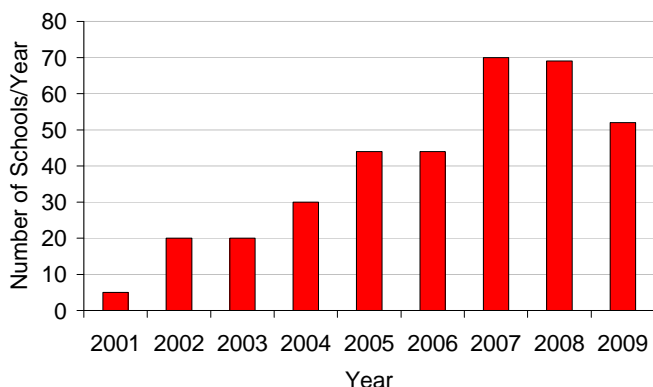


Clyde in the Classroom® 2009

Progress Report

Welcome to our 5th Clyde in the Classroom newsletter. This year, 1425 pupils participated from 53 classes in 9 local authority areas. The bar chart below illustrates how many schools have taken part since the project started in 2001.

In total, since 2001, Clyde in the Classroom has involved 9430 pupils from 362 classes in 227 different schools, that's an amazing 39% of all Primary schools located within the River Clyde catchment.



Recession Hits!

Demand for CITC is growing and we have received further part-funding from Scottish Natural Heritage to allow us to continue the project from 2010-2012. Our fundraising success in 2007/08 allowed us to halve the school contribution to the cost of the project, which was reflected in a huge increase in uptake. The tightening of belts in 2009, however, resulted in the cost to schools rising but a creditable 52 still took part. We are currently engaged in fundraising to reduce the costs again in 2010.

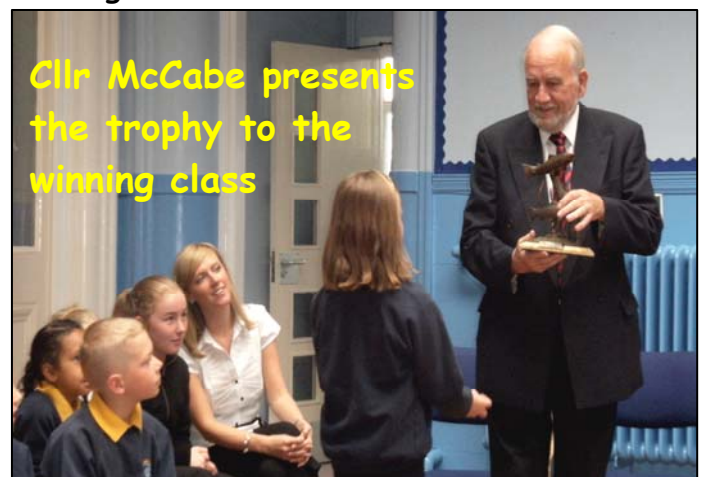
Competition

We decided to reinstate the project competition for 2009, after a year's break and we were inundated with entries! Competition was tough to win the bronze trophy with the school and class names inscribed. It was extremely difficult to pick a winner as all the entries were not only of the highest quality but the breadth of the topics was huge, from poems and songs through to papier mâché and clay models! We are please to announce that this year's winner was....

Glencairn Primary

from Motherwell, North Lanarkshire.

Pupils combined their imagination with computer skills, acting, reporting and script writing to produce a fine example of COMIC LIFE bringing together an array of skills. The finished article can be viewed in the gallery alongside the other winning entries!



Well done everyone!

Launch Day

The launch day at the Glasgow Science Centre was a great success and everyone enjoyed the day. A perennial favourite is the Science Mall and getting the chance to explore the exhibits!

A special mention also to the "Name that Fish" Game, which always gets maximum participation; answers ranging from minnows to stingrays!



Carnbroe Primary enjoying the GSC

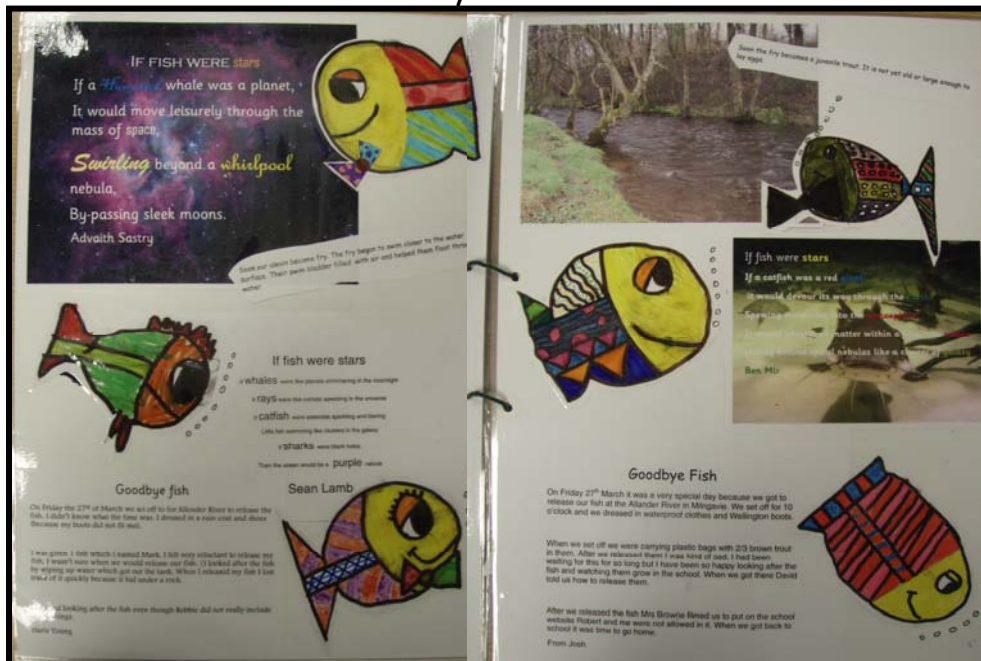
Gallery

Here we can see some of the extraordinary works of art, prose, modelling and even song writing entered into the competition - every one a winner!



The biggest trout ever by Earnhill Pupils!

Milngavie pupils produced huge amounts of poetry and art work to illustrate how they felt towards their fish!



The winning "Comic Life" by Glencairn Pupils

Release Day...

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 (there were a few tears...) Can you see them????



Pupils from G...



Banton Primary Pupils now know the importance of river bugs!



Burnside Primary produced this wall frieze showing the release day and drawings above of how their fish would look in a few years time!



John Paul II pupils produced this fishing scene complete with sequined, pom-pom and smartie fish, yummy!



Pupils from Eaglesham Primary have made a 3D model of a woodland eco-system with fish, birds, tress and even a deer!

Top Marks

We test ourselves every year on how we deliver the project and if our pupils and teachers think it is worthwhile. A questionnaire is given to the teachers to complete and score us on the different aspects of the project and as you can see we are still top of the class.

We also ask for comments and the most re-occurring problem is the cost. We acknowledge this and are doing our best to address it by finding funders and supporters so please take a moment to run your eye over our current supporters, without them Clyde in the Classroom 2009 could not have happened!

Aspect	Score out of 5
Project Summary Document	4.7
Teachers Pack (CD-Rom)	4.7
Introductory Day at the GSC	4.9
Lecture on the Clyde	4.8
Lecture on the Classroom Hatchery	4.8
Delivery Operation of Hatchery	4.8
Dos & Don'ts Poster	4.8
Volunteer Support for School	4.9
Single Point of Contact for Project	4.8
Release Day	4.9
Usefulness of Press Release	4.1
Quality of Bus to GSC	4.9
Quality of Bus to Release site	5.0

Support

We would like to extend a huge thank you to: East Dunbartonshire Council, East Kilbride Angling Club, East Renfrewshire Council, Hagshaw Hill Windfarm Trust, Glasgow City Council, Glasgow Science Centre, Inverclyde Council, Kelvin Angling Association, Lamington Angling Improvement Association, North Lanarkshire Council, Renfrewshire Council, South Lanarkshire Council, Scottish Natural Heritage, United Clyde Angling Protective Association Ltd., Walton Angling Club, West Dunbartonshire Council, and West Lothian Council.

Celebrities

This year saw a record number of new celebrities in the news, can you spot anyone you recognise???

Trout's about that!

TWO Clydebank primary schools have taken part in an initiative to help protect the river Clyde's trout population. The Clyde River Foundation project saw pupils from Tinto and Coalburn Primary schools raising fish in a tank at their school before releasing them into the wild. Both schools also visited Glasgow Science Centre to find out how to take care of their hatchery.

Coalburn Primary class teacher Fiona Fleming was delighted with her P6 work. She said: "The project was all about making the children more aware of the river as well as building up the fish population. The pupils kept the tank in good condition and at the right temperature and managed to hatch 280 fish out of 280."

"This is the third year we have been part of this project. It's something the kids get a lot of pleasure out of but they can get quite attached to the fish and it's hard for some of them to let them go."

Also taking part were Tinto P5 and P7 pupils. Supported by a local angling club, they released their fish into the burn in 'recreation'.

Class teacher Maria Struthers said: "The children were taught how to take care of their hatchery, including dechlorinating the water and maintaining its temperature."

"Once the eggs arrived the children would keep it with frozen water bottles to add to the tank as necessary, recording the temperature daily on a chart."

"They were also responsible for checking the tank each day and removing any eggs or fish which had died or eggs which were not eggs had hatched."

"The children enjoyed rearing the fish and became quite attached to them."

Fiona was impressed by Caroline from the River Foundation who visited once a week to check what the class had been doing and to answer any questions.

Maria added: "Once the fish had reached their optimum size Caroline arranged a release day when the children walked along to the burn and ceremoniously said goodbye to their little charges, which are now happily swimming to the river Clyde."

For further information on the project, visit www.clyderiverfoundation.co.uk.

In the bag...for Coalburn P5 release

Something fishy...has going on at Symington Burn! (Ref: 03012547)

Fish but no chips...for pupils at Coalburn Primary School who took part in the Clyde River Foundation trout project. (Pic by Lindsay Addison, ref: 0301278)

Something's FISHY at Eaglesham...

YOUNG trout were expelled from a cosy classroom at Eaglesham Primary School recently, when they were tipped into the cold water of the White Cart.

But it was all part of a plan, for the Primary 5 youngsters, have reared the baby fish in a special classroom tank, under the expert eye of the Clyde River Foundation's Clyde in the Classroom project which teaches pupils to learn about river life.

And the local Walton Angling Club has worked with the class to pass on its expert knowledge as well as giving a £500 grant to the project.

Now the young trout have been carefully released into the river to start their life journey via the Cart and Clyde.

Their release on March 3 marked a successful end to the project which has involved the pupils in everything from eco-awareness to teamwork and learning about river life.

Eaglesham Primary School head teacher Linda Congdon said pupils have gained a lot from the experience and added: "We're delighted to have been involved and are very grateful to David McElish of the Walton Angling Club who has worked with us."

"This project teaches a great deal of practical environmental information and our primary pupils have really taken the young trout to heart."

David McElish of Walton Angling Club said: "This is a very important practical educational event which captures the very essence of children working hand-in-hand with nature."

"The pupils have shown great enthusiasm for the task."

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