60
West Dunbartonshire	34	19	56
Inverclyde	27	13	48
North Lanarkshire	127	31	24
East Dunbartonshire	36	7	19
South Lanarkshire	124	17	14

Fabulous Five

Some schools have used the learning outcomes from the project repeatedly, allowing pupils of different stages to enjoy the project as they move their way up the school ladder. Pupils in P1 at MILLERSNEUK PRIMARY when the project first started will now be in P7!

Primary School	Authority	No. of Years
Millersneuk	E. Dunbartonshire	6
Whiteinch	Glasgow	5
Douglas	S. Lanarkshire	5
Cadder	Glasgow	5
Rashielea	Renfrewshire	5

Launch Day

Demand was such that we had to hold an amazing 5 launch days at the Glasgow Science Centre this year. Our feedback shows that these days were again very popular with the pupils. The Science Mall is a particular favourite, and provides an opportunity for the children to try hundreds of interactive displays (all of which help introduce practical science and how it works!).

The more serious side of the visit however was to learn about the River Clyde, and how to look after the fish and classroom hatchery. Two lectures are given, the first informs the pupils about the diversity of fish that live in the River Clyde and the challenges that they face. Below we can see pupils listening intently to Davie as he tells them about the river. During this lecture the pupils participate in 'Name that Fish' where they have to correctly identify the species; this can turn pretty competitive!



The second presentation provides instruction in fish care and maintenance - challenging - and a first opportunity to see the trout eggs and alevins, which rarely disappoint!



Liberation!!

The release days once again proved to be the most popular part of the project. After weeks of looking after the fish, the pupils gently carried their charges to their local river for release. The schools which did not have a stream in close proximity to the school were bussed to Pollok Country Park. While at the Park some of the schools were interviewed by Nancy Nicolson from BBC Radio Scotland for the Grassroots programme.



Lights, Radio, Action.....Grassroots getting the lowdown at Pollok Park



Pupils & teacher from St Patricks getting wet!

Pupils from Holy Cross saying goodbye.



Coltness Primary; mission accomplished



Gallery

The following picture and articles are wholly the pupils' - haven't they been busy? Well done...



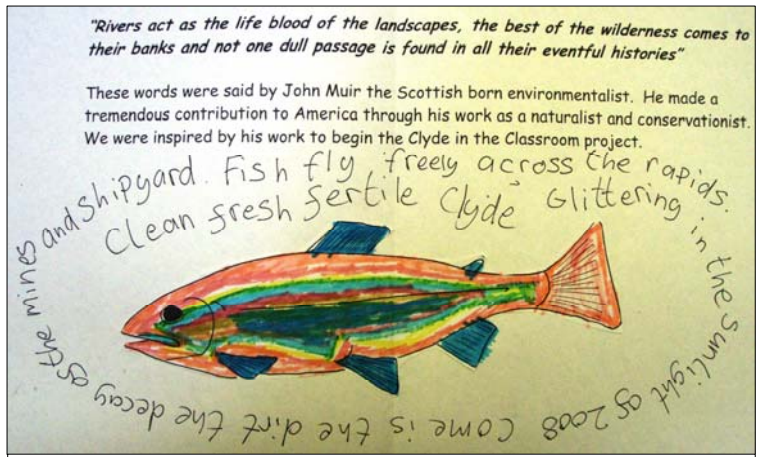
An ice change in action at Lilybank School



Baird pupils illustrating the different stages of the project from eggs to bag and release!

TROUT !
 In Primary 6 we were invited to participate in hatching trout eggs and preparing the fry (small trout) to be released into the River Calder.
 We had to go to the Science Centre in Glasgow to learn about life in the River Clyde, and how to look after the fish eggs in a hatchery.
 We looked after the eggs for about six weeks. The water had to be kept between 7°C and 12°C so we had to replace ice packs regularly to keep the temperature down.
 After 10 days, the eggs hatched into alevins and during the following 3-4 weeks they grew into fry.
 On the 4th of March we took the fish to the River Calder and released them into their natural surroundings.

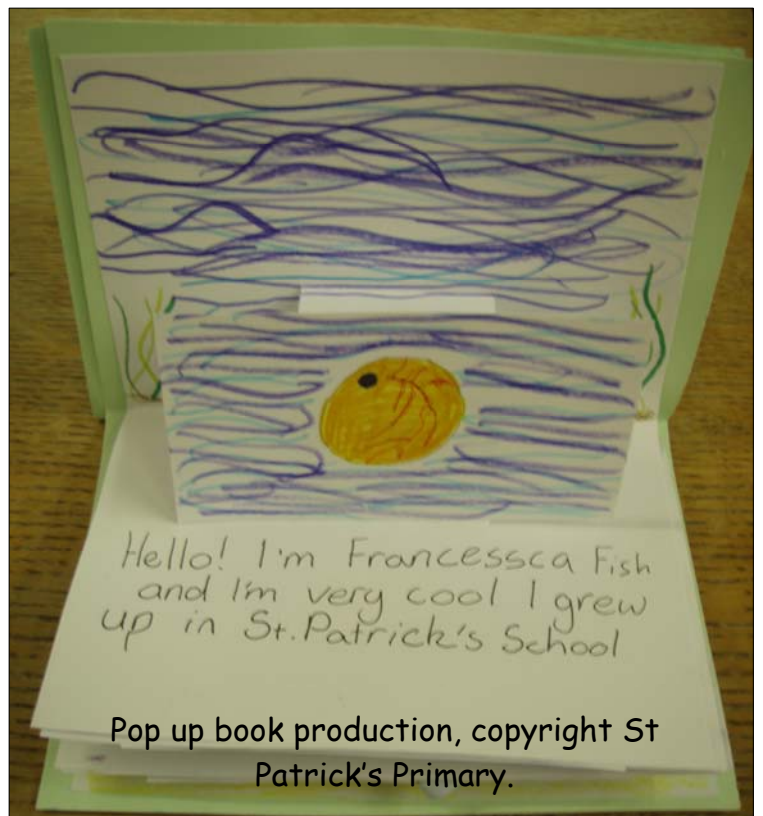
Coltness Primary keeping a close eye on progress with a daily diary



Uddingston Grammar used CITC to fulfil their environment section for their John Muir award.



St Dominic's made this huge river frieze, it even shows all the different stages & what the fish look like, wow.



Volunteers

Once again we would like to thank our volunteers, who helped us to deliver Clyde in the Classroom to the schools. Each volunteer visited their school every week to double check everything was functioning correctly and to answer any questions the teacher or pupils may have had. Our feedback from the schools confirmed that the weekly visits were much appreciated. So may we offer a huge thank you to:

Alex Grozier, Peter Roderickson & David Murray.

Support.....

Education projects require significant finance and without the assistance of our partners and funders, Clyde in the Classroom 2008 could not have happened. We would therefore like to extend a huge thank you to all our supporters: BAE Systems, East Dunbartonshire Council, East Renfrewshire Council, the Ernest Cook Trust, the Hagshaw Hill Windfarm Trust, Glasgow City Council, Glasgow Science Centre, Inverclyde Council, North Lanarkshire Council, Renfrewshire Council, South Lanarkshire Council, Scottish Natural Heritage, West Dunbartonshire Council, West Lothian Council, and the Wild Trout Trust. The children will help us here...

Battlefield
Primary



Burnside
Primary



The Foundation team would like to extend a warm thank you for our award from Newmains Primary School (it will take pride of place on our wall!) and also to Bankhead Primary for making a very generous donation to our favourite charity!



Contact us

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