

2013 Newsletter

Greetings!

Welcome to the Clyde in the Classroom 2013 newsletter. We'd like to start by thanking everyone who took part in our biggest year so far! A total 2095 pupils from 79 classes in 77 different schools took part, covering all 8 council areas in the Clyde catchment. Since 2001, the project has involved 16,221 pupils from 325 different Primary Schools – that's 57% of all Primary Schools located within the River Clyde Catchment and 15% of all Primary Schools in Scotland! Well done to everyone involved this time round!

Project lift-off.... We held the ever-popular Launch Days for the project at Glasgow Science Centre in January.

Here, we introduced you to the ecology of the River Clyde and showed you the all-important hatchery and how to look after it! Of course there was plenty of time for exploring the Science Mall as well!



Thousands of eggs! Egg deliveries were slightly delayed due to cold weather – not for us but for the eggs themselves!

A particularly cold winter slowed development of the eggs at Howietoun Fish Farm but once they'd reached the "eyed" stage they could be moved safely and we were ready to go. Each class received 250 eggs - with 79 classes, that's a whopping 19,750 eggs in total!



Fishy friends... We are very proud of how well the fish were cared for this year!

From adoption packs to pledges of protection, it was great to see how committed you all were to raising your fish well!



Cambusnethan pupils' pledge and Clober's class adoption pack


Release day....We're pleased to say that after the egg delay, things went swimmingly! A sudden growth spurt in March (perhaps due to a few very sunny days!) meant that all of the brown trout fry were released in time for the Easter break.



Left: Dennis the Menace and friends (Our Lady of the Rosary) releasing their brown trout on World Book Day! Below: A wintry release day for Tannochside Primary!



How did we do? Check out feedback from this year's teachers below (all scores out of 5)

		Score (max5)
Project summary document	4.95	
Teacher information pack	4.8	
Launch day at Glasgow Science Centre	4.85	
Lecture on fish populations	4.7	
Lecture on trout hatchery	4.85	
Quality of buses	4.9	
Delivery of hatchery	4.9	
Weekly visit from scientists	4.95	
Release day	5	
TOTAL AVERAGE:	4.9/5	

Fishy art....Some amazing artwork was created for the project this year, just a small selection of which is displayed here...

Bankhead Primary highlighted the plight our rivers and seas face by plastic waste. They have turned this waste in to window and candle art



Douglas Primary a fantastic wall frieze which included all the different stages and a message to the fish in their classroom.



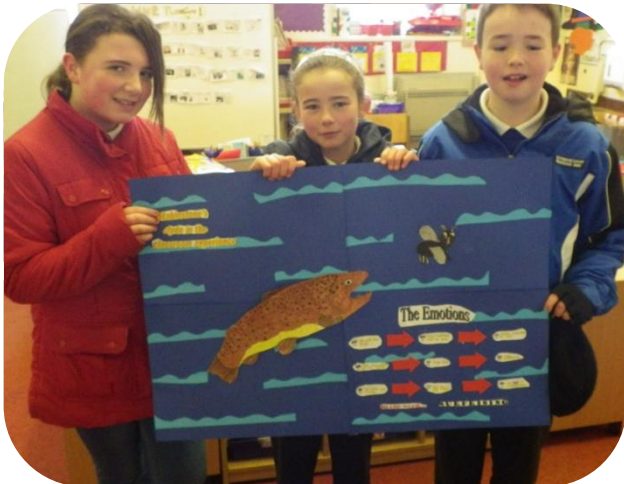
St Ignatius Primary went 3D! They made this amazing model of the River Clyde with trees, birds, bridges and fish! Even managed to get themselves in too!



This year we saw a huge increase in the number of video and musical entries. Unfortunately this paper newsletter does not yet support these formats but we will be putting them up on our website for your enjoyment. Thank you to all the schools that submitted!



Stablestone Primary proudly showed their true colours when it came to raising their fish, they illustrated the feelings they felt throughout the different stage of the project, and their trout is about to get it dinner too!



Primary 7b Holy Cross Primary sum up the project in this terrific poem entitled Experience of a Lifetime...

Raising brown trout fish is such a treat,
They're the cutest wee things you'll ever meet!
Orange in colour, the eggs placed in the tank
Our diaries open, starting off blank.

The project then began, filling in page by page,
As we watched our little fish grow and age.
From eggs to alevins, from early to late stage,
When will we have to release them, we have to gauge.

Caroline helped us by keeping an eye,
A visit every Thursday to check on our fry
We wrote a song about the fish and all their special needs
And learned about fish in the Clyde and the various breeds

The dangers they face when back in the wild
Are vast and scary, it's like raising a child!
But we're helping to conserve the species in the river Clyde
Which is important, and we are proud of the fact that we tried

We have learned so much from this project which was truly great

We recommend this to other schools and we highly rate
The support from the organisers which was thorough and fun
We thank you for everything - but will be sad when it's done.

And the winner is.... We had some fantastic entries this year from performances to prose! Judging was difficult as ever but congratulations go to Saracen Primary P5/6 for their prize-winning Clyde in the Classroom book! From fish anatomy to puzzles, this comprehensive guide really captured the spirit of the project! Other competition highlights included Bankhead's eco-themed Plastic Fish, St Columba's Clyde in the Classroom Assembly (with fishy biscuits!) and St Hilary's Clyde Song.



Lesley Gregg
presents **Saracen P5/6s** with their Clyde in the Classroom prize.
Well done!

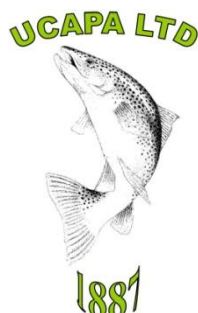


Making a splash in the press!

Well done to everyone who contacted their local news offices about their project! Please check out our Radio debut on our website where the Underground comes face to face with the fish!



THANK YOU! We would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our participating schools and supporters for making the project possible! This year we received support from



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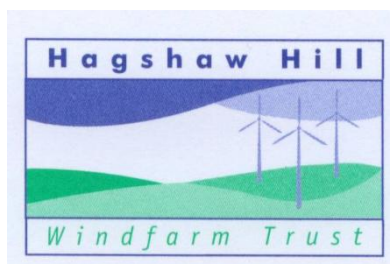
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